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HOPING TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION

In the Bermuda Bowl, **Switzerland** has opened up a 45 IMP lead over USA2. Meanwhile, **Norway** trailed Italy by 29 IMPs after 2 sets, but recovered well to lead overnight, all be it by only 4 IMPs.

Israel leads **China** by 57 IMPs in the Venice Cup while **Norway** has a slender lead of 2 IMPs over **Türkiye**.

Both matches in the d'Orsi Trophy are in the melting pot, **Poland** leading **Denmark** by 22 IMPs and **USA1** edging **USA2** by 16 IMPs.

In the Wuhan Cup, **France** has a 58 IMP advantage over **Romania** and **USA2** a 42 IMP cushion against **Belgium**.

Following the completion of the Round of 16 the remaining 8 teams in the Transnational Open will spend today hoping to make it to the semifinals.

In the BAM, the leaders at the end of the first day are **Vinciguerra**, **Poland Open** and **Sweden Senior**.



Keep charging the tablets

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Schedule



BB, VC, DOT, WUC	WTOT	BAM
Semifinals S4-6	Quarterfinals	Day 2
10.00-12.15	10.00	10.00
13.15-15.30	13.00	13.25
16.00-18.15	15.20	16.10
	17.40	



BBO Matches



BBO I			BBO2		BBO3		BBO4	
10.00	BB Norway-Italy	BB Switzerland-USA2	BB Switzerland-USA2	BB Norway-Italy	VC Türkiye-Norway	VC Türkiye-Norway	DOT Poland-Denmark	DOT USA1-USA2
13.15	BB Switzerland-USA2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
15.50	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Bermuda Bowl


	NORWAY	208
	CHINA	202

	USA2	183
	USA1	171

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 NORWAY	31	17	45				93
 ITALY	21	56	12				89

Team	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 SWITZERLAND	1	34	56	44				135
 USA2		54	16	20				90


	POLAND	180
	ITALY	223



	SWITZERLAND	220
	ISRAEL	182


Venice Cup

	POLAND	185
	ISRAEL	215

	TÜRKIYE	230
	USA2	215

Team	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 ISRAEL	7	72	30	47				156
 CHINA		30	57	12				99

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 NORWAY	35	29	41				105
 TÜRKIYE	37	51	15				103



	FRANCE	178
	CHINA	236


	SWEDEN	189
	NORWAY	231


d'Orsi Trophy

	POLAND	186
	NETHERLANDS	154

	DENMARK	216
	ITALY	156

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	17	52	36				105
	23	21	39				83

Team	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	1	36	9	37				83
		32	12	20				64



	USA2	232
	NORWAY	181



	USA1	214
	SWEDEN	164



Wuhan Cup

	GERMANY	176
	BELGIUM	231

	FRANCE	288
	CHINA	190

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	15	30	18				63
	53	25	27				105

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	1	20	20				41
	9	58	32				99

	USA2	216
	USA1	164

	ROMANIA	191
	ITALY	189

WTOT Brackets Knock-out

Team	I	2	tot
PACO	67	39	106
RABONO CALAMIS	10	10	20

FRANCE SENIORS	35	16	51
DINKIN	14	50	64

KNOTTENBELT	53	36	89
LAWRENZO	37	36	73

REASON	40	16	56
PORTUCOLE	28	32	60

TEAM BLACK	43	23	66
SLOW HORSES	18	56	74

INDIA MIXED	43	44	87
PARTYPACK	43	32	75

POWERSHARK	8	13	21
ROSENTHAL	58	37	95

Team	P	I	2	tot
CHINA SENIOR		50	39	89
CAMELS	4	19	24	47

Team	I	2	tot
PACO	47	16	63
DINKIN	30	31	61

PACO	KNOTTENBELT
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PORTUCOLE	34	15	49
KNOTTENBELT	40	51	91

SLOW HORSES	52	44	96
INDIA MIXED	13	28	41

ROSENTHAL	SLOW HORSES
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CHINA SENIOR	2	35	37
ROSENTHAL	48	52	100

Team	I	2	tot
AUPALETI	32	31	63
PAYEN	22	42	64

PAYEN	BARR
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BARR	41	40	81
INDIA OPEN	28	28	56

AMISTAD	58	51	109
NO COKE	9	18	27

ORCA	AMISTAD
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ORCA	42	41	83
GILLIS	20	21	41

Team	I	2	tot
AUPALETI	59	19	78
TPE SENIORS	2	66	68

Team	P	I	2	tot
IRELAND OPEN	1.5	32	17	50.5
PAYEN		30	23	53

FINLAND	9	22	31
INDIA OPEN	28	39	67

BARR	41	39	80
AUSTRIA	31	27	58

AMISTAD	33	46	79
BUUS AND BOTT	60	11	71

NO COKE	68	21	89
BRENO	3	28	31

AUSTRALIA OPEN	36	41	77
GILLIS	43	37	80

ORCA	55	49	104
SANTOSHA	20	17	37

Wuhan Cup QF4

Germany v Belgium

Ever Feel Like You Should Have Stayed in Bed?

by Martin Cantor

Overnight Germany, who had bossed the qualifier, had a narrow lead of 3 IMPs over Belgium. Wishing to remain objective, I donned my British nationality, and settled down to commentate, accompanied by my good friend Peter Lund. We had no time to wait for the action to begin:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	1♥
1♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♥ Splinter			
4♥ cue			



Helmut Häusler, Germany

EW don't have a great lot of HCP, but they have shape and controls, 7 losers facing 5. So, slam might have been worth a sniff, but not for this pair. 4♠ made eleven tricks in comfort.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble	Pass	3♥*	Dble
Rdbl*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
3♥ Splinter			
Rdbl 1st round control			
4♦ Control			
4♥ Void			

For this pair, on the other hand, slam was very much an issue. On the BBO VuGraph von Arnim passed the 5♠ bid, to my entirely unbiased relief. Sadly, the official records show that von Arnim, satisfied with the aces held by the partnership, took the extra step to the small slam. Not being a rabbi, she failed to drop the ♣K offside and so went down and lost 11 IMPs, which put Belgium ahead in the match.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
—	—	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥ Weak 2 in ♠/5♠ & 5m 6-10/strong 6+♥			

Dewasme led the ♥J, ducked, and continued with the 6, taken by the ace. With communications limited, declarer cashed the ♦Q and crossed to hand in that suit, then cashed the other top diamond, before trying to run the



