

# DAILY BULLETIN

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## IT'S NOW OR NEVER

### Captains' Meeting

The captains' meeting will take place at **4:15 pm.** The provisional place is the **VuGraph theatre.** More information will be given during the day directly to the captains.



After seven days it comes down to who can hold their nerve and secure a coveted spot in the knock-out phase.

In the Bermuda Bowl with **Norway** leading from **Switzerland** and **Poland**, the margin between 8 & 9 is a mere 2.16 VP.

Sweden's record-breaking achievement in the Venice Cup having run its course, we can get ready to salute the astonishing performance of **Poland** who has thus far averaged more than 15 VP per match in racing clear of the *pursuivants* who are led by **Sweden** and **France**. The gap is only 1.42 VP.

No change in the d'Orsi Trophy with **Poland** leading from **USAI** and **Denmark**. The number this time is 5.34 VP.

In the Wuhan Cup **Italy** now leads by a whisker from **Germany** and **USA2**. The key number is 3.70 VP.

### Start times

10.00-12.15  
 13.15-15.30

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### BBO Matches



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
<b>10.00</b>	BB Norway-Italy	BB USA 1-China	VC USA2-France	WUC China-USA1
		<b>provisional:</b>		
<b>13.15</b>	BB New Zealand-Netherlands	VC China-Canada	DOT Poland-Israel	WUC USA1-Romania

# Draw for Today's Matches

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 22

PANAMA	UAE
CHILE	MOROCCO
NORWAY	ITALY
USA I	CHINA
CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
BELGIUM	BRAZIL
SOUTH AFRICA	SWITZERLAND
AUSTRALIA	INDIA
SINGAPORE	EGYPT
NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
HONG KONG CHINA	USA 2
POLAND	ISRAEL

## Venice Cup

### Round 22

EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA
NEW ZEALAND	BARBADOS
UAE	ISRAEL
AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO
BRAZIL	TURKIYE
SWEDEN	CHINA
USA I	DENMARK
INDIA	GERMANY
CHINESE TAIPEI	ARGENTINA
USA 2	FRANCE
CANADA	NORWAY
HONG KONG CHINA	POLAND

### Round 23

UAE	CHILE
MOROCCO	PANAMA
INDIA	NORWAY
EGYPT	USA I
IRELAND	CANADA
USA 2	BELGIUM
ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA
ITALY	AUSTRALIA
CHINA	SINGAPORE
NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
BRAZIL	HONG KONG CHINA
SWITZERLAND	POLAND

### Round 23

SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND
BARBADOS	EGYPT
GERMANY	UAE
ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA
FRANCE	BRAZIL
NORWAY	SWEDEN
POLAND	USA I
ISRAEL	INDIA
MOROCCO	CHINESE TAIPEI
TURKIYE	USA 2
CHINA	CANADA
DENMARK	HONG KONG CHINA

## WCB 2023 pre-order

The book of the Marrakech World Championships edited by Mark Horton can be pre-ordered in Daily Bulletin Room located on level -1.

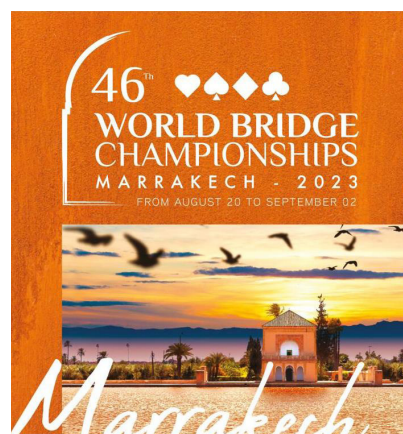
It will cost €35, US\$35 or £30.

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.



# Draw for Today's Matches

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 22

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

## Wuhan Cup

### Round 22

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

### Round 23

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

### Round 23

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

## 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



## Venice Cup RR 16



## Poland v Türkiye




It's Tough at the Top



by Martin Cantor

Going into this match Poland led the table, with Türkiye lying third. Poland, 73 VPs ahead of ninth, were certain of qualifying for the KO, while it would take a massive upset for Türkiye, forty-five clear of ninth, to fail. The first board kicked off the action:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Kazmucha	Özgür	Sarniak
—	2♠*	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
2♣ 5+♠ & 5+m 5-11			

There was a long pause over 5♦. Maybe Özgür was trying to figure out whether it was a sign-off, or an acceptance, if so showing how many aces, or showing a suit; but more likely (I hope) knowing the answer to that and trying to decide whether to proceed. In the end she decided that her three quick tricks were enough, especially opposite a


non-minimum, so she offered a choice of slams and they had reached the top spot and twelve tricks were easy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Acar	Zmuda	Erkan
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣ Polish			
2♦ Nat GF			

The Polish pair didn't as much as sniff a slam. Also twelve tricks, but 10 IMPs to Türkiye.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Kazmucha	Özgür	Sarniak
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

For many pairs this 2NT would be an invitation, checking the spade length in partner's hand. No alert here, and West's choice of 3♠ rather than 3♥ argues both for and against that interpretation. The first three tricks were won by clubs, ace king then jack. After the two top trumps declarer turned her attention to diamonds, taking the ace and king, the queen then ruffed with the ♠10, at which point Özgür could claim her contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Acar	Zmuda	Erkan
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♦ Double checkback			

## Video Corner

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

Here is the link to the day 6 video:  
<https://youtu.be/0QwtKJWLaHc>

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.

North has a horrible choice of leads. She has both four-card major suits, spades bid on her left, hearts on her right. Five diamonds also on her left, and clubs, with an unattractive holding for an opening lead, strongly implied on her right. She chose a small spade, as I think I would have; I know I would never have found a heart which is the only lead that beats 3NT. You may think that a club to South's king and then three rounds of hearts would be good enough, but no, as North can be thrown in after the diamonds have been cashed. Declarer won the first trick, cashed her diamonds, then led a club and in the endgame scored her ninth trick in that suit. 10 IMPs to Poland.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Kazmucha	Özgür	Sarniak
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This auction usually calls for a major suit lead, and Kazmucha did exactly that, putting the ♥4 on the table. Özgür simply played the suit back to set up her ninth trick. The diamond pips didn't allow the defence to cash four of those on the go, so the contract was safe as Kazmucha continued hearts to the dummy. According to the play shown on BBO on the run of the clubs South was squeezed, throwing the ♦K on the last one, so Özbay played dummy's ♦2 to the now bare ace, setting up the ♦109 for two overtricks. However, the official score shows just +1.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Acar	Zmuda	Erkan
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Polish  
2♥ 12-15 balanced no 4M

The system here made East the declarer, and South had a much easier choice of lead. Erkan cashed the ♦A, saw a discouraging ♦3, and switched to a spade. Zmuda cashed her black suit winners, but eventually Acar was going to get in with the ♥A to push a diamond through. 12 IMPs to Türkiye.

## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Kazmucha	Özgür	Sarniak
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Kazmucha led the ♠3, taken by the ace. Declarer's only concern at this point is picking up the trumps, and she can play either opponent for jack fourth. She cashed the ♥A (4,3,2) and followed it with the king, to her disappointment. She now went for her only chance, that North would have to follow to three more rounds of spades. It was not to be, and when North ruffed the ♠Q she could cross to South in clubs for another spade and another ruff, for two down. Should declarer have got it right? I guess it all depends on your read of the opening lead. Is it from 10xx(x), or a singleton? Seems to me that any North looking at a singleton would lead it, whereas if they don't have a singleton they would have a choice of black suits to lead (not to mention the reds), so in a version of restricted choice you might think the singleton more likely, in which case you place possible heart length in North. Small things, but they are sometimes decisive. Would the Polish pair fare better?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Acar	Zmuda	Erkan
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The same lead won in dummy. ♥A and small heart, trumps drawn and the club went away on the spades for an overtrick and 15 IMPs to Poland. You might have noticed that 6♦ is cold as the cards lie. It was a close run thing, but in the end Poland won the match 35-29 or 11.76-8.24, leaving Poland at the head of the table and guaranteed qualification for the KO, Türkiye still very well placed in third 44 VPs ahead of ninth.

## Editor's Log 260823



The performance of the Swedish Women's Team in the Venice Cup has been extraordinary. After 18 victories, it was only in Round 19 that their run was halted by Egypt.

Linnea Edlund, the proud captain of the Swedish women's team, did some research and discovered that from 2001 and onwards, the longest streak without losing a match belonged to USA1 in the 2019 Bermuda Bowl, with 15 wins and a draw. That has now been eclipsed by the reigning World Champions.

I have been discussing their performance with Micke Melander, who will be covering part of the Venice Cup in the book of the Championships. He reports that the last time Sweden lost a match in Venice Cup was in Round 14 against Portugal in Salsomaggiore on the 1st of April 2022. Thereafter they won the last nine qualifying matches in the 2022 Venice Cup and went on to lift the trophy. So, the winning streak was 30.

The Salsomaggiore team was Kathrine Bertheau - Jessica Larsson, Sanna Clementsson - Emma Övelius and Louise Hallqvist - Ylva Johansson.

Here in Marrakech it is Kathrine Bertheau - Sanna Clementsson, Ida Grönkvist - Emma Övelius and Louise Hallqvist - Ylva Johansson.

In recent years, many Swedish players have emigrated. Jenny Wolpert (previously Ryman) and both Sandra and Cecilia Rimstedt have gone to the USA and Jessica Larsson has travelled to Norway.

Micke recalls that in 1996 (or 97) he taught four small girls to play bridge during the Swedish Bridge Festival in Skövde. Cecilia was the youngest of them at the age of 8 or 9 and basically wasn't taller than the table...

The others were Sandra along with Jenny and Sofia Ryman. Jenny's sister might not be quite so well known, but she won the Swedish Women and Mixed Pairs titles in this year's Bridgefestival. What an extraordinary outcome from a beginner's course for juniors!

Now here's a little quiz question; who is depicted in this photo from Micke's scrapbook?



*Photograph reproduced with courtesy of Micke Melander*

Bjorn Hjalmarsson has made some VuGraph videos from the round robin based on the LIN-files on BBO, 1-4 each day. He will at least make videos for all four finals maybe some quarter/semifinals too.

Here is a link to my post on the Swedish Federation's site about the videos. It is one thread with all the videos.

In Round 19 the BBO commentators were in excellent form. One of them remarked that *'It's a good slam, only requiring the five missing trumps to break 2-2.'* Another (having already seen some dubious slams attempted) wrote: *Strange that they stopped out of a slam. They had two encouraging features: 2 losers in a side suit, plus a finesse in a different suit.*



Venice Cup RR 17  
Sweden v Israel



by Marc Smith

Coming into this encounter, Sweden have won 16 consecutive matches, and yet they still trail Poland by 4.27 VPs at the top of the Venice Cup leader-board. Those two teams are about 30 VPs ahead of third-placed Türkiye who, in turn, are another 10 VPs clear of fourth-placed Norway. Whilst the Swedes are cruising into the knockout stage, their opponents in this match are right on the bubble. They began today with a big win against New Zealand that moved them up into eighth place, with a 10-VP cushion ahead of ninth-placed China. This is a potential quarter-final preview, so let's see how the Israeli women stand up against the might of the Swedish juggernaut.

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	2♦*	?

East's 2♦ opening is a Multi, showing a weak two in one of the Majors. What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with neither side vulnerable, you are sitting in the North seat with:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♦
3♠	?		

What action do you take?

Finally, with only your opponents vulnerable, you hold in the East seat:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	INT	?	

South's 1♣ opening in either natural or various ranges of balance hand without a 5-card major. North's 1♥ response shows 4+ spades and South's 1♠ shows 11-14 balanced without four spades. What action, if any, do you take?

The match began with an Israeli pair bidding to a no play game that cost them 6 IMPs. Then both South players had to answer the first of the questions posed above.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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



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

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

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Johansson	N Tal	Hallqvist	D Tal
—	—	2♦*	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣

All Pass

2♦ Multi

The Israeli pair never really got to grips with this combination. Dana Tal started with a 3♣ overcall, and Noga Tal's 3♦ was alerted although not explained. (This is an auction that regular partnerships should have discussed as, with no obvious cue-bid available, it is not obvious what various bids by North mean.) Dana bid her second suit and now Noga supported clubs. Is it clear that 4♣ is forcing, as North surely intended it as such. South's raise to 5♣ suggest that she did not think 4♣ was more than a game invitation.



Hila Levi, Israel

The defenders took the ♠A and a heart ruff: N/S +600.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Grönkvist	Levi	Övelius
—	—	2♦	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

With a likely weak two in spades on her right, perhaps Emma Övelius's 2NT would not be everyone's choice on this South hand, but it at least had the benefit of getting her strength across. Ida Grönkvist advanced with Puppet Stayman and Övelius showed a four-card major with 3♦. Grönkvist's 3♥ said she held four spades and Övelius denied a fit with 3NT. Grönkvist was left with a raise to the no-trump slam on power.

Declarer had 14 winners once the defenders had taken their ace: N/S +1440 and 13 IMPs to Sweden. The juggernaut had opened a 19-0 advantage after just two deals.

