

DAILY BULLETIN

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NO QUARTER ASKED OR GIVEN

Schedule

BB, VC, DOT, WUC

Quarterfinals Day 2
 10.00-12.15
 13.15-15.30
 15.50-18.05
 (1st floor)

WTOT

Swiss Qualification
 10.00-11.25
 11.45-13.10
 14.10-15.35
 15.55-17.20
 17.40-19.05
 (ground floor)



BBO operators

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At half-time in the quarterfinals the matches in all four events are being fiercely contested. The team that dominated the Round Robin in the Venice Cup, **Poland** is trailing **Israel** and record-breaking **Sweden** is struggling against **Norway**. **Türkiye** and **China** have useful leads over **USA2** and **France**.

In the Bermuda Bowl all four matches are in the balance, with **China**, **Italy**, **Israel** and **USA2** holding an overnight lead over **Norway**, **Poland**, **Switzerland** and **USA1**.

In the d'Orsi Trophy, **Poland**, **Norway**, **Italy** and **Sweden** will hope to make a comeback against **Netherlands**, **USA2**, **Denmark** and **USA1**.

France has a big lead over **China** in the Wuhan Cup and **USA2** a useful one over **USA1**, while **Romania** and **Germany** have miniscule advantages against **Italy** and **Belgium**.

At the end of the opening day **Paco** lead the Transnational Open Teams followed by **Gillis** and **Ireland Open**.

Marrakech Grand Prix Open BAM Teams



If you are planning to play in this event which starts on Wednesday, comprising 2 days of qualification followed by Finals A & B on 1 September, you must register at Hospitality.



BBO Matches







	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
10.00	BB Norway-China	BB Switzerland-Israel	VC Sweden-Norway	WUC Germany-Belgium
13.15	BB USA2-USA1	BB Poland-Italy	VC Poland-Israel	WUC Romania-Italy
15.50	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Bermuda Bowl



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 NORWAY	33	27	43				103
 CHINA	14	37	62				113



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 USA2	27	19	31				77
 USA1	4	43	29				76



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 POLAND	41	23	34				98
 ITALY	51	44	27				122



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 SWITZERLAND	33	16	29				78
 ISRAEL	30	36	55				121

Venice Cup

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 POLAND	31	38	18				87
 ISRAEL	32	31	38				101



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 TÜRKIYE	45	31	58				134
 USA2	13	24	62				99



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 FRANCE	7	27	33				67
 CHINA	55	16	29				100



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 SWEDEN	23	21	31				75
 NORWAY	37	49	32				118

d'Orsi Trophy


Team	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 POLAND		6	17	15				38
 NETHERLANDS	6	27	13	9				55



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 DENMARK	35	57	21				113
 ITALY	2	30	57				89



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 USA2	54	40	22				116
 NORWAY	20	26	38				84



Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 USA1	35	29	48				112
 SWEDEN	24	24	44				92

Wuhan Cup

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 GERMANY	19	44	37				100
 BELGIUM	31	28	38				97

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 FRANCE	47	43	63				153
 CHINA	36	26	22				84

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 USA2	48	37	19				104
 USA1	4	36	28				68

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 ROMANIA	30	24	29				83
 ITALY	19	23	36				78

How seriously do you want it?

There is an issue in the bridge laws that keeps me busy for a long time already. It deals with LI2C1e which tells that the non offending side is only held responsible for its damage when it causes an extremely serious error which is not related to the infraction. A good example is a revoke and an example Edgar Kaplan once gave is the first lead with the 9 from KQJ9, being fourth best and giving declarer a trick with the 10.

Because TD's tend to hold also non offenders responsible for their choices/actions we even changed the laws in 2017 by adding the word 'extremely' to 'serious error'. This means that the non-offending side in practice almost automatically will be completely compensated for the damage created by the offending side.

Let me give you an example that occurred last week here in Marrakech:

Dealer West. N/S Vul

<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ K 10 9 7 4</p>	<p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ A 8 3 2 ♣ 8 3 2</p> <div style="background-color: #004a00; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ J 9 7 6 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ A Q J 6</p>	<p>♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ A J 9 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ 5</p>	
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
2♥	Pass	3♣	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

East explains to North 3♣ as shortage, which is the agreement, but West tells his screenmate it shows four or more clubs.

South leads ♥8 for the queen and ace and declarer plays ♣5 for the king and makes his contract. South played low, 'knowing?' that North will ruff.

EW do not deserve better than 4♥x -1, the result had South been rightly informed. But do NS deserve +100? The laws say 'yes'. What do you say?

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Ton Kooijman

KO stage of the WTOT

The KO stage of the WTOT is going to start from the Round of 32, **as per Art. 5.2.1 of the SCoC.**

Both the Round of 32 and the Round of 16 will be played on Wednesday, August 30th, starting at 9.30 am, over two stanzas of 16 boards each. However, quarter finals, semifinals and final will be played over four stanzas of 14 boards each.

A Captains' meeting to determine the draw will be held in the VuGraph theatre at 7.45 pm on **Tuesday August 29th.**

The registration to the BAM Teams is open: teams can either register online or at the Registration desk. The participation is free of charge for players who have taken part in either the main events or the WTOT.

Teams making it to the KO stage of the WTOT who are willing to play the BAM, would they be knocked out in the round of 32, the round of 16 or the quarter finals, are requested to register to the BAM Teams before its start.

Maurizio Di Sacco
WBF Operations Director



WCB 2022

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USA1 v Germany

Wuhan Cup RR 20

Mostly about hearts

by Martin Cantor

Going into this match Germany were in 2nd place with qualification for the KO as good as guaranteed. USA1 however were in a precarious 8th.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Grünke</i>	<i>S Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	2♥*
Dble	All Pass		
2♥ 5-10 5M & 4m+			

Despite the favourable vulnerability, Sandra Rimstedt ran into a nightmare here. Marie Eggeling played three top spades, declarer ruffing while East discarded both clubs. She took declarer's ♣3 with the ace (♦5 from East) to continue spades, ruffed with the 7 and overruffed; it would have been better for Paul Grünke to discard another diamond. The ♥A won the next trick, and the ♦A



Jenny Wolpert, USA1

the one after that, after which Paul could draw declarer's remaining trumps but had to concede the last two tricks to declarer's top diamonds. Four off was worth -800, but -1100 was available on best defence. Terence Reese said on more than one occasion that the singleton ace of trumps could be a liability for the defence, and here the maximum might have been easier to achieve if West had cashed that card earlier. Still, German fans weren't complaining about -800, when a vulnerable game wasn't guaranteed at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♣	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