Valérie Carcassonne-Labaere, Belgium

♣J. Dewasme of course covered, and when she still had that suit covered all that Gladiator could do was to cash her winners for two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Carcassonne	Häusler	Labaere
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Von Arnim also led the ♥K, then followed it with the queen, to dummy's ace. Labaere took the slightly better line of blocking the diamonds with a small one to hand for the play of the ♣J, covered here too of course. He then also tried to cash the suit out, and when it didn't he gave von Armin her club. She could cash the ♥J and give Häusler his two top spades for one down, and 3 IMPs to Belgium. No big swing, but some points of interest. Firstly, the blocking of the diamonds; you are aiming for six clubs, you already have a heart, so two diamonds will be enough; and if the clubs are only good for five tricks, you may need the ♦Q to get at them. Secondly, when West covers the ♣J, you should ask yourself why? If it is singleton, you have unluckily done the wrong thing. If from a doubleton, it would be correct in case your jack were single, giving partner ♣9xxx. If she has three it cannot be right to cover. But if she has ♣Q9xx she must in case you have ♣Jx. Without the ♣9 covering would be wrong. So, you can make a plausible argument that Alain Labaere should have crossed back to hand by overtaking the ♦Q, and take the finesse against the ♣9. It does run the risk of looking very foolish if the ♣Q was an instinctive play.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewasme	Gromöller	Dehaye	Gladiator
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♠*	2NT*
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass
		2♠ Diamonds	

I could not find the description of 2NT but would guess it shows a spade fit with invite+ values, since if it were game-forcing then the pass of 5♦ would be forcing. So, on this auction, it was probably not clear to anyone who the hand belonged to. Gromöller cashed a top spade and accurately switched to a heart. He took the diamond ace and gave his partner her heart trick, and when Dewasme later took the straight club finesse, rather than the backwards one, she was two tricks short.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Carcassonne	Häusler	Labaere
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			




Daniela Von Arnim, Germany

When von Arnim chose to pass the auction was short and sweet. The defence is entitled to two tricks in each round suit. Häusler led the $\diamond Q$, taken by the ace, the other diamond was ruffed, and trumps drawn in one round. Now declarer played a heart to the 8 and 10. Von Arnim cashed the $\heartsuit A$ then unaccountably played another one into dummy's tenace. A club went away and $4\spadesuit$ had made for 9 IMPs to Belgium, now 40-0 up on the set.

North led from his second suit, the $\clubsuit 7$, dummy's queen winning. Dummy's $\diamond A$ revealed that suit, then declarer finessed her $\heartsuit J$ and cleared that suit, discarding diamonds from dummy. North was stuck, and played the $\spadesuit 10$ to declarer's queen, and she simply cashed her three winners in hearts, diamonds and spades to make her contract.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Carcassonne	Häusler	Labaere
—	$1\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	All Pass		

EW have 26 combined HCP, and suits with better fits than hearts, so while I have some understanding of both players' actions, the end result leaves much (everything) to be desired. Valérie led the $\clubsuit A$ and followed it with the $\spadesuit 10$ to declarer's queen. Von Arnim tried to cross to dummy in diamonds to take the heart finesse, but North ruffed, gave her partner a spade ruff, then another diamond, and another spade, and another diamond were ruffed, giving the defence six tricks. Von Arnim could then ruff the spade exit and claim. 12 IMPs for Belgium, who had now scored 52 unanswered IMPs. Germany did subsequently get a few points on the board to avoid a whitewash in the set, but 12-54 in the set left them trailing 112-151 in the match. Not what any of them were dreaming of at that time before they got out of bed. My German half very much hopes they can rectify it in the remaining two sets.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewasme	Gromöller	Dehaye	Gladiator
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
$1\heartsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	Dble*	Pass
$2\diamond$	Pass	$2\spadesuit^*$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



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The Belgian Renaissance

by Herman De wael

As you may know, I am the semi-official historian for the WBF. I maintain a full set of results, including all the medallists, for all World Championships, all the way back to 1937.

You may well have noticed the regular posts listing the full medal table. 53 different countries appear on that list, which contains 1061 medals.

Personally, my interest is of course in Belgian medals. Until earlier this year, Belgium had scored just one medal at World Championships: a bronze at the first World Mixed Teams championship, which was held in 1962 next to the first World Pairs Olympiad in Deauville. Nobody in Belgium remembers any of the players on that team, which was captained by one Louis Bogaerts.

In the intervening years, Belgium has never featured near the World Top, but in the past 15 years this has been changing.

The change was first noticeable at the 2008 European Championships in Pau, where our Senior team was continually in the hunt for the medals, finishing finally in third place. A trip to the d'Orsi Trophy in São Paulo was the reward. There, the Belgian team ended the Round-Robin in second place. Having comfortably beaten them previously, they chose Indonesia as their opponents in the quarter-finals. Sadly Belgium were beaten with a session to spare.

The next chance came after the 2012 Europeans in Dublin, where the Belgian seniors finished in sixth place. A trip to Bali followed. Again the team finished in the top-eight, but the fourth place meant they were left with the least favoured team in places 5-8, which was Poland. Another quarter-final exit was the inevitable outcome.

The next chances came when the WBF decided to add a fourth series to the World Team Championships, for Mixed Teams. Belgium has always had strong female players, who mostly competed with male partners in open competition, so this should mean a possibility for us. The European Championships that preceded Wuhan had been held in Oostende, but it had proved impossible to arrange a mixed teams competition there. In stead, at the start of 2019 a special European event was held in Lisbon. We did send a team there, but it had only four players and finished in 13th place.

The next set of European Qualifiers was held on-line, and this time the Mixed team finished in a well-deserved second place. The other three teams finished in 12th place, which, after the many drop-outs, turned out to be high enough for the Women and Senior teams to get an invitation to the World Team Championships in Salsomaggiore. The other two teams did not end high enough, but yet again, a

Belgian team made it to the quarterfinals of a World Team Championship. They chose Germany as their opponents.

The first day of the quarter-final ended with a Belgian lead of 8 IMPs, but then COVID struck. Not directly, but when too many players turned up with symptoms, the Tuesday matches were cancelled and all players had to provide a COVID test. Strangely, since he never developed any symptoms, not even long afterwards, one of our players had a positive test and he was not allowed to continue in the event. Playing four-handed proved too strenuous and the Captain, himself a capable player, was allowed to enter the team for the final stanza. Despite an entire day of system talks, a small misunderstanding had them end up in the wrong slam and so the match was narrowly lost.

The last Europeans thus far were held in Madeira last year. Belgium did not send a Women's team but the Seniors and the Mixed were joined by the Open team in qualifying in the top 8 and earned a place here in Marrakech.

A side pleasure to that open result was qualification to the European Champion's Cup. The top 10 countries of the previous Europeans are allowed to send their national team champions to an annual event. Add the home nation and the holders and you have a team tournament with twelve top teams. The reigning Belgian team champions were Riviera, a team from Antwerp, actually containing three members of the national team. And despite having to face the Bermuda Bowl holders (masquerading as the Swiss national champions) in the final, the Riviera team won the event!

So here we are, in Marrakech, and three teams started on the race to the titles. The open and seniors did not manage better than 12th position, but the Mixed team scraped into the eighth spot.