The large crowd watching live on BBO VuGraph did not have to wait long for the next significant swing. Board 5 was all about hand evaluation.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	N Tal	Hallqvist	D Tal
—	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Louise Hallqvist started with an artificial 2♣ and her 2NT rebid then showed a balanced 19-21. Ylva Johansson inquired with Muppet Stayman and Hallqvist's 3♥ denied a 4-card or 5-card major. With her balanced 13-count, Johansson judged her hand worth a quantitative 4NT. Despite the five-card suit, Hallqvist was at the bottom of her range with poor impletion, so she had a fairly obvious pass.

Slam is about an even proposition. A 3-2 club break gets declarer to eleven tricks, and she would then need one of the major-suit finesses to work or some sort of squeeze position for a twelfth trick. Once clubs failed to behave,

declarer's chances of making twelve tricks were severely reduced. E/W +460.

(6♣ is perhaps a better bet than 6NT. One way to make it after the 4-1 break comes to light is to take the heart finesse, when declarer can ruff a fourth heart, cash two diamonds and then throw North in with a club for an enforced spade return. Another is to play to score all five trumps, the fifth one by cashing the top spades and in the two-card ending lead a diamond from dummy, declarer having pitched one on the ♠A. Editor)

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Grönkvist	Levi	Övelius
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

I have never been a fan of routinely upgrading hands in no-trump ranges. Yes, this East hand has a moderate five-card suit, but what else does it have going for it? For me, 18-19 balanced is a perfectly adequate description. When Hila Levi chose to open a 20-22 2NT, there was little for Adi Asulin to do other than raise to slam. The 4-1 club break soon put paid to declarer's chances. E/W -50 and another 11 IMPs to the fast-mushrooming Swedish lead.

(6NT can be made – but is difficult. After two rounds of clubs, declarer plays two rounds of hearts finessing and then ducks a diamond. If South exits with the ♥Q declarer wins in dummy and plays a diamond and North, down to ♠Q96 ♥10 ♣J10 is in trouble. A club discard is out of the question, but whichever major she discards from will allow declarer to continue with what is effectively a repeating squeeze. Across the fields, 48 pairs went down in a slam, while 5 made 6♣ and 13 6NT. Remarkably in the BB only Singapore and UAE made the latter – and they were playing each other! Editor)

Although it did not generate a swing, Board 11 had points of interest in both the bidding and the play. To start, both North players had to deal with the second of the problems posed earlier.



Adi Asulin, Israel



## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 10 8 6 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ K 10 9 7 2 ♦ K 10 7 6 ♣ 9 2</p>
<p>♠ K Q 8 7 4 3 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 7 5</p>		<p>♠ A 9 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ A J 9 8 5 3 ♣ J 3</p>

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	N Tal	Hallqvist	D Tal
—	—	—	1♦
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Looking at just the N/S hands, you can see that you want to play in 3NT, which has the benefit of ten top tricks. The alternative game, 5♣, essentially needs to find the ♥K onside.

Can it cost for North to start with a double of 3♠? On this deal, is South not very likely to bid 3NT? If partner bids either 4♦ or 4♥ in response to your double, you can then bid 5♣, which is effectively what you are doing by bidding 4♣ on the first round.

Then there is the play. East led the ♠10 against Noga Tal's 5♣. Declarer won, rumbled some trumps, and eventually played the ♥A and a second heart towards the queen. East held the king, so Tal was able to claim eleven tricks. N/S +400.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Grönkvist	Levi	Övelius
—	—	—	1♦
3♠	4♥*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The auction began the same way here, and Ida Grönkvist also committed her partnership to the minor-suit game. Serious partnerships might be interested to see the meaning of the 4♣/4♥ bids switched even at this high level. There is no great benefit when responder holds clubs, but there are significant advantages to being able to bid 4♣ to show a game-forcing hand with hearts.

Emma Övelius played 5♣ from the short hand on the lead of the ♠K, but her play was much more considered. She won with the ♠A and led a low club to the ace. Then came a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff, followed by exiting with the ♠J. West won, and would have been endplayed if she started with something like ♠KQxxxxx ♥Kxx ♦Qx ♣x. As the cards like, it made no difference, but it was still a thoughtful line of play to provide an extra chance. N/S +400 and a push.

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 5 3 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A ♣ K J 10 8 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ A J 6 ♥ K 9 8 3 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ A 6 2</p>
<p>♠ K 10 4 2 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 7 3</p>		<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A Q J ♦ K J 10 6 3 ♣ Q 9 5</p>

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Grönkvist	Levi	Övelius
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	INT	Dble	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

Emma Övelius opened with a multi-purpose 1♣, which was either natural or various ranges of balanced hand without a 5-card major. North's 1♥ response showed 4+ spades and South's 1♠ showed 11-14 balanced without four spades. When North retreated to INT, it is reasonable to assume that the auction was about to end. Would you come in on that East hand?

When the opponents find a fit, it is a fairly safe bet that your side will also have a fit somewhere. However, there is a corollary to that – when the opponents have not found a fit, your side will often not have one either. The odds are also that the opponents, with both of them bidding,



Louise Hallqvist, Sweden

are likely to hold the balance of the high cards. I've heard all the theories about not allowing the opponents to play INT, but it is still a mystery to me why East would want to get her side into the auction at the two-level with less than half of the points and probably no fit.

Perhaps West might have considered passing the double on the basis that doing so may be the cheapest evil. Adi Asulin bid a reluctant 2♦ and Ida Grönkvist doubled to show a maximum with an interest in competing. Övelius knew exactly what to do with that.

Grönkvist got off to a good start, opening the ♦A. A heart switch would then have paved the way for -800. When she instead switched to a club, declarer was able to engineer a club ruff in her hand, and South eventually got endplayed to give declarer a trick with the ♥K. N/S +500 on a deal they were going to play in INT still looked like a good result for the Swedes.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	N Tal	Hallqvist	D Tal
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dana Tal's INT rebid was 11-14. 2♣ was a puppet to 2♦ and 2NT was then an invitational raise. With 10 HCP facing 13, this was an optimistic auction but the fate of the IMPs all came down to Ylva Johansson, on lead with the West cards. Essentially, the defenders need to remove the ♦A from dummy before the clubs are established. A diamond lead, or a spade lead enabling East to win and switch would both defeat the contract.

When Johansson led a heart, declarer was home free. By knocking out the ♣A, declarer had four clubs, three hearts and two diamonds: N/S +600 and 3 IMPs to Israel.

The final deal of the match was a complete mess in both rooms, and the actual details are too scary for us to print in a family magazine. E/W could make a fortunate 6♣ (although only one Venice Cup pair, the Chinese, managed to get there). In our match, both E/W pairs played 4♠ on a 4-3 fit. In both rooms, it turned out to be one of those hands on which declarer could always make the contract, then they gave the defenders a chance, but the defenders handed the contract back, etc. In the end, it was the Swedes who blinked, making the last mistake at both tables. Thus, the Israeli West emerged with ten tricks while the Swedish declarer finished with only eight. 13 IMPs to Israel reduced the margin of the Swedish victory to 38-28. Still, that is now 17 consecutive wins and still counting. Will they ever lose?