So, the Americans were playing heart contracts at both tables, not usually a great idea. Very much not so this time. Gladiator led her singleton club and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the ♥A, played a diamond to the ace and the ♥K receiving the bad news (♣4 and ♣K discarded). One more top trump (one more club) and the ♠J overtaken, ♠K to ditch her remaining club, and the queen for a diamond discard, ruffed by South, who could cash the ♦KQ for the defence's second and third tricks, the ♥J providing the fourth and another 100 making for 14 IMPs to Germany. Note that 4♠ will make for EW on anything but a diamond lead, and elsewhere it often did.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Grünke</i>	<i>S Rimstedt</i>
—	1♠	4♥	All Pass

On the surface a simple contract, a heart and two clubs to lose. But the 5-1 trump break poses a danger. Declarer took the opening spade lead in dummy and ruffed one to hand to start on trumps. After two top ones he played a

diamond to dummy, then ruffed another spade back to hand. At this point he needs to cash the other top trump before leading another diamond towards dummy. Instead, he led the diamond straightaway, but now it was Sandra's turn to err, discarding a club instead of ruffing (she can then exit with a club, North winning and playing the ♠K). Grünke could now simply set up a club trick as his eighth trick, and still had two trump winners for his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gromöller	Wolpert	Gladiator
—	1♠	4♥	All Pass

Same auction here, and the same first four tricks. At trick 5 Wolpert led a club up, taken by Gromöller, who shifted to the ♦10, won in dummy. Declarer now tried to cash a second diamond, but Gladiator could ruff, play a club through and that meant four tricks for the defence and ten more IMPs for Germany.

(After North's diamond return declarer should win in dummy and ruff a spade. She can then cash the ♥Q and play a diamond and all South can score is two trump tricks, declarer's losing club going on the ♦A. North must exit with a spade or the ♣8, after which there should only be 9 tricks. Given North's opening bid there is no rush to play a club, as the ace is known to be offside. Editor.)

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Paul Grünke, Germany



Marie Eggeling, Germany

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eggeling	Dwyer	Grünke	S Rimstedt
—	—	—	INT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Dble*	All Pass	
2♣ Majors			

Rimstedt converted the takeout double to penalties, a borderline decision at IMPs. And 2♥ has chances. An opening diamond or unlikely small club lead should result in a one trick defeat, anything else gives declarer a chance to make. Dwyer led his trump to the 2, 9 and jack. Eggeling started on the spades, and Rimstedt took the ten with the king, cashed a diamond, and played ♣K and another to partner's jack, who in turn played a third round. When declarer discarded a spade from dummy instead of ruffing with anything but the ♥3, the defence were back on top. South ruffed and played the ♦A, ruffed in dummy, but there was now an inescapable trump loser to go with the five already lost. A typical back and forth part score story, but here the difference between -200 and +670.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gromöller	Wolpert	Gladiator
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♠*	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♠	♦ fit 8-11		

24 HCP is the current standard for 3NT on two balanced hands, and if Anne Gladiator could make her contract here it would be another gain for Germany. Steve Weinstein led the ♠8, and this was the crucial moment for declarer. It is the second time this week that I have seen this classic

situation. Recognising that the lead is from a doubleton, you have to decide which defender might have the outside entry. If East, you need to let the lead run to your king to stop East running the suit. But if West has the entry, you need to put dummy's honour up and either you have a second trick in the suit, or you can stop the run. I don't think there was any special reason to credit West with the ♠A ahead of East, other than perhaps vacant spaces. Gladiator chose to duck in dummy, and now couldn't avoid a one trick set, giving USAI 7 IMPs, that could have been 15 to Germany had the contracts in both rooms been made.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eggeling	Dwyer	Grünke	S Rimstedt
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- INT 14-16
- 2♦ Transfer
- 3♣ shortage

Despite the strong holding in partner's short suit, Dwyer chose game in the 5-3 heart fit. Leading his singleton diamond would have given Grünke a diamond ruff for the setting trick, but he preferred the ♠10 and declarer could now play on trumps and make his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gromöller	Wolpert	Gladiator
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- INT 12-14
- 2♦ Transfer

Gromöller, with tenaces in all the other suits, chose the notrump game. Any lead other than a club honour should beat this, and so it turned out. After the ♣7 won by declarer and a heart to West, a club through was followed by a spade to declarer's ace and another heart allowed West to play another club through for a two trick set giving USAI 11 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eggeling	Dwyer	Grünke	S Rimstedt
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♠
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

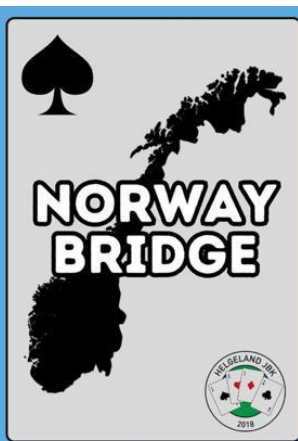
Another 24 HCP 3NT. Rimstedt led from her long suit into declarer's tenace. The ♥J held, the queen was covered all round, and the ♣J in its turn held. North took the next club for a diamond switch, but declarer's queen won that trick, the ♣K was his sixth, then two hearts made eight, and with two clubs, a diamond and a spade to come he could claim twelve.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gromöller	Wolpert	Gladiator
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

East and West both a little conservative perhaps; 3NT was bid at sixteen of the twenty-four Wuhan Cup tables. 3♣ was never in any danger. The first trick was won by North's ♦K, the second by South's ♠K, the third by dummy's ♦A, the fourth by North's ♣A and the fifth by declarer's ♠A. The ♥Q was covered by the king and ace for the fourth ace in a row. Then Wolpert finished drawing trumps by finessing and claimed ten tricks for a loss of 11 IMPs. Germany had a well-deserved win by 49-34 IMPs, 13.97-6.03 VP, that cemented their position in second place, while USAI retained theirs in eighth.