Would the top finishers Germany dare to go for a repeat of last years' quarter-final? Yes they did, and so the exact same teams lined up in a quarter-final for the second time in barely 16 months. On this occasion there was no divine intervention and at last, a Belgian team made it to the semifinals of a World Team Championship.

Anyway, it will not be up to them to end the 62-year long draught. Last month, in Veldhoven, at the World Youth Team Championships, the Belgian U31 team had already done that. After miraculous escapes in the quarter-final and semi-final, the silver medal was their share.

So, after bronze in 1962 and silver in 2023, all our Mixed team need to do is add a gold medal!

Go Belgium!



Victim of the Day: Ismail Chamar Morocco Open Team



by Christina Lund Madsen

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

Where are you from, how old are you and what do you do?

I am from Casablanca, Morocco, I am 26 years old and I am electrical engineer working for a construction company. I have two little sisters, 23 and 21 years old. They didn't want to play bridge, they found it too difficult.



How did you begin to play bridge?

In 8th grade our science teacher told us about a game called bridge and offered us to take lessons with the Moroccan Bridge Federation. I said: "I have no final exams, I will discover what bridge is about."

I took my first class with Madame Chafika Taktak, the local organizer of these championships. She was my bridge teacher. I fell in love with the game.

In the beginning I found it a funny game and easy to play. In my first school championships between Casablanca, Rabat and Sare, my partner and I came 4th out of 30 or 40 pairs. We only played NT contracts.

The second year we learnt about how to play suit

contracts and cross ruffing. We played the second school championships and we finished 4th.

After the 3rd year I began to search the internet, I wanted to learn more and I saw there are so many books, so many players, I discovered BBO. It was mostly self-learning. In 2017 I wanted to start to play good competitions and began playing with my teacher madam Taktak.

In the beginning my parents were very worried that I played cards, my dad had only heard about bridge in the movies and thought it was a gambling game. So I said he should come talk to the president (Madame Taktak) to understand and he became very comfortable, so I could continue bridge.

This is my first international championship under the WBF. We had a team selection to come here. I played on another team. The winners of our trials were just four players, and they asked me to join the team. In the beginning I didn't want to let my partner down, but I talked to him about what an opportunity it was and he was very understanding.

How have you experienced these championships with your country as the hosts?

"For me it was exceptional. Once in a lifetime opportunity to play in this beautiful city here in Marrakech against the best players in the world. Not just at home watching BBO, but sit at the table in front of them and play against them is such an experience.

You were chosen to say the player's oath at the opening ceremony. How did you feel about that?

"I was honored. First of all to represent the players, also to say no to cheating and respect each other. I am very grateful to Madame Taktak for suggesting me, a young player from Morocco, to say that."

When were you most nervous?

"The first day my heart was beating very, very fast. I didn't play well. We lost to Canada, a very heavy loss but then it was good."

What is the funniest thing that happened during these championships?

“I was coming one morning to play the first match against Switzerland. On the way I found a coin on the street. My partner said “Pick it up, it will bring you luck.” I said we will see. We play against the best team at the World Championships. Then we played against Brink and Drijver and we won the match! So I told my partner: “It worked!”

Now every day my partner throws one dirham on the street, so I can pick it up, but it doesn't work.”

Which other interests do you have?

“Before bridge I was a chess player. I was also doing Kung-Fu and quit just before the black belt because I discovered bridge. My coach was very upset with me, he said: “How can you let down sport for a card game?” And now my life is work – bridge, work – bridge.”

What do you dream of?

“I dream of having a good life, good job and excel in bridge and play whenever I want. I don't like so much to travel, I like to be in a place with my parents and my sisters around me, that is the best thing. Of course if there is a bridge tournament I will travel.”

Tell us something about yourself very few people know.

“I like the smell of all books. My dad loves reading, and we have so many books, and once a while I can just take a book and smell it. My father always bought me books. It was not until I started as a mechanical engineer that he had to buy me a computer.”

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Mikael Rimstedt, Marion Michelsen and Michal Klukowski?

(Based on previous experience I make sure he knows all of them.)

“Yes, they don't know me, but I know them. I cannot kill any of them, that is for sure.”

That is not an option.

“Oh, it is not?” Then to kiss I will say Marion. That was too easy. For me Marion is one of the best female players, so classy, plays well.

Klukowski for me is one of the best players in the world, I love him so very much. Just when there is a match on BBO I watch him, no matter if he plays with Kalita or someone else, so I will partner him.

I don't know so much about Rimstedt, so I will kill him. I feel sorry for him though.”

Thank you, Ismail and we hope to see you in the future!

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Venice Cup QF5
Israel v Poland



by Marc Smith

Everything went topsy-turvy yesterday. In both the Venice Cup and the Bermuda Bowl, only one of the teams that finished in the top four of the round robins led their quarter-final overnight. The biggest potential upsets are in the Venice Cup, with Sweden trailing Norway by 43 IMPs and Poland behind by 14 against Israel. Whilst Sweden halved the deficit in the first set of the second day, things went from bad to worse for the Poles, and they trailed by 35 IMPs (162-127) with two sets to play. After dominating the round robin, can the Poles mount a comeback? Let's take a look at the action in the fifth stanza.

As usual, we start with a couple of problems. Firstly, with both sides vulnerable, you are North holding:

♠ A 10 8 7 4 2
♥ 5
♦ K 7 6
♣ J 4 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♠	Dble*	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	?		

What action, if any, do you take?

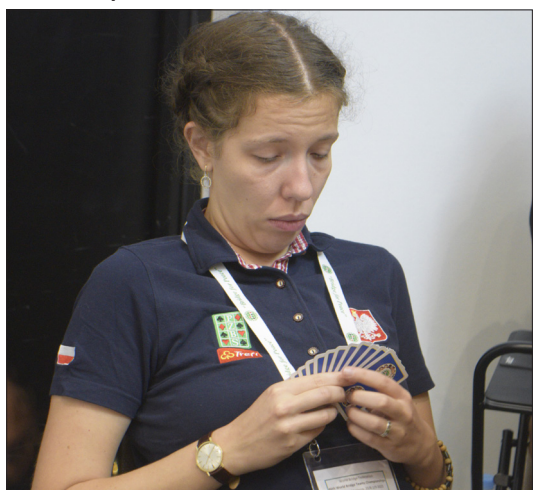
Next, with only your side vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

♠ K 7 4 2
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dble*	?

East's double is support, showing three spades. What action, if any, do you take?

If you pass, what do you then do when West's 2♥ is passed back to you?



Sophia Baldysz, Poland

While you mull those over, we start with Board 2, which was a tricky bidding challenge for the E/W pairs. On this deal, it seemed to pay to be playing a natural system.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C Baldysz</i>	<i>D Tal</i>	<i>S Baldysz</i>	<i>N Tal</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Sophia Baldysz began with a multi-meaning Polish Club and the 1♦ response was either any 0-6 or various positive hands. The system card tells us that opener's 2♦ rebid shows any game-forcing hand, but it does not reveal the meaning of 2♥. (Perhaps a waiting bid, like a 2♦ response to a standard 2♣ opening?) Both 3♥ and 3♠ were natural, and Sophia then had to choose between 3NT and 4♥.