## Unexpected Consequences



by Mark Horton

Sometimes your actions during the bidding may lead to an unexpected result.

In Round 11 of the Wuhan Cup, Australia led USA 1 26-0 partly because of this deal:

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

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	Dwyer	Cooper	Rimstedt
—	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

You might bid 4NT with the East hand, but it looks to me as if passing is the percentage move, hoping that four tricks will be easier than 11.

When declarer ruffed West's ♣A at trick one defensive prospects were poor, but declarer, mindful of West's double and East's Pass decided to play a low spade at trick two. West won with the king and switched to a low heart, three rounds of the suit allowing East to score the setting trick with the ♠Q.

In the other room there was no double, and declarer was not hard pressed to secure 10 tricks by avoiding the loss of two trump tricks.

However, it did not prove to be a case of 'Advance Australia Fair', as over the remaining 7 deals USA 1 amassed 44 IMPs without reply!



## Victim of the Day: Pamela Nisbet



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*

### Pamela Nisbet, Canadian Venice Cup team

Before we begin the interview, she says:

“As you may have noticed I am not in uniform. I have been called up by the directors twice because my suitcase is currently in Fort Worth, Texas. I did consider wearing one of Kismet’s uniforms but that might have provoked a different objection from the directors. I also considered pinning one on the front of my dress. So I wear my only dress in the shower and hang it over the balcony to dry each day. I did consider going into the pool in it as well.



*“I decided to dress up for the picture”*

#### **What is your age, where are you from, where do you live and what is your relationship status?**

“I will be 70 in December. I can’t say 69, because I am single. I am from New Zealand, where I moved back five years ago, but I still play for Canada. I have 2 daughters, Evelyn (35) and Alexandra (33) and a grandson, Nolan, who is 9. They are still in Canada. I dragged them over when they were 9 and 11 and then decided to leave them.”

#### **What is your professional background and current position?**

“I am a registered nurse. I have specialised in psychology initially and went to caring for the elderly and running big homes either in Canada or New Zealand. I enjoy bringing quality into people’s lives.

I came back to New Zealand nearly 5 years ago to retire, but can’t bring myself to it. I now run a mental health and dementia home and house people that nobody wants. It’s like bridge, never dull.”

#### **What made you move to Canada?**

“I fell in love with a Canadian. He was a lot older than me, six months. But then he traded me in for a new model after 18 years. Awful. Devastating actually. He was my best friend, soulmate, bridge player. He taught me to be more disciplined at bridge, cause I was a bit wiiiild.” She drags out the last word.

Things happen but I don’t regret a thing. I have been married once and in love once, but not with the same person. The one I married I couldn’t give a toss about. He is the father of my two lovely daughters though. They were 9 and 11 when we moved to Canada with 10 suitcases.”

#### **How did they feel about moving to Canada?**

“They still live there. Ex-husbands have to give permission to take your kids out of the country even though they are not supporting them financially or have any contact. So I had to send them back once a year and then one year only one came back. Alexandra came back wearing the captain’s hat. Evelyn stayed and came back a few years later to finish high school in Canada covered in pimples and six foot tall. So one daughter spoke with a kiwi accent and the other Canadian.”

#### **What were you like as a teenager?**

“I was fat and ugly (at first I thought she said fit, so she repeats “No, fat”) but I was clever... I guess. I was also popular at parties because I played the guitar.”

#### **How did you begin to play bridge?**

“A friend and I were studying for the University entrance when we were around 16 years and sat in the garden with

our study books up hiding we were playing euchre. We got caught by her father, who dragged us back into the house and called my father. "Since she wants to be playing cards, would you give her permission to play a decent game?" Then they had to get permission from the local bridge club to teach 16-year-olds because there were no teenagers. That was when people still went to bridge nights in evening gown. We drove everyone crazy jiggling and doubling everyone just out of principle.

Then I went overseas to Australia and England and didn't play for 10 years till I was 30 and came back to New Zealand and became the equivalent of a grand master within 10 years. We played trials to represent our province and we won and represented the women. One year we didn't win the women's, but we won the open instead. I played with an 80 year-old woman and she was with me when I was in labour. Then the next day I got a call from her sister, who said she was worried about her. I said "Why? Is anything wrong with her?" And she said, "Well, she just called to tell me her best friend had a baby." And I said: "Well I did."

#### **What interests do you have outside of bridge?**

"Work is number 1. Love my work. Love people. I love to read now. I am cat lady and have enough cat statues to be called borderline. Their names are Bonnie and Clyde."

#### **Tell us your most memorable moment from a bridge tournament.**

"Winning the Canadian championships while my fiancée won the open at the same time." She tells me something about their celebration I cannot write in this bulletin.

"And last year at my ripe old age winning the women's pairs in Phoenix with Brenda Bryant, my partner here."

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

She thinks for a loooooong time despite being someone not short of words and having just spent five minutes listing all her bridge results.

"Empathy. I understand human nature. People sense that I am a people's person. Here I have a little waiter who has adopted me. In the morning he brings my omelet, he gets my coffee, I don't have to wait in a bloody line.

There was another waiter last night at the restaurant. Everybody is still waiting for their drinks and I am on my third gin."

#### **Tell us about an experience that had a significant impact on you as a person.**

"Well, I think we have already gone enough into when he left me. Bridge has always kept me sane. Does that sound strange? You have always had bridge to take you away from the grief or the trauma of a situation. I think humor helps too.

I have a brother right now dying of cancer. He is younger than me, only 64. When he falls on the floor, I say, "Oh Billy, you have a sister who is nearly 70, I am not sure I can get you up," so I just put a pillow and we both sit on the floor

and cuddle. His wife looks after him, but I give her a break and take care of him in the weekends, and I got a room set up for when he needs it. He has strict instructions not to die until I am back."

#### **How many siblings do you have?**

"We are six siblings out of seven alive. Three in Australia and three in New Zealand. One passed away when he was a baby. Mom did boy girl, boy girl, boy girl, but then lost one in the middle, so it was girl, girl, boy."

#### **As a nurse, how do you experience sickness and death?**

"My whole purpose it to let them die well, which is comfortable and painfree with family there. Of course, it is different when it is your own family. It is heartbreaking with Billy, because he is the second youngest. Also he has never done anyone any harm, he is the most uncomplicated person. He has never hurt a fly and it feels wrong it is not one of us first."

#### **How would the lost love of your life have described you in three words?**

"He used to hate coming to interviews with me because he got annoyed I was the one doing the interviewing. "They are supposed to interview you", he said. Once the interviewer told him:

"If she is as good as she talks, you've got a good one."