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20.-26. MAY

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Juniors

24.-26.MAY

MSIBT – THE ARCTIC CHALLENGE - JUNIOR PAIRS

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SESSION 1: 24. MAY 10:00 - 14:00 Q1
SESSION 2: 24. MAY 16:00 - 20:00 Q2
SESSION 3: 25. MAY 10:00 - 14:00 F1
SESSION 4: 25. MAY 16:00 - 20:00 F2
SESSION 5: 26. MAY 09:00 - 14:00 F3
26. MAY 14:30 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

QUALIFYING STAGE, 48 BOARDS, 24 PAIRS IN FINALE A, B AND C, REST IN FINALE D. IF LESS THAN 86 PAIRS IT WILL BE 3 FINALE GROUPS, 25% CARRY-OVER IN FINALE A, B AND C IF MORE THAN 85 PAIRS, THE PRIZE STRUCTURE PRESUPPOSES AT LEAST 96 PAIRS

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2	20000	10000	4000	2000
3	15000	5000	2000	1000
4	10000	3000	1500	500
5	5000	2000	1000	600

24.-26.MAY

OPEN NORWEGIAN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAMS, U14

SESSION 1: 24. MAY 18:00 - 20:00
SESSION 2: 25. MAY 10:00 - 14:00
SESSION 3: 25. MAY 18:00 - 20:00
SESSION 4: 26. MAY 10:00 - 14:00
26. MAY 14:30 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

PL	PRIZES
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2	6000
3	4000

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THERE WILL ALSO BE OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PLAYERS ATTENDING THIS TOURNAMENT.



25.-26.MAY

ARCTIC JUNIOR ROOKIE CHALLENGE - PAIRS

PAIRS TOURNAMENT FOR ROOKIES AND RELATIVELY FRESH PLAYERS.

SESSION 1: 25. MAY 10:00 - 14:00
SESSION 2: 25. MAY 16:00 - 20:00
SESSION 3: 26. MAY 10:00 - 14:00
26. MAY 14:30 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

PL	PRIZES
1	4000
2	5000
3	2000

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20.-23.MAY

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20.-23.MAY

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20.-21. MAY, QUALIFYING STAGE, ROUND ROBIN
22. MAY, SEMI FINALS
23. MAY, FINALE, PLAYOFF.

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24.-26.MAY

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SESSION 1: 24. MAY 10:00 - 14:00 Q1
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2	100000	15000	10000		2	5000	3000	2000
3	50000	10000	7000	MIXED	1	10000	5000	3000
4	25000	5000	5000		2	5000	3000	2000
5	15000	5000	3000	VETERAN 70+	1	10000	5000	3000
6	10000	5000	3000		2	5000	3000	2000
7	7000			LAST SESSION	1	10000	5000	3000
8	5000				2	5000	3000	2000
				HCP (norw-players)	1	5000	5000	
					2	3000	2000	

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24.-26.MAY

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22.-23.MAY

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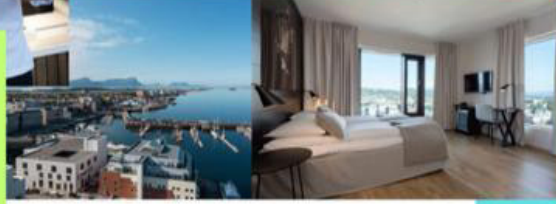
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the All Blacks go down to their biggest-ever defeat, against the defending World champion South Africans. There was no joy in Muddville. The defence here could make just three trumps and a club. 2♥xx with an overtrick added up to N/S +840 and an 8 IMP windfall for Netherlands.

The action continued on the very next board. Both East players opened a natural weak two and both Souths doubled...

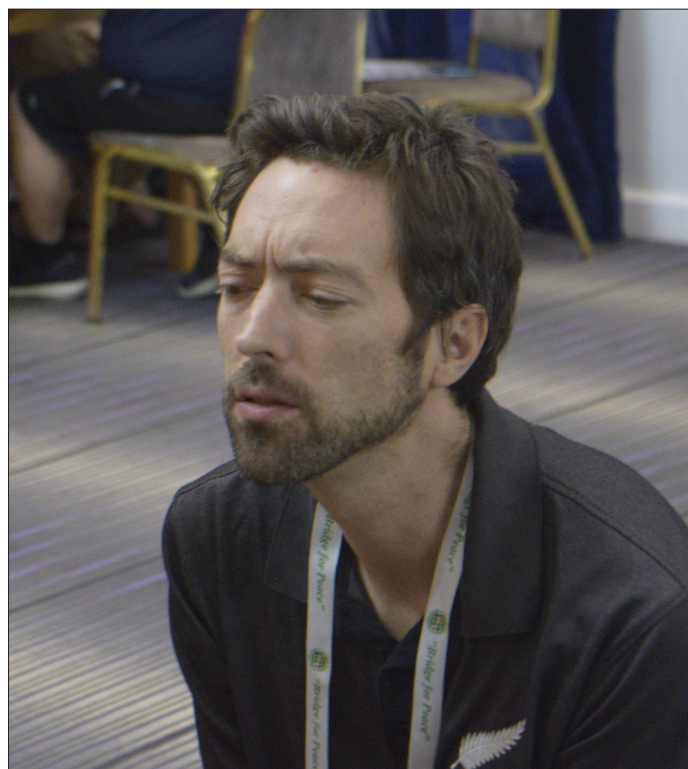
Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Whibley	Muller	Brown
—	—	2♥	Dble
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Simon de Wijs introduced his diamond suit, caught a raise, and confidently took a shot at game in his partner's suit. Matthew Brown opened the defence with a sneaky ♦7. Predictably perhaps, declarer won in dummy and ran the ♥Q. Winning with the ♥K, Brown continued with the ♦6, and it was always going to be difficult for Bauke Muller



Michael Wibley, New Zealand



Matthew Brown, New Zealand

to get the suit right. Of course, he rose with the ♦K and Michael Whibley ruffed. A spade through declarer's king allowed the defenders to take two tricks in that suit and then Brown exited with the ♣K. Declarer still had to lose a trick in each minor, so that was three down: N/S +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ware	Verbeek	Mayer	Molenaar
—	—	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

I could have reported that the Dutch confidently bid game in both rooms, although I somehow doubt that Tim Verbeek had a great deal of expectation when he tabled his threadbare dummy in 4♠x.

Michael Ware settled for a defensive raise to 3♥ on the West cards, which encouraged Danny Molenaar to have another go on the South hand. Now Ware pounced – he thought that he had trapped his opponents and now he released the spring, first doubling 3NT and then 4♠. As inevitably happened in those wonderful “Tom and Jerry” cartoons, it all ended in tears for the cat.

Not that it was inevitable. Ware started accurately with a top diamond, but he then must switch to a low heart at trick two. Making South ruff a heart whilst the defenders still controlled the club suit would have left declarer without a winning option. When Ware instead switched to a trump, declarer was in control. He started clubs right away, West winning and continuing the trump attack. Declarer was therefore able to draw trumps and run the clubs, losing just three aces. N/S +790 and 12 IMPs to Netherlands, 20-0 ahead after two deals and perhaps heading for the big win that would just about keep their slim chances alive.