She opted to play in her long suit, and Cathy played from the short side. The contract looked okay when dummy came down. There was one loser in each side suit, so declarer needed trumps to split 4-3. When they didn't, she was one down. E/W -50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This deal was perfect if you were playing a strong/artificial 2♣ opening but not Kokish. Hila Levi rebid a natural 2♥ and Adi Asulin was able to bid first her clubs and then her spades. Having bid her hearts twice, Levi was content to suggest the nine-trick game, and her partner had no reason to do anything except pass.

Declarer seems to have quite a bit of work to do, with

two minor-suit aces and the fifth heart to knock out. However, the defenders do not have any suit to attack. Justyna Zmuda led a diamond, Katarzyna Duftrat winning and returning the suit. Now declarer played three top hearts, discovering the 5-2 break... and conceded a heart. The defenders could play a third diamond to set up one winner in that suit, but that and the ♣A was all they could get before declarer had nine winners. E/W +400 and 10 IMPs to Israel, increasing their lead to 45 IMPs.

Clues from the auction perhaps hold the key on our next deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Duftrat	Levi	Zmuda
—	—	—	3♦
3♥	5♦	6♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Justyna Zmuda opened a vulnerable 3♦ on the South hand and, three bids later, the Israelis were in slam. Katarzyna Duftrat led the ♠A and switched to the ♦K at trick two. Declarer won, ruffed dummy's diamond, rumbled a few trumps, and then cashed the ♠K.

With diamonds likely to be 7-3, hearts known to be 1-1, and ten spades missing, which defender is most likely to hold a singleton club honour? Asulin correctly started clubs by laying down the ♣K, the queen appearing on her right. When she led a second club, North followed with the remaining small card. Was the South hand most likely to have been 4-1-7-1 or 3-1-7-2?

I would have thought that Zmuda's vulnerable opening on a queen-high suit would point in the direction of the more distributional hand. And, of course, the Principle of Restricted Choice also favours the finesse by 2-to-1 odds. When Asulin rose with the ♣A, she was one down. E/W -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Baldysz	D Tal	S Baldysz	N Tal
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♠	Dble*	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The Poles also had to overcome some serious pre-

emption to reach the same slam. Noga Tal did not open the South hand, so Cathy Baldysz started with a Polish Club. Dana Tal overcalled in spades, and Noga raised to 4♠ over Sophia's negative double. East's raise to 6♥ left North with the first of the problems posed earlier: would you take the save in 6♠ on the North hand?

Dana didn't sacrifice. She laid down the ♠A at trick one and then stopped to ponder for quite some time. Watching live, I thought that on this auction the odds were that declarer would probably start clubs by cashing the ace from dummy. With the diamond length a complete mystery, North seemed likely to hold seven major suit cards to South's five so, if anyone had a singleton club, was it not more likely to be North?

However, I had not considered North's problem. Her partner had followed with a non-descript ♠6 at trick one. It seemed that she couldn't tell whether her partner had four spades or five, so a spade continuation may be a ruff-and-discard. Which of the other suits looked safest? Eventually, Dana produced the ♣3. Now declarer was favourite to play clubs for no loser, and Cathy wasted little time, drawing trumps, picking up the clubs and claiming 12 tricks. E/W +1430 and a massive 17 IMPs to Poland.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Baldysz	D Tal	S Baldysz	N Tal
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dble*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Dana Tal did not open the North hand, and Sophia Baldysz was a junior recently enough that I'm sure it never even occurred to her to pass her flat 9-count in third seat. North came in with a 2♦ overcall at her second turn, and Sophia doubled to show three spades, leaving Noga Tal with the last of today's problems. It seems to me that South should show some sign of life now, perhaps with a redouble? Noga passed, Cathy retreated to 2♥, and that was passed back around. Is it still possible to get back into the auction now? Perhaps, but again Tal passed.

Perhaps the Israeli pair are never likely to do more than compete to 3♦ after this start, in which case they are better off defending. If only someone could have found a double.

Sophia's 2♥ had plenty of losers, but they were at 50 each. There were three diamonds, a club, a spade and three trumps to be lost. Three down: N/S +150. Any plus score would be good enough if teammates could go plus too...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Dufrat	Levi	Zmuda
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble*
Rdbl	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dufrat opened the North hand, and whilst the Israelis did compete in the auction, the result of that competition was to get them off to the wrong lead against Justyna Zmuda's 3NT.

Had Asulin fished out a low club at trick one, the defenders would have been in control. However, the ♥Q lead was exactly what the Polish doctor ordered. Zmuda won with the ♥A and immediately returned a heart. East took the ♥K and switched to the ♣J, so declarer now had a comfortable ten tricks: N/S +630 and another 10 IMPs to Poland.

The match score now stood at 178-167. The margin was down to only 11 IMPs. There was only one more swing in the set, and the good news for the Israelis was the Poles combined to hand over 14 IMPs, 7 at each table.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Dufrat	Levi	Zmuda
—	—	Pass	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I suspect that Asulin was not alone in choosing to overcall 3♦ on this West hand, but the cards lay about as badly as they could. Zmuda had an obvious re-opening double and Dufrat an equally obvious pass.

Dufrat led a heart to the king, and Zmuda cashed the ♥A before playing the ♠A and then a spade for her partner to ruff. Dufrat now played a low club to queen and king. Assuming there was a reason why she should be on lead at this point, Zmuda understandably played another spade. However, that was not the winning defence, as it shortened North's trumps so that declarer could force out the ♦K

and then draw trumps. Asulin eventually scored a spade trick as her sixth trick. E/W -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Baldysz	D Tal	S Baldysz	N Tal
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

They say that the road to hell is paved with good intentions and, whilst Sophia Baldysz tried to rescue her partner, she only managed to get the partnership even deeper into the mire. You know you have done the wrong thing when you redouble for rescue and partner retreats to the same suit a level higher. Cathy avoided the 3♦ overcall but had to bid it anyway when Sophia attempted to find an alternative strain.

Here, the defence was accurate. Two high hearts, the ♠A and a spade ruff were followed by the ♣A and a second club, forcing declarer to ruff. North had the same trump length as declarer so when she got in with the ♦K, Dana Tal was able to force declarer again and thus take control. Declarer made her five trump winners, but that was all. E/W +800 and 7 IMPs to Israel to close out the fifth stanza, when it could easily have been the same number in the other direction.

Poland won the stanza 40-23, meaning that Israel led by 18 IMPs (185-167) going into the final set.