And he said: "If she is half as good as she talks, I've got a good one."

#### **Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Zia Mahmood, Vincent Demuy and Boye Brogeland? (At first I had picked Sjoert Brink instead of Vincent Demuy, but she didn't know who he is)**

"I would love to be younger and sleep with Vince, but I will settle for playing with him. I like Boye... and who is the other one?"

Zia, I reply.

"OK, then I will kiss Zia and kill Boye. No, wait, I will kill Zia cause he is at the end of his life and he had many opportunities to do both with me. So I will kiss Boye (but I will ask his wife's permission first)."





RR 18

## Denmark v Italy (DOT)

## USA2 v France (WUC)





by Jos Jacobs

With the Round Robin entering the final stages, matches between two teams within the top eight are looking more and more crucial. This is by no means true, of course, because any early loss might also turn out to be crucial in the end. Whatever the philosophy behind this: once again I could choose matches between top eight-teams for my report about Friday's final round.

In the Seniors' event, Denmark were 3rd and Italy were 5th. In the Mixed event, France were also 3rd but USA2 were 6th when the matches got underway. Slightly confusing, certainly when the match began, was that at the same time Denmark were facing Italy in the Mixed event as well. There will be nothing about that match in my report below, however.

After the spectacular Round 17, this round was much more quiet, though from time to time, things were happening here and there. On the second board, for example, your best denomination would not produce the optimum result for you.

**Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

♠ 10 6 5 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ J 8 7 4 3 ♣ A K	♠ K 4 ♥ J 8 7 5 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ Q 10 4 <div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 5px 0; display: inline-block;">                     N W    E S                 </div> ♠ A J 9 8 7 2 ♥ K ♦ K 6 ♣ 8 7 5 2	♠ Q ♥ A Q 9 6 3 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ J 9 6 3	
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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Pulga</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Mina</i>	<i>P Schaltz</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

When you look at all four hands, you would not immediately think of a successful heart contract. The Italian seniors in E/W, however, proved why this is not quite true. They had a natural auction to Two Hearts against which contract South led ♠A and another. Declarer ruffed the second spade, cashed dummy's ♣AK and advanced the ♦J. This was covered by queen and ace and declarer ruffed a club, bringing down the queen. A spade was ruffed in hand and the last (good) club ruffed with dummy's ♥10. North overruffed with her jack and returned a trump but when

declarer went up with the ace, felling the king, declarer ended up with even an overtrick. Italy +140.

In the Closed Room, the Danish seemed to have reached a better spot.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Failla</i>
—	—	1♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

However, when North led the ♠K and shifted to a trump, declarer already was in trouble. He went up with dummy's ace and used his ♣AK as entries to ruff two spades with the ♦9 and ♦10 but when the heart finesse failed and the suit did not break decently either, he had to concede down two for another +100 and their first 6 IMPs to Italy.

The next deal was all about bidding:

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

♠ 9 7 4 ♥ K Q 9 5 ♦ 9 6 ♣ J 7 3 2	♠ Q J 8 5 ♥ A 8 7 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ 9 6 5 <div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 5px 0; display: inline-block;">                     N W    E S                 </div> ♠ A 6 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ A Q 10 8	♠ K 10 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ A K Q 7 3 2 ♣ K 4	
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*Philippe Cronier, France*

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Pulga</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Mina</i>	<i>P Schaltz</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

South's 1♣ was 14+ and North's 1♦ response showed 6+, any distribution. So after the NF rebid by South, North saw no good reason to go on. To make 3NT, clubs have to be 4-4 anyway if the suit is led. So a possible swing was in the air. Denmark +130 when the two obvious overtricks were duly made.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Failla</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South upgraded his hand to show 18-19 balanced with his INT rebid. North thus had no problem in raising to game. West led the ♠7 so the contract never was in any danger. East won the ace and switched to a club but when declarer's ♣K held the trick, two overtricks were there. Italy +460 and 8 more IMPs to them.

A few boards later, hardly any E/W pair managed to reach 3NT played by East. If East is declarer, 4♠ is also a successful option.

In both our matches, the auction started 1♠ by East and INT by West, so it was West to declare 3NT at all our four tables.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

At three tables, North led an automatic (?) ♦J which put the contract two down very quickly. For USA2, however, Michael Rosenberg created some confusion by leading the ♦6. Dummy's king was played so South won the ♦A and cashed the ♦Q as well. Unsure of the diamond position, (If declarer held the ♦J it is unlikely that dummy's king would adorn trick one. Editor) she then switched to a low heart... Philippe Cronier quickly took his only chance: he played the king and when this held, ran home with an overtrick. France +630 and an unexpected 13 IMPs.

In the other match, Italy were leading 14-4 when this

board arrived.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Pulga</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Mina</i>	<i>P Schaltz</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
All Pass			

With his four kings behind the opening bid, West took a pessimistic view and paid the price. South made his modest contract with an overtrick. Denmark +110.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Failla</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At the other table, West took an optimistic view and now, his opponents had to pay the price because Schou made his game contract with an overtrick as well. Denmark another +650 and 13 IMPs to them to take the lead 17-14. In our other match, E/W were both optimistic and pessimistic:

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>M Rosenberg</i>	<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>D Rosenberg</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

After West's overcall on a suit of dubious quality, reaching game was automatic. France +650.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>A Lin</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

At the other table, it was made clear to me that I might need to redefine the expression "automatic." The same 11 tricks were made but USA2 scored only +200 and thus lost 10 IMPs in the process.

On the next board, we saw a game swing because at one table, the defenders did not lead their best suit.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

No swing in the USA2 v France match but in the Denmark v Italy match, South for Italy led a club rather than a spade against 3NT. That cost the Italians another 10 IMPs.

A not quite perfect defence in a partscore hand cost the French 5 IMPs on the last board of the match. This way, the final score became 31-10 to France or 15.19 – 4.81 VP.

In the other match, Denmark added just one IMP to their tally over the last five boards. They thus won the match 28-14 or 13.75 – 6.25 VP.

At the end of the day, both Denmark and France had managed to stay in 3rd position. Their opponents both had dropped one or two places in the table: USA2 was now 8th and Italy had gone down to 6th.

### Spectacular Disaster

After having won trick 3 with the ♠A declarer led ♠K, left hand opponent followed with the ♣A and then called the TD to tell him that he made a mistake. The TD understood that as having revoked and told him that he was in time to play a spade instead, and that the ♣A would become a penalty card. The player then revealed that he was out of spades, but thought that declarer had played the ♣K. *In that case the ♣A is a legally played card and I advise you to use your spectacles from now on*, the TD said. The player took that advice seriously and opened his bag to get them, therewith revealing his mobile phone and receiving the inevitable 2VP penalty.