The card play by one of the Dutch team on this board was well worth the entry fee to the VuGraph theatre. The Kiwis perhaps hoped to inconvenience their opponents with a weak notrump.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ 8 ♦ K Q J 8 6 5 3 ♣ J 10 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ A 5 4 2 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ K 8 7 6</p> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E S W </div>	<p>♠ K J 10 4 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A Q 9 5</p>	<p>♠ A 9 8 3 2 ♥ K J 10 9 7 ♦ A ♣ 4 2</p>
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ware	Verbeek	Mayer	Molenaar
—	—	INT	2♣*
3♣*	4♥	All Pass	

Mayer started with a 12-14 INT, and Danny Molenaar's 2♣ showed both majors. 3♣ was a transfer to diamonds, and Tim Verbeek closed the brief auction with an aggressive jump to game on his flat 9-count.

Verbeek won the diamond lead and played a low spade to his queen. Winning with the ♠K, Mayer continued diamonds. Verbeek ruffed in dummy, crossed to the ♥A and took a winning heart finesse. He then cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade in his hand. After crossing back to dummy in trumps, Verbeek exited with a spade, simultaneously establishing the long spade in dummy and endplaying East to give him his tenth trick with the ♣K. Bermuda Bowl quality declarer play, indeed! N/S +620.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Whibley	Muller	Brown
—	—	1♦	2♥*
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

No one can ever accuse the Dutch of being reticent in the bidding. Muller opened the East hand with a Precision-style 1♦ (11-15 HCP, 2+♦). The Kiwis normally play standard Michaels but, against a Precision-type 1♦, 2♥ showed a weak hand with both majors. (3♦ would have shown a strong Michaels bid.) There was no pussyfooting around from De Wijs, and his jump to 5♦ left Michael Whibley with no winning options. Facing a weak Michaels, he could be certain that his side was not making 11 tricks, so he doubled and hoped they could make at least three defending.

Brown started with the ♦A, cashed the ♠A at trick two, then played a heart to his partner's ace, so the play was over and done with as quickly as the auction at this table. N/S +200 and 9 IMPs to Netherlands.

Most of this match was one-way traffic, with IMPs piling

up in the Dutch column, but the Kiwis did have one bright moment. Both North players had to evaluate their hand on the last of today's problems.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 6 2 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ A 9 7 5 ♣ 8 4</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K Q J 10 9 7 5 3 2</p> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E S W </div>	<p>♠ K J 8 7 3 ♥ Q 5 ♦ Q J 10 4 2 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ A 5 4 ♥ A K J 9 8 6 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ A</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Whibley	Muller	Brown
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Michael Whibley gave the vulnerability its full respect and opened 4♣ on his nine-bagger. Matthew Brown raised to game and Bauke Muller duly led the ♦Q through dummy's king to prove everyone right. N/S +600.

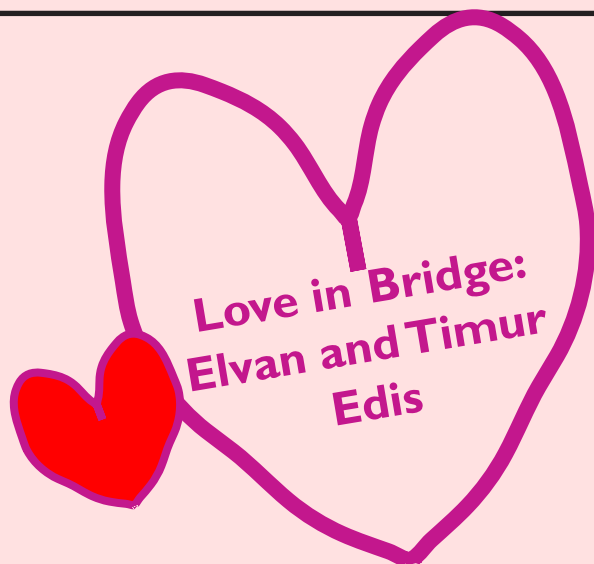
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ware	Verbeek	Mayer	Molenaar
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Despite the result, I confess I would much rather be in the Dutch camp on this one. Even looking at both the North and South hands, you would surely want to be in slam on this type of auction. For a start, there is a 50% chance that the ♦A is inside. Secondly, after an uninformative auction, why should East have an obvious diamond lead? Can't he have something like ♠J109xx ♥x ♦Q9xxx ♣xx? Yes, he might fish out a diamond, but it is far from 'obvious'. As the cards lie, though, it was N/S -100 and 12 IMPs to New Zealand.

Netherlands won the match 67-32, so they did what they could at this stage, and picked up 17.45 VPs. They also needed a big USAI loss to Egypt. Egypt won, but only by 13 IMPs, so that left the Dutch in ninth place, 4.33 VPs behind the last qualifiers, USAI.

The other big result in this last round was India's 20-0 loss to Norway, which knocked them out after they had been in the top 8 almost throughout the competition. China's win over Singapore was enough to lift them up into the knockout stage in seventh place.



by Christina Lund Madsen

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

Elvan and Timur Edis, UAE Mixed Team

I see two players from the United Arab Emirates looking at hand records and ask if I can take their picture.

The woman lovingly puts her hand on his chest, and he puts his arm around her. Always scouting for subjects for these articles I ask:

“Are you two married?”

“No, she is my sister,” he replies. She laughs.

“We have been married since 1992,” she corrects.

“No, since 96,” he says.

I always had a weakness for couples who cannot remember how long they have been married, so I immediately ask them for an interview the following day.



We meet and go downstairs. I sit with my computer ready while they sit and study the hands records. They pay no attention to the waiting journalist, who cannot compete with the hand records. They speak English at first without even noticing it, before they switch to a language that sounds slightly familiar. I try to interrupt them gently by asking which language they speak.

Elvan: “Turkish. I am 100% Turkish, his mother is Turkish, his father from USA.” They return to the hand records and ignoring me. I notice she has some bracelets in the colours of the flag with a UAE-logo.

After a while they look up. “Oh, are you waiting for us?”

I begin by asking their age.

Elvan (after slight hesitation): “54.”

Tim: “53. I am younger. Important to notice,” he says. She laughs. I soon discover she laughs at him a lot.

How did you meet?

Tim: “In university in Istanbul in the same department. We are both industrial engineers.”

How did your romance begin?

They laugh and she looks at him.