Katarzyna Dufrat, Poland

What's Your Bid?



by Mark Horton

Look at this deal from the first session of the quarterfinals:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ A Q 10 6 3 2 ♦ K J 8 2 ♣ 8 3 ♠ A 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q J 10 6		♠ K J 10 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 6 5 4 3 ♣ A K 9 5	♠ Q 8 6 ♥ K J 9 8 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 7 4 2
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At all bar two tables the bidding started like this:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	?	

What should East bid?

I asked Herman De wael to investigate to see if there was any consensus as to the best action. Here are his findings: The tabulation reveals that East went with 3♦ 9 times, 3♥ 9 times, 4♥ 6 times, 2NT 5 times and Dble once.

Dou you find it surprising that the one bid that puts both East's suits into the equation was selected only once?

EW pair	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W
DOT DEN	1♠	2♥	X	4♦	-	4♥	4♠						
VC POL	1♠	2♥	2NT	4♥	-	-	5♣	-	5♦	-	5♥	-	6♠
VC FRA	1♠	2♥	2NT	4♥	4♠								
WUC ITA	1♠	2♥	2NT	4♥	4♠								
BB ITA	1♠	2♥	2NT	4♥	4♠	-	5♣	5♥	6♣				
BB SUI	1♠	2♥	2NT	5♥	5♠	-	6♠						
DOT NED	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠						
DOT POL	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠						
WUC BEL	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠						
VCTUR	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠	5♥	X				
VC CHN	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠	5♥	-	-	X		
BB NOR	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	-	-	4♠	5♥	-	-	5NT	-	6♣
DOT NOR	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	4♠	-	-	5♥	6♦	-	6♥	-	6♠
VC US2	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	4♠	-	-	5♥	6♦	-	6♠		
DOT SWE	1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥	4♠	-	6♠						
BB USI	1♠	2♥	3♥	3♠	4♠	-	-	5♥	X				
VC NOR	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠								
DOT US2	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠								
WUC USI	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠								
WUC FRA	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠	-	5♣	-	5♦	-	5♥	-	6♠
VC ISR	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠	-	5♣	-	5♦	-	6♠		
WUC ROU	1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠	-	-	5♥	X				
WUC US2	1♠	2♥	3♥	5♥	-	-	5NT	-	6♣				
BB ISR	1♠	2♥	3♥	5♥	5♠	-	6♠						
BB CHN	1♠	2♥	4♥	5♥	5♠								
WUC CHN	1♠	2♥	4♥	5♥	5♠								
BB POL	1♠	2♥	4♥	5♥	5♠	-	6♠						
DOT USI	1♠	2♥	4♥	5♥	5♠	-	6♠						
WUC GER	1♠	2♥	4♥	5♥	5♠	-	6♠						
BB US2	1♠	2♥	4♠	4NT	X	5♦	X	5♥	-	-	5♠		
DOT ITA	2♠	-	2NT	-	3♦	-	3♥	X	3♠	-	4♠		
VC SWE	2♠	3♥	4♠	5♥	-	-	X						



Bermuda Bowl QF6
Norway v China



by Jos Jacobs

At the moment they started the final session of 16 boards, only 3 IMPs separated the two teams: 177-174 to Norway. The opening board brought China an overtrick to cut down their deficit by one third of the margin (yes, so important are the overtricks in such a close match) but the next deal saw the first of at least five possible slam hands in this set:

A few boards later, I saw many declarers, all over the place, struggling against the breaks in the quite normal 4♠.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	T Grude	L Hu	Helgemo
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Dble	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

An entirely natural auction (classic 4th suit forcing is considered natural, too) to a playable slam. Looking at a good six-card suit himself, any three-card support was enough for West. This approach proved right when the ♦Q appeared on time. China +940 on a headache-saving low trump (!) lead by North.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	J Liu	Bakke	Zhuang
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

In a sense, the Norwegians were right not to bid the slam with the ♦Q probably missing. This time, she behaved so Norway, too, scored 13 tricks, on a spade lead this time. That was worth only +440 to them so China almost immediately regained the lead with this 11-IMP swing: 186-177.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	T Grude	L Hu	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

To make 4♠, you have to time the play to perfection. Grude, for Norway, was well on his way but one might say that he fell at the last hurdle. He got a diamond lead to his blank ace and immediately unblocked the ♥K. Next,



Linlin Hu, China

he ruffed a diamond in hand and tried to cash the ♥A, of course. When West ruffed and returned the ♠K, it was time for plan B. Win the ♠A, ruff two more hearts in dummy, cash some top clubs throwing hearts in between and hope for the best. When Grude did not ruff a heart first before cashing the clubs, he already could no longer make his contract. Things got worse for him when East ruffed dummy's third top club and cashed his other high trump. One down, China +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>J Liu</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the replay, East made the more revealing lead of the ♠Q. Declarer won his ace, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the ♦A and tried to cash the ♥A – the same line as in the other room. When West ruffed the ♥A with his king and returned a diamond, declarer got a much clearer picture of the opponents' distribution. He ruffed the diamond continuation, ruffed a heart in dummy, ruffed himself back to hand with a diamond and ruffed another heart with dummy's last trump. Only now came the top clubs. East could ruff the ♣Q but that would also be the last defensive trick because all declarer's hearts were now gone. China a fine +420 and 10 more IMPs to them to lead by 19.

Two boards later, a partscore swing only was at stake.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yi Liu</i>	<i>T Grude</i>	<i>L Hu</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

There was nothing special in the auction at this table. When East led two top spades and exited in diamonds, declarer won dummy's jack and immediately ran the ♣10. Nobody covered so declarer was home very quickly. Norway a useful +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>J Liu</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

The defence was the same: two spades and a diamond but, maybe in view of the slightly different auction, declarer cashed the top trumps first. This did not work this time, one down and another +50 to Norway for a possibly crucial 4 IMPs to them.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yi Liu</i>	<i>T Grude</i>	<i>L Hu</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

After the inverted minors and some relays, 4♣ settled the trumps and 5♥ should show two keycards and the trump queen. This way, a fine slam was reached and duly made when for once the breaks were not too unfriendly. Norway +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>J Liu</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Chinese auction started in natural fashion, 1♠ thus being 4th suit but once the club fit got located, no further explorations were made. Eleven tricks, China +460 but 10 more IMPs to Norway. Their deficit had gone down to just 5 IMPs now with 7 boards to play.

The next two boards were two more possible slams. In our match, they were bid at neither table but in e.g. the Switzerland – Israel match, they were duly bid at at least one table. Read more about these boards in Ron Tacchi's

report on these slams.