The story would have been even better if throwing away the ♣A would have given declarer his contract of 3NT, but he still was one off. The case did not result in a review.

Ton Kooijman

## Fantasy Bridge



by Mark Horton

When I am away working the au pair still has plenty to do, including looking after two of our grandchildren, Lori and Mina. Despite this she still finds time to keep an eye on proceedings in Marrakech and she mailed in her observations about this deal from Round 14:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 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
	♠ 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	

No one had managed to reach the excellent 7♣, but the au pair thought that if the auction started 2♥-(3♦) it was eminently possible. Her idea was that West should bid 4♣! When I suggested that partner would surely expect a longer suit she cast my objection aside, pointing out that with those higher-ranking hearts she could always overrule partner if necessary. Naturally partner will cue bid 4♦ and West then does the same with 4♠. Then she suggests that East jumps to 6♣. If West now envisages that partner must be looking at the ♣AK and a diamond void it is clear to move on to 7♣.

Mind you, she pointed out that NS should be saving in 7♦!





Bermuda Bowl RR18  
Switzerland v USA1



by Ron Tacchi

With only five rounds remaining in the round robin after this session, our two combatants, Switzerland and USA1 could not afford a bad loss. At the start of the match Switzerland occupied third place and their opponents held onto ninth.

contract with the added insult of an overtrick. They were the only pair in the Bermuda Bowl to bid the notrump game.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♣	17+-20 Balanced, maybe 5M or 6m		
2♠	Relay to 2NT		

It seems to me that when a convention card says something like '(17+)18-20' virtually every 17 count is valued as 'plus'. It certainly paid off on this deal as North raised to 3NT and when West led his fourth-best of his longest suit, namely hearts, it immediately gave declarer his



Jacek Kalita, Switzerland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	
2♣	Any 15-17 or 5M 4+♣, 12-14		

When North discovered that his partner was limited to a seventeen count he gave up any thought of game. Declarer made nine tricks as he discarded a diamond on the long club, but it was 7 IMPs to USA1.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT*	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
INT	Forcing one round		

On the lead of a small trump declarer drew them in three rounds and then cashed four rounds of clubs discarding a heart. When one of the red aces was favourably placed that was declarer's tenth trick.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the jack of diamonds and now declarer was doomed. He tried the king, but the ace won the trick, and the defence took their five diamond tricks and then the ace of hearts for two off and 13 IMPs to Switzerland.



Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

discarding a spade, then the jack of spades was covered by the queen and ruffed in dummy. Another club was ruffed with the ♦6 and overruffed by the ♦8. A diamond from West saw declarer's king fall under East's ace and the jack of hearts was returned, West discarding his last spade and dummy ruffing. Now West had the last two tricks to beat the contract by two tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Dble
1♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ Polish  
1♥ Spades

West led the ♣5 to the queen and king. A heart came back which declarer took in hand with the ace. He cashed two more hearts discarding dummy's spade. He led his last club to the ♣10 and East took the trick with the ace and returned the ♠7 to the king and ace but it was ruffed in dummy. A club was ruffed in hand with the jack, West

A very similar auction to the Open Room, but transfers were not employed. Again, the lead was a club taken by East who returned a heart allowing declarer to take three rounds and discard dummy's spade. Declarer led his last club to the jack and ace. East continued clubs, ruffed by declarer with the jack followed by a spade ruffed in dummy. A small trump off dummy forced East to take his ace and he played another club on which declarer discarded a heart and West ruffed. The spade return was ruffed in dummy and declarer came back to hand with the ♦K and then made his last trump when he led a spade. Only one off and so 6 IMPs to Switzerland.

At the end of a very quiet match with only one swing above 7 IMPs, Switzerland edged USA1 by 13.97-6.03 VPs.

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Bermuda Bowl RR 19

# Norway v Switzerland



by David Bird

With five rounds of the round-robin to go, Norway heads the table, with Switzerland in third place. Both teams seem certain to qualify with their present scores, but that will not prevent them contesting every available IMP fiercely. How lucky are we to witness such top-class encounters, free of charge on *Bridge Base Online*?

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brink	Grude	Drijver	Helgemo
—	—	INT*	2♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Would a mere 9-12 point INT cause any problems for the opponents? “Nei” was the Norwegians’ reply. Helgemo’s 2♥ showed hearts and a minor, Grude’s 2NT locating the club fit. He saw no need for fancy further investigation, jumping commendably to 6♣. West led the ♠2 and the slam was claimed immediately.



Michal Klukowski, Switzerland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Kalita	Bakke	Klukowski
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
2♠	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

“Did the 2♠ overcall trouble you at all?” “Nie.” Again, a spade was led, declarer winning and playing a round of trumps before claiming. The bidding had been of Bermuda Bowl quality.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Grude	Drijver	Helgemo
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Brink led the ♠2 to the jack and ace. Helgemo played a diamond to the king, aiming to keep East off lead, and continued with the ♥2 from dummy. Drijver rose with the ace and led his remaining spade, West winning and clearing the suit. Helgemo now claimed four clubs, one diamond, and two tricks in each major. That was +400 to Norway.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Kalita	Bakke	Klukowski
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Brogeland led the ♠5 to the jack and ace. Klukowski then missed Helgemo’s shot, running the ♦J to the queen. Was it not clear now to return partner’s suit, taking the contract three down? Bakke surprised all the kibitzers by switching to the ♥6. A relieved Klukowski rose with the king and

cleared the diamonds. That was +430 and a 1-IMP gain. There were fireworks on the next deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Grude	Drijver	Helgemo
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Dble!	All Pass		

Brink's double asked partner to lead his weakest suit, hoping that this would be hearts. (Some say that a double against any 2NT-Pass-Pass auction is a worthwhile venture. That's because declarer will have limited communication with the dummy.)

Drijver duly led the ♥7, Brink winning with the king and switching to the ♠7. Wow, was his spirited double about to hit gold? Grude played the ♠9, Drijver winning with the king. Brink won the ♥4 return with the ace, dropping declarer's queen. A spade continuation would have beaten the contract (*provided West keeps both his spades and East unblocks the ♠8. Editor*). Sadly for his side, Brink cashed the ♥J before returning a spade. Grude played the ♠10, losing

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to the jack and the spades were cleared. Declarer cashed the ♦AK, finding a 2-2 break. Dummy's ♥10 was then his eighth trick. What drama! It was +690 to Norway, instead of a brilliant +200 to Switzerland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Kalita	Bakke	Klukowski
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Only a heart lead could cause any problem. Bakke led the ♠3, of course, and dummy's queen won. Kalita played the ace, king of diamonds and crossed to the ♦J to run the ♣10. This forced the king, and a spade was returned. Declarer claimed +150 for an overtrick, and it was 11 IMPs to Norway instead of 8 IMPs the other way.