Tim: “We met each other and decided we didn’t belong to the same social circle. The 4th year we decided otherwise.”

How did you begin to play bridge together?

Tim: “We started dating and after graduation we decided: “Let’s find a hobby we can do with our friends.”

Elvan: “And to have a hobby in common.”

Tim: “I used to play social bridge with my family, and she said “Why don’t you teach us? This was in 1992. So we arranged a group of six friends. None of them play anymore.” They both laugh.

“Bridge played an important part in our relationship. We separated...”

“Twice,” Elvan adds.

Tim: “And each time bridge brought us back together. Elvan moved to another city for a time, and when she came back to Istanbul, we started playing bridge again. We started playing every weekend. Because we played bridge, we kept seeing each other, and the flames that were gone were reignited.”

How come you moved to the UAE?

Tim: “We moved for my job in 2004 and stayed. Our sons were born in 2000 and 2002, so Elvan was on a break in her career, so she moved with me. That is the toughest part about expat life. When one moves, the other has to come with. We liked it. I switched jobs many times.”

“So we could stay,” Elvan adds, since you can only stay with a working visa.

Tim: “So we lived in the same house in Dubai for 20 years. If we had paid mortgage instead of paying rent, we would have owned the house now,” he laughs and of course so does she. “While I was working, Elvan was looking after the boys and started a small retail company with import and export of accessories.” I ask about the bracelets Elvan is wearing and she confirms they are from her business.

Tim continues: “I stopped working in the beginning of 2017. Then in 2019 I was teaching a group bridge, then another group and another came. When I quit, then instead of returning to Turkey she kept working and I could enjoy my life and started teaching bridge. So now I am her employee. She is the boss,” he says teasingly and she slaps him with the hand records while laughing.

Tell us about bridge in the UAE.

Elvan: “We are a few bridge players.”

Tim: “There are many expats, so there is big circulation. The locals don’t play bridge. It is a city of foreigners. Our teammates are two Pakistani players and two Egyptians, and our women’s team is all Indian.”

How have you experienced these world championships?

Tim: “We enjoyed it. We want to cut off one of our limbs sometimes. We obviously want to do better playing bridge, but we knew this was expected. We could have prepared better.”

Elvan: “Of course it is a very good opportunity to be here and compete against such good players, we have so much to discuss when we go back to Dubai. We are enjoying it a lot. We put big memories in our pockets. We want to go to the next championships.”

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

Elvan (looks at Tim): “We trust each other. I think this is the main thing. We are good friends.”

Tim: “We respect each other as bridge partners and life partners. We can play bridge with other people, but we prefer to play together. I could give up bridge, but I could not give up my wife.”

“Thank you”, she says and sends him that look again.

Then he adds: “It is a lie, but...” They both laugh and I laugh with them.

Do your sons play bridge?

Tim: “They both know bridge and our younger one got more into it, but now he is studying in USA and of course he is with his friends, and they don’t play bridge. The younger generation has a problem with card games, they have video games, computer games, ipads, mobiles. We used to play lots of cards in the university canteen and eventually became bridge players.”

What would your sons say about you?

Elvan: “When we said we are going to Marrakesh to play bridge and one of them is in school and the other at work, they took time off to spend with us. We spent the last 10 days with our kids travelling all around Morocco, Rabat, Fez, Casablanca, Tangier... and then we came back to Marrakech. It was a wonderful week with the kids, we enjoy being together. I think they admire our commitment – in general and to bridge as well. It is not easy to find these days.”

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

She looks at Tim: “This is your question,” he says.

Elvan: “I cannot pick just one. It is not a moment, it is a life long.”

Tim: “Me neither. I enjoy being with you the whole journey.” She looks at him as if she is still in love.

I send Tim away to see if she is still as devoted when he is not around.

Describe Tim in 3 words.

Elvan (thinks a bit): “Honest. Attractive. Gentleman.”

What do you think Tim will say about you?

She giggles. “Monica. In France sometimes he calls me Monica. He thinks I look like this character.” She laughs so much it almost brings tears to her eyes.

“Intelligent – I hope. And mother.”

I call back Tim and send Elvan away.

Describe Elvan in 3 words.

He thinks for a long time while staring intensely at the air.

Tim: “Beautiful, powerful, super.”

Which three things do you think she said about you?

Tim: “I have no idea, I have no idea, I have no idea.” He laughs.

“Super calm, intelligent, nice.”

He whistles after her to come back to us.

“All three wrong,” he tells her before I have told him what she said.

“No problem, we still have time,” she gently says.

I reveal that Elvan said “Monica”.

Tim: “If you had told me to use one word instead of three, I would have said Monica. It sums up all the other three.”

Seeing two people still flirting with each other after more than 30 years together, it almost makes me believe in eternal love again. I ask them one last question:

Who is the better player?

They look at each other for a second without replying.

Tim: “It is not so hard, this question.” He winks at me.

Elvan: “He is the better player, but I am the better bidder.”

Tim: “Yes we divide it like that,” he says. “More politically correct.” He winks again and she laughs, and he gets one last slap with the hand records, before they walk away and take the light with them.



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Venice Cup RR 23

China v Canada



by Jos Jacobs

Before the start of the last round, China were in 8th place and Canada in 9th, about 8.5 VP behind China. To qualify, Canada would thus need a big win, something like 15-5 or more. Anything less would mean that China would go through because the other teams were all standing at a respectable distance from the 8th spot. Denmark, 10th at the time, were the only team among those with a theoretical (remote) chance of making it.

On the first board, Canada immediately took a 2-0 lead thanks to a better partscore but the next board was a more serious affair.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Ran</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Y Huang</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Diamonds or the majors
- 2♥ Prefers hearts, diamond fit

During the auction, the TD had to come to the table due to a possible misexplanation of West's 2♣ overcall but in the end, all was well when North showed her spades in reaction to partner's rebid. 1♣ had been Strong Club, of course. East led a club to West's ace and two top diamonds came next. Declarer ruffed and led a trump up. The ♠Q won the trick and now, declarer cashed the ♠A next, having noted the fall of East's ♠10. When the ♠K appeared, declarer had the rest. China +650.

In the Closed Room, the Chinese also reached game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yu</i>	<i>Bryant</i>	<i>Ya Liu</i>	<i>Nisbet</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
3♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's 3♣ showed the heart fit in a good hand. The double fit in the reds was now clear to East so she ventured a game contract. Right she was because with South on lead you can make 11 tricks in hearts, double dummy: five hearts, five diamonds and the ♣A. At the table, however, it is a different story. Declarer ducked the ♣K lead and won dummy's ace at trick 2. Then came the ♥Q which ran to South's king. South exited with a diamond, so declarer won the ace and crossed to her ♥A, getting the bad news. When she played a diamond to dummy's king next, North could ruff and push a spade through to put the contract down three. Canada +150 but still 11 IMPs to China where it might have been 15 IMPs...