Shortly before the end, there was a slam in our match as well.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A K J 7 3										
	♥ 2										
	♦ A Q J 7										
	♣ Q 5 3										
♠ 9 8 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #006400; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ A Q 9 6 4		♥ K 8 5									
♦ 6 3	♦ 10 9 5 2										
♣ 9 8 4	♣ K J 10 7 2										
	♠ Q 6 5 2										
	♥ J 10 7 3										
	♦ K 8 4										
	♣ A 6										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	T Grude	L Hu	Helgemo
—	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

For Norway, Grude and Helgemo had a classic no nonsense auction that quickly led to 11 tricks. Norway +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	J Liu	Bakke	Zhuang
—	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			



Yinghao Liu, China

A limit raise and a few cuebids easily saw the Chinese reach the slam. Had the trumps been 2-2, making 12 tricks would have been easy but when they were 3-1, the hand simply could not be managed. A possible dummy reversal would also fail. Norway thus scored another +100 to gain 13 IMPs. They had retaken the lead at a quite important moment: 205-197.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ A 7 6 2										
	♥ A 8 5										
	♦ Q 5 4										
	♣ Q 6 5										
♠ Q 10 8 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #006400; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 3
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J 10 9 7		♥ K 2									
♦ K 10 3	♦ A J 9 8 6 2										
♣ A 8	♣ 9 2										
	♠ K 5										
	♥ Q 6 4 3										
	♦ 7										
	♣ K J 10 7 4 3										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	T Grude	L Hu	Helgemo
—	—	1♦	2♣
Dbl	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

When 3NT was doubled, time stood still as Helgemo deliberated. The thousands watching online appreciated that if he passed the penalty would be substantial, more than enough to give China a likely winning advantage. After what seemed to be an eternity Helgemo decided discretion was the better part of valour and to the relief of the Norwegian supporters he removed to the calmer waters of 4♣.

West found the potentially killing lead of the ♥J and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♦Q, East winning with the ♦A. Cashing the ♥K at this point sets up a potential ruff, but East switched to the ♠3 and declarer won with the king and played the ♣10. When that held he went to dummy with the ♠A and played a heart, East winning with the king and exiting with the ♦6. Declarer ruffed, and appreciating that every IMP might be vital, attempted to cash the ♥Q only to see East ruff. It meant a loss of 5 IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	J Liu	Bakke	Zhuang
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
Dble	Rdbl	2♦	3♣
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

It would have been a hand without history, had West not led a spade but the same ♥J. On the actual spade lead,

however, the defensive heart ruff had vanished, so declarer emerged with ten tricks for another +130 and 5 IMPs to China. They would go into the two last deals with a 3-IMP deficit...

On board 31, there was a profitable sacrifice on the cards. In the Switzerland – Israel match, both E/W pairs found the sacrifice. You should find that hand in Ron Tacchi's report on that match. The sacrifice might have netted you 3 IMPs so one might say that the Chinese missed out on the chance to level the match at the penultimate board.

This was the last deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 2 ♥ A K 7 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 7 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ 3 ♣ K Q 5</p>	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ K Q J 7 2 ♣ A 8 6</p>
	<p>♠ J 9 7 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A 8 6 5 4 ♣ J 10 4</p>		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>J Liu</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
1♣	1♠	2♣*	2♠

All Pass

2♣ Diamonds

In the Closed Room, the Chinese N/S had done their duty and had finished in the correct partscore for a score of +110. If Norway would go minus on the board, China would have won...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yi Liu</i>	<i>T Grude</i>	<i>L Hu</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♣	1♠	Dble*	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

As you can see, the Chinese did their utmost to halve the board but with the actual breaks, they could rather call themselves fortunate that nobody doubled them. Three Hearts was not made, of course so the +200 for two down gave Norway another 3 IMPs to win the match 208-202 and proceed into the semifinals. Italy would be their next opponent.



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Bermuda Bowl QF6

Switzerland v Israel

Wham, Bam, Thank you Slam






by Ron Tacchi

For the final session of the quarter-final between Israel and Switzerland the match could not be tighter as both teams had scored 181 IMPs. Spoiler alert - the title might have relevance to the deals reported in this article. The Great Shuffler did not disappoint us for the deals in this final session.

Une petite entrée before the main course.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Drijver	Toledano	Brink
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣*	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Four Clubs obviously agreed diamonds and showed a control – further control bids ensued but neither player deemed the hand worthy of slam. North led the ♥4 and declarer successfully tried the queen and when this held, that, along with the 2-2 split in the trump suit gave declarer thirteen tricks. On the heart lead it was necessary to take the heart finesse to guard against an unfavourable trump split and an even spade split. It might cost an overtrick if the trumps were 2-2, a small price to pay.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass


4♣ Splinter agreeing diamonds

An excellent sequence. Three Diamonds was forcing and

after the splinter, Four Diamonds was waiting for a cuebid in hearts which promptly arrived. Blackwood revealed one keycard in the East hand whereupon West's Six Clubs asked for the grand slam if the club splinter was a void, it was possible that East's shape was 5440. After the ace of clubs lead the slam depended on the trump suit coming in for no loser, about 53%. 10 IMPs to Switzerland.

Now the main dish, like Gaul divided into three parts.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Drijver	Toledano	Brink
—	1♣*	Pass	INT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Dble	Pass*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣

All Pass

- 1♣ 2+
- INT GF Bal
- 3♦ 4414 or 4405
- 3♥ Agreeing clubs
- 3♠ 15-17
- 4♠ Last Train
- Pass Encouraging
- 4NT Blackwood

Another excellent sequence to find the minor suit slam – not always the easiest of slams to bid. The ♠10 was taken by dummy's king and a losing trump finesse to the jack followed (should East have ducked??). East played back another trump taken in hand with the ♣10 and declarer played his diamond to dummy's ace and immediately ruffed a diamond. A heart to the ace saw another diamond ruffed with the ace and then dummy was re-entered with the jack of hearts to draw the outstanding trump and a claim of the rest of the tricks.

(Many thanks to Al Hollander for deciphering the bidding. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	1♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
1♣	2+		
2NT	GF		

Again, good bidding, a more direct and forceful auction. The play was similar to the Open Room. I go back to my question as to what might have happened had East ducked the first trump finesse. If declarer repeats the finesse he will fail as East takes his king and plays a third round of trumps to leave declarer a trick short. To repeat the finesse is necessary if West has four trumps but if East has king three times then the finesse is the losing option. Which play you will make will depend a lot on your table sense. I was surprised that neither defender ducked smoothly in tempo, it could have been worth 14 IMPs. A push board but interesting, nonetheless.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Bas Drijver, Switzerland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Drijver	Toledano	Brink
—	—	1♦*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
1♦	11-15, 2+♦		
2♦	GF		

Two Hearts seems to show a minimum and to confuse us all Three Hearts was natural. West could divine that East's values were in the black suits and so risked the diamond slam. The opening lead was the ♠9 taken by the ace in hand. Three rounds of trumps and four rounds of hearts followed, declarer's losing spade being discarded. North solved declarer's dilemma when a club was led by going in with his ace. If he had ducked smoothly then had declarer tried the jack rather than the king, the slam would have been defeated.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass
1♣	2+		
2♦	5+, GF		


The play was similar (North led a spade) till trick nine when declarer led a club North played low, but declarer guessed correctly and put up the king to bring home his contract. I wonder if anyone found the lead of a small club from the North hand to give declarer a guess, if he



Alon Birman, Israel

misguesses he can still get home by reversing dummy and ruffing three clubs in the West hand – but he must ruff all three high. Another push but another interesting slam hand.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Drijver	Toledano	Brink
—	—	—	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

With the rather blunt weapon of 2NT showing a balanced 20-21 East could see no future in going past game. Declarer did not need to consider twelve tricks but played safely for eleven.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Birman	Kalita	Padon
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♦	2♣*	3♦
Dble	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ 11-14 bal, or 4441 15+ or 18+
- 2♣ 54 or better in majors
- Dble Strong variant
- 4♦ Short
- 5♥ Good hand with hearts

Another nice bidding sequence. On the lead of the ♦4 declarer ruffed in dummy and took a losing spade finesse. North returned a spade to declarer's ace. Declarer ruffed another diamond, drew trumps and claimed. 11 IMPs to Switzerland.