Do I have a cat-in-hell's chance of explaining any Brink-Drijver relay sequence to you? No, but I am duty bound to document the next board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Grude	Drijver	Helgemo
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
2♣	Game forcing relay		

Relay fans will no doubt enjoy unpicking all those bids. Helgemo cashed two diamond tricks, beating the slam, and a kibitzer informed me that it was a lucky board for Norway. "No, it's not," I told him. "Switzerland fully deserve to lose 13 IMPs for bidding a slam with two top losers. If they had scraped home on a non-diamond lead, with the North-South diamonds lying differently, no justice would have been done."



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Kalita	Bakke	Klukowski
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Ah yes, good old-fashioned bidding. That's the way to do it.

Perhaps recognising that some further slam-bidding practice might be welcomed, the Great Dealer chose this next board for us:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Bravely bid, but opposite West's actual hand a diamond finesse was required. Helgemo led a trump (not a lead that would have been found at your local club). Drijver won and drew a second round of trumps. After two top spades, he drew the last trump, took a losing diamond finesse and claimed one down.

Closed Room



West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Bakke's redouble showed first-round heart control, and Brogeland's 4♠ showed controls in both spades and diamonds (a suit bypassed by East). North led a heart and the play was basically the same as at the other table.

At least both sides had bid it, so no luck was involved in the eventual result. It seems that the East players might have hoped for a fourth club opposite, which would have made 7♣ a splendid contract.

The storm of wild boards passed by, and no IMPs of note were exchanged during the next 8 deals. There was potential for a big swing on the final board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Would you expect 5♣ to be made? If trumps break 2-1, you can ruff the spade loser in dummy. Since North holds three trumps and can beat dummy's ♣7, declarer might need a discard on the diamonds. But South can hold up the ♦A for one round to kill that idea.

Helgemo led the ♦A, the only one of his thirteen cards to give declarer a chance. He continued with a second diamond to dummy's queen. Drijver thought for quite a while. If trumps were 2-1, he could draw trumps and ruff a spade. Eventually, he called for the ♦K and discarded a heart. He could then draw trumps and claim his +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Klukowski led the ♦A, drawing the 10, 9 and 5. Ace and another heart would have scuppered the contract, for a 13-IMP swing. Should North give a suit-preference signal in view of the ♦KQ in dummy? Klukowski reached for the ♠10 and +660 was made, losing just 3 IMPs.

Norway won the match by 38 IMPs to 12, which is 16.09 VPs to 3.91. Four rounds remain for the favoured teams of USA1, USA2 and China to haul themselves into the top eight positions.



# Results

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 19

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NORWAY	SWITZERLAND	38	12	16.09	3.91
2	POLAND	INDIA	44	33	13.04	6.96
3	USA2	MOROCCO	73	16	19.77	0.23
4	BELGIUM	PANAMA	70	28	18.33	1.67
5	USA1	IRELAND	47	15	17.03	2.97
6	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	52	18	17.31	2.69
7	BRAZIL	CHILE	43	42	10.31	9.69
8	SOUTH AFRICA	SINGAPORE	58	48	12.80	7.20
9	ITALY	NEW ZEALAND	31	33	9.39	10.61
10	HONG KONG CHINA	UAE	58	26	17.03	2.97
11	CHINA	NETHERLANDS	55	31	15.74	4.26
12	ISRAEL	EGYPT	67	5	20.00	0.00

### Round 20

			IMPs		VPs	
1	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	33	23	12.80	7.20
2	NORWAY	IRELAND	37	34	10.91	9.09
3	USA1	AUSTRALIA	45	27	14.60	5.40
4	PANAMA	SOUTH AFRICA	30	38	7.71	12.29
5	CANADA	USA2	38	69	3.12	16.88
6	BELGIUM	SINGAPORE	22	25	9.09	10.91
7	CHILE	SWITZERLAND	35	80	1.34	18.66
8	MOROCCO	ISRAEL	23	71	1.03	18.97
9	CHINA	BRAZIL	51	52	9.69	10.31
10	UAE	POLAND	51	25	16.09	3.91
11	NEW ZEALAND	HONG KONG CHINA	41	38	10.91	9.09
12	INDIA	EGYPT	28	41	6.48	13.52

### Round 21

			IMPs		VPs	
1	ITALY	INDIA	35	23	13.28	6.72
2	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	37	23	13.75	6.25
3	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	36	21	13.97	6.03
4	USA1	SINGAPORE	43	22	15.19	4.81
5	CANADA	NETHERLANDS	34	21	13.52	6.48
6	BELGIUM	HONG KONG CHINA	43	54	6.96	13.04
7	SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND	39	41	9.39	10.61
8	UAE	MOROCCO	68	45	15.56	4.44
9	CHINA	EGYPT	77	37	18.09	1.91
10	NEW ZEALAND	IRELAND	55	49	11.76	8.24
11	BRAZIL	USA2	35	69	2.69	17.31
12	PANAMA	CHILE	48	58	7.20	12.80

## Venice Cup

### Round 19

			IMPs		VPs	
21	NORWAY	BARBADOS	54	18	17.59	2.41
22	POLAND	ARGENTINA	29	32	9.09	10.91
23	UAE	DENMARK	31	60	3.42	16.58
24	SWEDEN	EGYPT	25	47	4.62	15.38
25	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	24	91	0.00	20.00
26	BRAZIL	INDIA	18	27	7.45	12.55
27	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	54	24	16.73	3.27
28	USA1	CHINESE TAIPEI	29	54	4.08	15.92
29	ISRAEL	TURKIYE	22	36	6.25	13.75
30	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	55	14	18.21	1.79
31	MOROCCO	USA2	12	84	0.00	20.00
32	HONG KONG CHINA	GERMANY	20	72	0.66	19.34

### Round 20

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	POLAND	1	60	0.07	19.93
22	UAE	FRANCE	5	74	0.00	20.00
23	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	41	34	12.16	8.72
24	EGYPT	USA1	36	63	3.74	16.26
25	BRAZIL	NORWAY	56	50	11.76	8.24
26	SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI	20	55	2.55	17.45
27	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	26	50	4.26	15.74
28	ISRAEL	USA2	31	25	11.76	8.24
29	MOROCCO	CHINA	31	51	5.00	15.00
30	SOUTH AFRICA	HONG KONG CHINA	18	35	5.61	14.39
31	TURKIYE	CANADA	18	31	6.48	13.52
32	GERMANY	ARGENTINA	26	30	8.80	11.20