Two boards later, the natural approach worked better than Precision:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Ran</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Y Huang</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	2♦	2♠	All Pass

A simple auction to the top spot. Looking at the E/W cards superficially, you would see only three losers but the real problem for declarer would be that there are not enough tricks in a spade game. That's why 4♠ went down on a number of occasions. Fung made nine tricks for +140 to Canada.

In the other room, Precision brought us a short systemic auction:


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yu</i>	<i>Bryant</i>	<i>Ya Liu</i>	<i>Nisbet</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass

West might have asked for a possible four-card major suit in the East hand but when she did not, East was left in an inferior partscore. One down, Canada +100 and 6 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the advanced sacrifice looked the right thing to do:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♦	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Only after the play was over, they discovered that 4♠ would just have gone one down as well. China +100.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Yu	Bryant	Ya Liu	Nisbet
—	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		



Yan Huang, China

In the other room, they reached absolute par. South's 3♦ was a mixed raise (6-8 hcp.) so when 3♠ came round to West, she had to decide what to do. As it happened, bidding 4♣ was the winning action, not really surprisingly. China thus got another +130 on the deal, good for 6 more IMPs to them. Canada's chances were beginning to look smaller and smaller...

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Canadians found an effective defence: two rounds of hearts. Dummy ruffed but declarer could not draw trumps without conceding a trick in the suit so she played the ♣Q. East might have ducked this but when she took the ace and played yet another heart, dummy had to ruff with an honour which promoted a trump trick for East anyway. Declarer cashed the ♠Q and came to hand with the ♣K to draw the remainder of the trumps but when they did not break, one down was her fate. Canada +50.

(There is a line to make 4♠ - after ruffing the heart at trick two, declarer plays three rounds of diamonds, pitching a heart. East ruffs and exits with a heart, but declarer can ruff in dummy pitching a club, cash the ♠Q and play a club to the king. Editor)

In the other room, South, not playing Precision, could not rebid a natural 3♦ because her hand was not strong enough for that. N/S thus came to rest in a Moysian partscore.

West led a trump to dummy's queen and declarer went on to play a heart first, not putting all her eggs in the favourable diamond break-basket immediately. So she made only nine tricks but her contract had been safe all the time. Canada +140 and 5 IMPs back to them.

On the next board, both the natural approach and the Precision style would lead you to the wrong contract. The other side of the coin would be that you might well keep the opposition out of their heart fit.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

It is difficult to see why West did not venture another bid, 2♣ or maybe 2♥, over South's double. On the E/W cards, 2♥ is a good place to be whereas N/S would be in danger once they bid higher than 2♦. Anyway, 1♠ was just made for +80 to China.

In the replay, the weak NT struck again:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yu	Bryant	Ya Liu	Nisbet
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Once North opens INT (12-14), East suddenly has a much more difficult decision to make. Knowing that she had a good lead available, she passed and led the ♥K when INT indeed became the final contract. Declarer had no option but to take the diamond finesse and thus went only one down when the finesse lost and the ♣J came back. The defenders managed to block their club tricks. China another +100 and 5 IMPs, nevertheless.

Two boards later, the Chinese N/S quickly were in game due to their Precision approach.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
—	2♣	Pass	4♣
4♦	5♣	All Pass	

When East did not allow herself a vulnerable overcall, it was up to West to take action. West duly did but the E/W heart fit was lost forever. Five Clubs could not be defeated, of course. China +400.

In the Closed Room, East judged her major 6-5 worth a bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yu	Bryant	Ya Liu	Nisbet
—	1♣	2♣*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Two Clubs showed at least 5-5 and East's 3♣ showed a minimum hand so not more than 4♥ was the logical conclusion for E/W. In the meantime, N/S had not been able to locate their fine club fit - the curse of the natural systems for many decades now 😞 😊.

North, not knowing anything about declarer's (West!) hand, led her singleton diamond. Declarer won South's ♦J with the ace and continued the ♦9. When North did not ruff, dummy's lone club was discarded and declarer lost just a trump and two top spades. Contract made, China another +620 and 14 IMPs to them. They were pretty certain to qualify now at the expense of Canada, leading 37-13 at this point.

(If North ruffs the ♦9 declarer overruffs in dummy and can play a heart to the ace followed by a top diamond for an overtrick or take the heart finesse for 10 tricks. 4♥ should always make, despite the 4-1 break in diamonds. Editor)

The score had gone up to 37-15 when the last two boards arrived. This was the first.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
—	—	—	INT
2♣*	4♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Over the 13-15 INT by South, West showed her diamonds in transfer fashion and so did North with her hearts. Three rounds of diamonds would defeat 4♥ even if declarer would guess to advance the ♥Q from North. A more normal lead against 4♥ made at many tables, is a low spade. That's what the Canadian West also did, like so many with her. Declarer thus had an easy road to an overtrick: China +450.

In the replay, South opened a 15-17 INT and N/S correctly stayed out of game with their combined minimum values.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yu	Bryant	Ya Liu	Nisbet
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	All Pass	

Spade lead, of course, and the same 11 tricks. Canada just +200 but 10 more IMPs to China.

On the last board, the goddess of luck did not favour the courageous.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Ran	Fung	Y Huang
1♥	Pass	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

On this auction, 4♠ by South is an interesting shot but with both the ♠K and the ♦9 among dummy's assets, declarer looked to have a good chance of making ten tricks until the trumps did not break. Canada +50.

In the Closed Room, South followed a more quiet road:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yu	Bryant	Ya Liu	Nisbet
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

Hardly could North know that her ♠K and ♦9 were all declarer needed to make game, thanks to the now marked spade finesse. Canada +170 and 6 IMPs to them.

The final result thus became 47-21 or 16.09-3.91 to China. They had easily maintained their qualifying position and had finished as 7th in the end.

9 Top tricks, but...

by Jens Pedersen

Venice Cup, Round 7.

Denmark v Israel: 13.04-6.96 (18-7)



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Adi Asulin	Helle Rasmusen	Hila Levi	Lone Bilde
—	2♥*	3♦	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

2♥ Both majors

The Lead ♣Q!

As we can see declarer has 9 top tricks, but she did not know. North could be 5-4 in the majors, single diamond and ♣Qjx.