We had an early slam and then on the stroke of halftime we had three successive slam hands and with one exception we had excellent bidding. A true slam-fest.

At the end of the session Switzerland had outscored Israel 39-1 to progress to the semifinals.



WTOT Rosters QF

AMISTAD	RAFAEL DIAS ESTEBAN JUCHIMOWICZ PUGLIESE PIERRE PEJACSEVICH CARLOS PELLEGRINI SILVINA ROCCA MARCOS TOMA
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Bermuda Bowl SF I
Norway v Italy



by David Bird

Norway, who won their quarter-final against China by a whisker, may not have slept well. Can Italy make the most of this early advantage? We will soon see.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Grude	Sementa	Helgemo
—	1♦	Pass	INT
Dble	All Pass		

Versace led the ♥4 to the queen and ace, Helgemo returning the ♥10 to West's jack. Both sides were happy to play hearts, and Versace cashed the king and 9 of the suit. The ♦9 went to East's jack, and back came an accurate ♠4 to the queen and king, ducked in dummy. After this start, all roads led to two down for -300.



Allan Livgard, Norway

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	1♦	Pass	INT
Dble	2♦	All Pass	

Di Franco could hope for some diamond support opposite and rebid his suit. An overtrick was duly recorded and a hefty 9 IMPs was entered into the Italian account.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Grude	Sementa	Helgemo
—	—	1♦	1♥
Dble	2♦*	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North's 2♦ showed a sound 3-card heart raise. North/South were good for 5♣, with clubs not mentioned here, so this looked like a great board for Italy. Helgemo led the ♥A and switched to the ♦4. Sementa won North's queen with the ace and played the king and ace of trumps. The ♦10 won the next trick and Grude then ruffed the ♦K with his top trump. The defenders took a heart trick, and the Italian had their +420. How many IMPs would that be worth?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♣	3♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

Livgard ruffed the club lead, and cashed the ace of diamonds, seeing the queen fall. He then played a spade to the ace (yes!), following Restricted Choice with a subsequent finesse of the ♠8. After drawing the last trump, he claimed eleven tricks for +650 and a swing of 6 IMPs

to Norway. Italy's 'great board' at the other table had been topped.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ AKQJ975 ♦ KQ8 ♣ 654 ♠ AKQ94 ♥ 102 ♦ 754 ♣ KQ7	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 86532 ♥ 863 ♦ A6 ♣ J98 ♠ J107 ♥ 4 ♦ J10932 ♣ A1032	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Grude	Sementa	Helgemo
INT	4♥	All Pass	

When Sementa led a spade (instead of an unattractive club), ten tricks could not be prevented. +620 to Norway.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
1♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The different opening bid allowed East a chance to sacrifice, and he took it to good effect. Only four tricks were available to the defence, so that was +200 and 10 more IMPs to Norway.

With your permission (or even without, sorry), we will now skip to Board 10.



Geir Helgemo, Norway

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K10542 ♥ Q ♦ AKQ1082 ♣ K ♠ J983 ♥ 8754 ♦ — ♣ AQ1082	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQ7 ♥ K96 ♦ J763 ♣ 743 ♠ 6 ♥ AJ1032 ♦ 954 ♣ J965	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Grude	Sementa	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Helgemo's 2♣ was a transfer to 2♦. He might have a weak hand, intending to pass 2♦; he might be stronger. I informed the kibitzers that North would now show some restraint on his fine hand, because West's double had shown spades. Well, he decided to rebid his own spades, and Helgemo showed no interest with 3♦.

As I saw it, North had done enough. True, I could see all the cards, but what game was North hoping to make? He continued with 3NT and this was passed out. Helgemo might have thought "Not my fault if that's wrong." Sementa led the ♣7, and GIB predicted a +400 score. This is normally satisfactory when the contract is 3NT, but not when the declarer is vulnerable.

Although North had shown 5-6 shape in spades and diamonds, Versace could not tell if the ♣K was singleton or doubleton. He played the ♣8 and declarer won with the king. He was pleased about that, but not so thrilled when West showed out on the ♦A. He ran the ♥Q successfully and led the ♦8 to East's jack. A club return gave West four tricks in the suit. Declarer did the best he could by discarding the king and queen of diamonds. He could then cross to the ♦9 to score the ♥A for three down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Manno led the ♣3 to partner's ace, and the ♠3 switch was covered by the 4, 7 and 6. Declarer ruffed the next club and ruffed a spade in dummy. After cashing the ♥A, he ruffed the ♥J and ruffed another spade in dummy. He ended one down and picked up 5 IMPs for Italy.



Andrea Manno, Italy
Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Grude	Sementa	Helgemo
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

There is only one commentator on the globe who would have a chance of deciphering this auction. That's Al Hollander (may the master be praised), not the humble scribe from Chandlers Ford. Sorry about that. I will turn hastily to the play.

Versace won the ♠10 lead with dummy's ace and drew two rounds of trumps, happy to find a 3-2 break. He crossed to the ♣K and played the ♦AK to dispose of two spades from dummy. His next move was a club to the ace. Messages flooded in from the kibitzers. "He should have finessed the ♣J, David!"

I informed them that Versace was the world-class declarer, not any of us. I was very happy to accept that he knew the odds in a situation like this. South showed out on the ♣J and declarer resignedly discarded his spade loser for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

They stopped in game and that was 11 IMPs to Norway, who won the first session by 31-21.

We were treated to a fine session from the VG operator. Helgemo and Grude had a misunderstanding about the meaning of a double after INT (weak) - Pass - 2♣.



Terje Aa, Norway

When dummy went down with 3♠, we were told that Sementa had commented 'It's lucky you have three spades in the dummy!', Helgemo responding that he had made the second-best choice of major. Wonderful stuff. Many thanks to Jos Jacobs, too, who sends me a great file of all the bidding and play, the moment the session is over. This often rescues me from any errors in my board saving.