### Round 21

			IMPs		VPs	
21	SOUTH AFRICA	BARBADOS	66	10	19.69	0.31
22	EGYPT	NEW ZEALAND	51	57	6.24	11.76
23	UAE	INDIA	31	89	0.15	19.85
24	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	51	31	15.00	5.00
25	BRAZIL	USA2	42	37	11.48	8.52
26	SWEDEN	CANADA	62	29	17.17	2.83
27	USA1	HONG KONG CHINA	47	24	15.56	4.44
28	ISRAEL	GERMANY	91	6	20.00	0.00
29	MOROCCO	ARGENTINA	52	11	18.21	1.79
30	TURKIYE	FRANCE	35	36	9.69	10.31
31	CHINA	NORWAY	43	50	7.97	12.03
32	DENMARK	POLAND	45	33	13.28	6.72

# Results

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 19

			IMPs		VPs	
41	DENMARK	COLOMBIA	45	37	12.29	7.71
42	USA2	CANADA	30	23	12.03	7.97
43	BELGIUM	INDIA	43	52	6.45	12.55
44	USA1	GUADELOUPE	35	17	14.60	5.40
45	NORWAY	SOUTH AFRICA	52	29	15.56	4.44
46	ARGENTINA	ISRAEL	29	31	9.39	10.61
47	CHINA	MOROCCO	79	14	20.00	0.00
48	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	17	46	3.42	16.58
49	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	46	44	10.61	9.39
50	SWEDEN	REUNION	54	25	16.58	3.42
51	CHINESE TAIPEI	PAKISTAN	43	12	16.88	3.12
52	HONG KONG CHINA	ITALY	26	47	4.81	15.19

## Wuhan Cup

### Round 19

			IMPs		VPs	
61	DENMARK	COLOMBIA	25	24	10.31	9.69
62	EGYPT	CHINESE TAIPEI	34	51	5.61	14.39
63	BELGIUM	SINGAPORE	55	34	15.19	4.81
64	BARBADOS	MOROCCO	21	51	3.27	16.73
65	CHINA	INDIA	40	31	12.55	7.45
66	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	45	19	16.09	3.91
67	GERMANY	TUNISIA	34	75	1.79	18.21
68	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	17	70	0.57	19.43
69	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	35	28	12.03	7.97
70	USA2	UAE	44	17	16.26	3.74
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64	MOROCCO	ISRAEL	16	45	3.42	16.58
65	CANADA	DENMARK	22	35	6.48	13.52
66	BARBADOS	ROMANIA	6	95	0.00	20.00
67	TUNISIA	SINGAPORE	43	52	7.45	12.55
68	ARGENTINA	POLAND	65	22	18.44	1.56
69	USA1	GERMANY	34	49	6.03	13.97
70	UAE	FRANCE	21	31	7.20	12.80
71	AUSTRALIA	USA2	25	71	1.23	18.77
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44	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	51	40	13.04	6.96
45	ARGENTINA	PAKISTAN	58	23	17.45	2.55
46	USA1	SWEDEN	85	16	20.00	0.00
47	FRANCE	HONG KONG CHINA	29	48	5.20	14.80
48	POLAND	ITALY	26	18	12.29	7.71
49	CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA	46	28	14.60	5.40
50	NETHERLANDS	SOUTH AFRICA	53	15	17.85	2.15
51	CHINA	DENMARK	27	37	7.20	12.80
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64	CHINA	ROMANIA	35	15	15.00	5.00
65	CANADA	POLAND	44	48	8.80	11.20
66	BARBADOS	USA2	7	78	0.00	20.00
67	ISRAEL	FRANCE	35	27	12.29	7.71
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# Rankings after Round 21

## Bermuda Bowl

1	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>288.50</b>
2	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>277.36</b>
3	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>272.70</b>
4	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>265.47</b>
5	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>259.86</b>
6	<b>USA2</b>	<b>257.60</b>
7	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>253.59</b>
8	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>253.52</b>
9	INDIA	251.36
10	USA1	247.51
11	NETHERLANDS	241.41
12	BELGIUM	232.59
13	IRELAND	216.28
14	SOUTH AFRICA	211.60
15	AUSTRALIA	186.07
16	CANADA	183.33
17	BRAZIL	174.65
18	SINGAPORE	167.71
19	UAE	167.12
20	HONG KONG CHINA	164.42
21	EGYPT	150.18
22	MOROCCO	118.01
23	CHILE	103.55
24	PANAMA	75.61

## Venice Cup

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>319.11</b>
2	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>300.15</b>
3	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>277.61</b>
4	<b>TURKIYE</b>	<b>274.71</b>
5	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>265.29</b>
6	<b>USA2</b>	<b>258.73</b>
7	<b>CANADA</b>	<b>253.80</b>
8	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>251.20</b>
9	CHINA	249.78
10	DENMARK	243.96
11	BRAZIL	230.64
12	INDIA	221.64
13	USA1	211.64
14	GERMANY	207.38
15	NEW ZEALAND	186.36
16	EGYPT	172.66
17	CHINESE TAIPEI	172.41
18	AUSTRALIA	170.06
19	ARGENTINA	165.06
20	SOUTH AFRICA	146.22
21	MOROCCO	145.80
22	HONG KONG CHINA	134.27
23	UAE	113.20
24	BARBADOS	57.91

## d'Orsi Trophy

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>287.52</b>
2	<b>USA1</b>	<b>274.37</b>
3	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>260.44</b>
4	<b>USA2</b>	<b>259.13</b>
5	<b>ARGENTINA</b>	<b>245.28</b>
6	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>245.24</b>
7	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>242.45</b>
8	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>240.69</b>
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	235.35
10	NETHERLANDS	231.23
11	ISRAEL	229.25
12	BELGIUM	226.59
13	AUSTRALIA	224.38
14	CANADA	224.02
15	CHINA	223.76
16	FRANCE	222.90
17	INDIA	206.61
18	PAKISTAN	186.10
19	HONG KONG CHINA	162.57
20	REUNION	130.44
21	SOUTH AFRICA	124.32
22	MOROCCO	122.28
23	GUADELOUPE	105.12
24	COLOMBIA	92.40

## Wuhan Cup

1	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>269.23</b>
2	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>269.13</b>
3	<b>USA2</b>	<b>268.01</b>
4	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>265.57</b>
5	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>262.16</b>
6	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>261.03</b>
7	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	<b>248.36</b>
8	<b>USA1</b>	<b>247.32</b>
9	BELGIUM	243.62
10	ARGENTINA	233.09
11	AUSTRALIA	230.94
12	COLOMBIA	224.24
13	DENMARK	210.84
14	POLAND	202.31
15	INDIA	198.89
16	ISRAEL	197.92
17	CANADA	190.93
18	SINGAPORE	185.05
19	EGYPT	163.56
20	NEW ZEALAND	156.32
21	UAE	150.33
22	TUNISIA	136.86
23	MOROCCO	112.98
24	BARBADOS	88.81