Declarer took ♣A and ducked a diamond. South discouraged in trick one with ♣9.

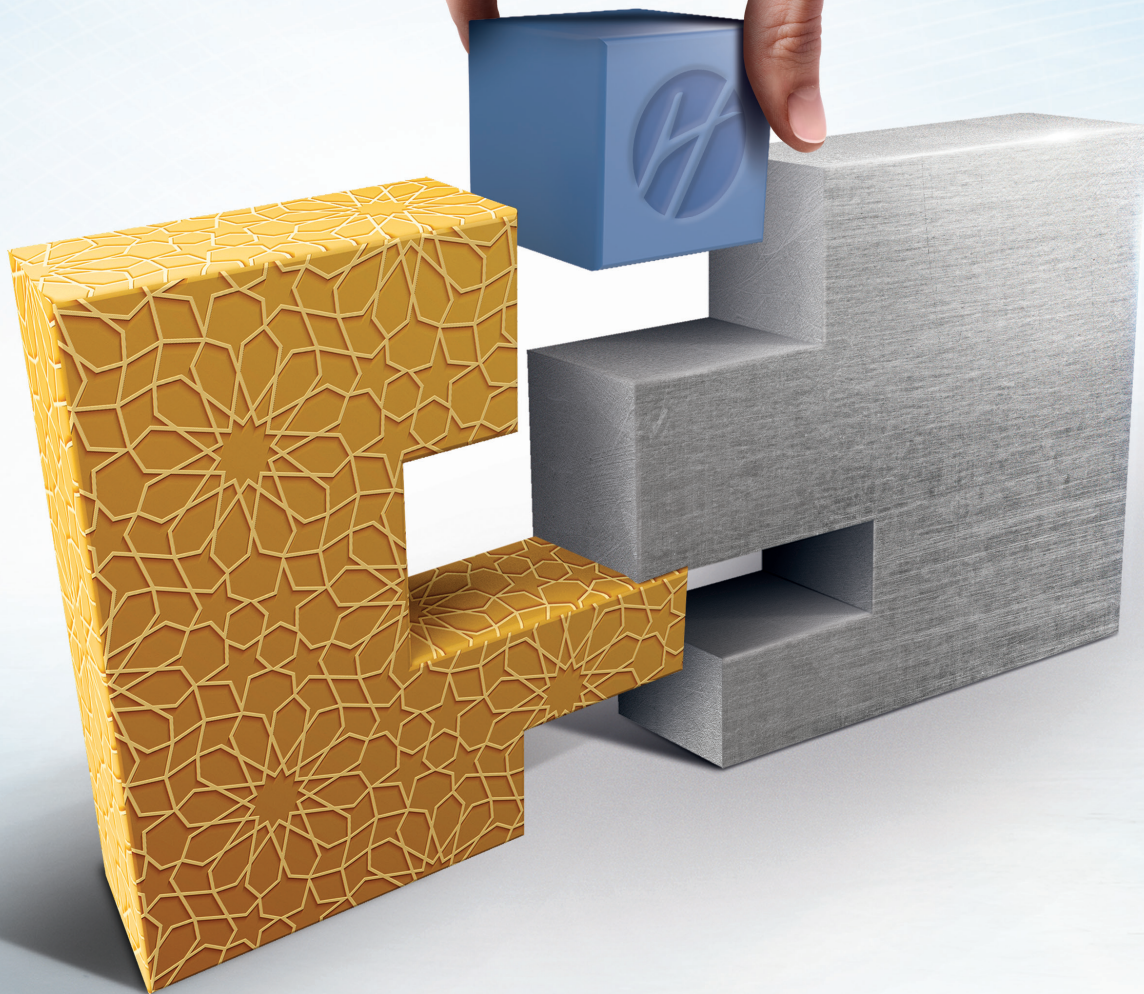
North continued a spade for ♠Q, and ♠K, and declarer was a trick short.

Down one.

3♦ (+150) at the other table.

As far as I can see, every other pair bidding 3NT made the contract in all categories.

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Bermuda Bowl QF I
Switzerland v Israel



by David Bird

The excitement of the round-robin conclusion is over. We can relax as the quarterfinals begin. Israel did well to qualify and must now face the multi-national might of Switzerland. How will they fare? Perhaps we can judge from the first session. It's due to start in around five minutes.

The drab first five boards worried me, but there were several worthwhile exchanges from then onwards.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

It was an awful slam. Even if both major-suit finesses were right, instead of just one, it would still have gone down. It's hard to see how South can find another bid over 3NT, let alone jump to the slam level subsequently.

Zamir had listened to the bidding. With North and South both bidding clubs, he had an easy club lead. Toledano ruffed, noted his partner's suit-preference signal, and returned the ♥J to the ace for a second club ruff. A spade trick had to be lost and the slam was four down, for 200 away.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠*	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Birman's 1♠ was a transfer to INT, often made on a minor-suit hand. After a spade lead, declarer made ten tricks for +430 and a gain of 12 IMPs.

Next, we will see a part-score! This is rarity in one of my reports, but I was impressed by the bidding of Birman and Padon.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Dble	Rdbl*	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Zimmermann's 1♥ was a transfer to spades, Zamir's double showed hearts and Nowosadzki's support redouble indicated 3-card spade support. North's penalty double of 3♥ would have netted +500 (three spades, a



Ami Zamir, Israel

trump and one trick in each minor). I can see that South would be nervous of the situation, but would 3♠ on a 4-3 fit be a better prospect? The fortunate lie of the cards meant that 3♠ was only one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Dble	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Padon followed his first transfer with a second transfer. 3♦ was made, for +110 and a gain of 4 IMPs.

There was plenty of interest in the next deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
—	—	1NT	2♣*
Dble	2♥	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Toledano won the ♥J lead with dummy's ace and finessed the ♣Q. Was that the right line, when South had shown a major two-suiter? It was unlikely that North would hold ♣Kx.

Suppose declarer plays a club to the ace instead, and the ♣10 comes from South. He might then take the view that a 3-3 club break is unlikely and the best shot is to play South for ♣K10, continuing with a low club. Well, I must be talking double-dummy waffle, because all three declarers in the Bowl quarterfinals went down after a heart lead. The four declarers receiving a spade lead all made the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	2♣	Dble
Rdbl	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		


Over the natural 2♣, Birman ventured a light double. He was doubtless worried to receive a prompt redouble on his left. 2♥ doubled was the final resting spot. Kalita led queen and another trump, Klukowski winning and drawing a third round. He spent a while over his next move, eventually choosing well – the ♣6. East allowed this to be taken by South's 10. The play from this point was slow indeed, but we were compensated by both sides playing extremely accurately. Declarer played ace and another diamond, West rising with the king and switching to a low spade. East won with the ace and played the ace and queen of clubs, declarer throwing a spade. He escaped for 500, thanks to the fortunate lie of the cards. All would have been well if 3NT had been made in the Open Room. As it was, Switzerland picked up 12 IMPs.



Michał Nowosadzki, Oren Toledano, Pierre Zimmermann, Ami Zamir

Two boards later, the high-class action was identical at both tables:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.


<p>♠ 9 ♥ A Q 10 6 3 2 ♦ K J 8 2 ♣ 8 3</p> <p>♠ A 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>		<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 6 5 4 3 ♣ A K 9 5</p> <p>♠ Q 8 6 ♥ K J 9 8 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 7 4 2</p>	
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West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
1♠	2♥	2NT*	5♥
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Both North players led the ♥A, ruffed with dummy's 10. A club to the queen was followed by a losing finesse of the ♠J and a diamond switch.

Now the paths diverged slightly. Zamir didn't mind insulting South by playing the ♦10. He was punished when North produced the expected ♦K and delivered a diamond ruff for two down. In the Closed Room, Klukowski thought about it, nodded respectfully towards South, and rose with the ♦A. His reward was 2 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
—	—	INT	4♥
All Pass			

Toledano opened INT, which showed 12+ to 15 when non-vulnerable. Zamir found the good lead of a spade and Zimmermann won with dummy's ace. How should he play the trumps? 17 points were missing. If you give East the ♠KJ, on what you have seen, 13 points are missing, of which East probably holds 9-11 and West 2-4 (maybe 8 opposite 5).

It's hard to calculate the odds exactly, but Zimmermann opted to finesse the ♥J and went one down.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	INT	4♥
All Pass			

Here INT showed 14+ to 17, making East more likely to hold the ♥Q. However, Klukowski didn't find such a good lead. His ♣8 went to dummy's 9 and East's queen. Padon won the ♦K return with dummy's ace and led the ♣K, covered and ruffed. The ♥AK found a 2-2 break, and he crossed to the ♠A to discard a loser on the ♣J. That was +450 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Opening leads were tested on the penultimate board:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Nowosadzki	Toledano	Zimmermann
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	3♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North's 3♥ was a game-try in spades. What would you have led from the West hand?

Zamir led (oh no!) the ♥2. 'Claim of 10 tricks accepted +620' flashed up on the screen.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥*	2♦	2♠
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

Helped by the diamond raise, Klukowski chose the ♦A, followed by the ♦Q. East overtook and returned a trump. Padon won with the ♠8, ruffed a diamond and returned to the ♣A. When a second club was led, Klukowski won with the ♣K and knew from partner's count signal that a third club was safe. It was one down and 13 IMPs to Switzerland, who took the session by 33 IMPs to 30.

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Zia's new book *Bridge A Love Story* is a huge success, and we know that it is going to be translated into several languages. It was typeset by Ron Tacchi who received a signed copy here in Marrakech. Zia was with Jeff Meckstroth at the time, and when he saw that Ron received a hardback copy he said, 'You only gave me a paperback'.



When Monika asked if there would be a new Log today, I told her that so far there was only one item in it. In that case interjected Tacchi, 'You can call it a Logette'.



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Saving the Best till Last



by Mark Horton

This deal from the first session of the quarterfinals was a tough test for E/W.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Shi</i>
1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

It was tempting for South, despite the vulnerability, to bid 5♥, but re-advertising the massive fit persuaded East that playing with what was effectively a 30 point pack his side might have a slam. Rather than settle for a direct 6♠ he went via a route that allowed his partner a say in the matter and was delighted to pass when 6♣ came back to him.

North led the ♦2 and declarer won with the ♦10, drew trumps, cashed dummy's ♠K and then ran the ♠J, claiming all the tricks when it held, +940.

In the other room EW stopped in 5♠ - just as well, as North led the ♥A forcing dummy to ruff after which the defenders were sure to take two tricks. Even so it meant 10 IMPs for Norway.

Two other teams reached 6♣, USA2 in the Wuhan Cup and Italy in the Bermuda Bowl, although the auction developed in such a way that East was able to introduce the club suit:

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Spector</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
1♠	2♥	2NT	4♥
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Lutostanski</i>
1♠	2♥	2NT*	4♥
4♠	Pass	5♣	5♥
6♣	All Pass		

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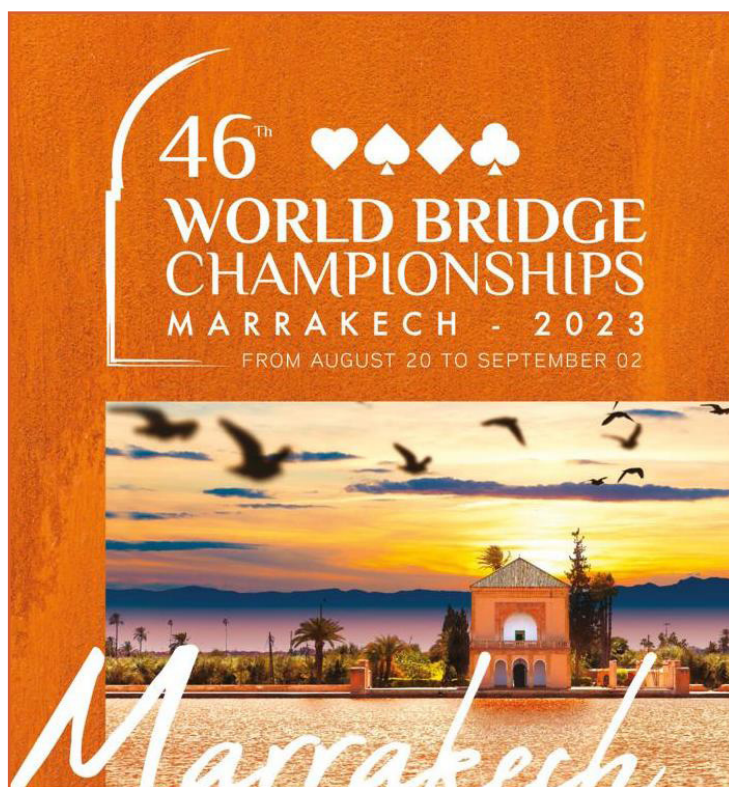
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