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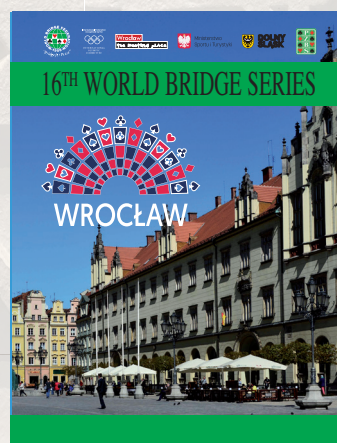
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INDIA MIXED	MARIANNE KARMARKAR SANDEEP KARMARKAR HIMANI KHANDELWAL RAJEEV KHANDELWAL KIRAN NADAR BACHIRAJU SATYANARAYANA VINAY DESAI CAPTAIN VINAY DESAI COACH	MO ROCCO	MIKE ALEXANDER FATTOUMA BENKIRANE HAYET HACHIMI MAUREEN NARUNSKY
INDIA OPEN	AJAY KHARE SUMIT MUKHERJEE JAGGY SHIVDASANI RAJESHWAR TEWARI SANDEEP THAKRAL RAJU TOLANI	NO COKE	JIANG GU JACEK PSZCZOLA BRUCE ROGOFF MAY SAKR
INDIA SENIORS	PRANAB KUMAR BARDHAN SAMIR BASAK BADAL CHANDRA DAS SUKAMAL DAS HEMANT K JALAN SUBRATA SAHA HEMANT K JALAN CAPTAIN	NORWAY SENIOR	LARS EIDE ARVE FARSTAD ODD A. FRYDENBERG SVERRE JOHNSEN JAN MIKKELSEN AASMUND STOKKELAND SVERRE JOHNSEN CAPTAIN OYVIND LUDVIGSEN COACH
INDIA WOMEN	KALPANA BALIRAM GURJAR PUJA BATRA BHARATI DEY ALKA KSHIRSAGAR VIDHYA PATEL ASHA SHARMA ANAL SHAH CAPTAIN ANAL SHAH COACH	NZ MIXED	WAYNE BURROWS BARRY JONES CLAIR MIAO JENNY MILLINGTON WAYNE BURROWS CAPTAIN
IRELAND OPEN	JOHN CARROLL TOMMY GARVEY TOM HANLON HUGH MCGANN ADAM MESBUR MARK MORAN GRAINNE BARTON CAPTAIN NICHOLAS FITZGIBBON COACH	NZ OPEN	ASHLEY BACH MATTHEW BROWN MICHAEL CORNELL MALCOLM MAYER JONATHAN WESTOBY MICHAEL WHIBLEY JONATHAN WESTOBY CAPTAIN
KNOTTENBELT	MICHAEL BYRNE BEN HANDLEY-PRITCHARD MAGGIE KNOTTENBELT BEN NORTON STEFANO TOMMASINI TOM TOWNSEND	ORCA	ANDREW DYSON ESPEN ERICHSEN GLYN LIGGINS RICHARD MARK PLACKETT
KUWAIT	ABDULAZIZ ALDASHTI KHALED ALOBAIDI BADER ALREFAE MOHAMMAD HUSAIN	OJDA1	MOHAMED BENALI JAMAL BENSALD BENSALD CHAOUKI MOHAMMED MIRI SAID SBILI TARIQ SBILI
LAWRENZO	PETER CROUCH OLIVER LAWRENCE PATRICK LAWRENCE ANDREW ROBSON	OJDA2	HAMID BENTALEB MOHAMED BOUTKHIL AHMED MIRALI RACHID MIRALI
MADRID	MANUEL DE LA MAZA MARINA MEDIERO LOLA MIINGOT JUAN PABLO PAZ ARES MARIA SAINZ DEVICUNA	PACO	SABINE AUKEN JEROME ROMBAUT LEO ROMBAUT ROY WELLAND SIMON EKENBERG PETER FREDIN ADAM STOKKA DAVID WRANG
MASARAHLOU	ALAIN BENOIT ISMAIL CHAMAR MAISSA FARHANI GONCALVES RITA GHOSN	PARTYPACK	LUC MONNET CATHY T'KINT DE ROODENBEKE PIERRE T'KINT DE ROODENBEKE MARIE CHRISTINE VALENTI JANIAC GARY JONES CERI PIERCE TIM REES LAURA WOODRUFF
MATILDAS PLUS 2	HELENA DAWSON AXEL JOHANNSSON KINGA MOSES NEVILLE MOSES AVRIL ZETS CATHERINE (RUNMEI) ZHANG	PIEDS NOIR AND CO	GRAZYNA BREWIAK PIOTR BUTRYN MACIEJ DABROWSKI IGOR GRZEJDAK SABINA GRZEJDAK NATALIA SAKOWSKA MIROSLAW CICHOCKI CAPTAIN LENA LESZCZYNSKA COACH
MEXICO	NICOLA BENINGER GONZALO HERRERA PATRICIA HERRERA BOYCE ROBBINS	PIERCE	
		POLAND MIXED	

POLAND OPEN	KONRAD ARASZKIEWICZ KRZYSZTOF BURAS WOJCIECH GAWEL RAFAL JAGNIEWSKI KRZYSZTOF KOTOROWICZ PIOTR LUTOSTANSKI MAREK PIETRASZEK CAPTAIN	SWEDEN SENIOR	MARTEN GUSTAWSSON GORAN SELLDEN JOHAN SYLVAN OLLE WADEMARK BJORN WENNEBERG
POLAND WOMEN	CATHY BALDYSZ SOPHIA BALDYSZ KATARZYNA DUFRAT DANUTA KAZMUCHA ANNA SARNIAK JUSTYNA ZMUDA MIROSLAW CICHOCKI CAPTAIN	TEAM BLACK	PETER BERTHEAU ANDREW BLACK DAVID GOLD SIMON HULT ANDREW MCINTOSH THOMAS PASKE ANDREW BLACK CAPTAIN
PORTO	LENA LESZCZYNSKA COACH JOAO C. FERREIRA JOSE CARLOS HENRIQUES PAULO PESSANHA EDUARDO PINTO RUI PINTO	THE DARK KNIGHT	RAFAT ELSAYYAD WAEI MOHAMED SHERIF NOSHY MAHMOUD ZAITOUN SHERIF NOSHY CAPTAIN SHERIF NOSHY COACH
PORTUCOLE	CARLOS GONCALVES CAPTAIN ALEJANDRO BIANCHEDI MARGIE COLE PAULO DIAS ANTONIO PALMA ANTONIO PALMA CAPTAIN	UAE MIXED	ELVAN EDIS TIMUR EDIS NERMEEN QASIM NORANI HUMAYUN SUMAR GIANNA ARRIGONI GABRIELLA OLIVIERI FEDERICO PRIMAVERA ULRIKE SCHUSTER WALTER SCHUSTER GABRIELE ZANASI LEONARDO FRUSCOLONI FEDERICO IAVICOLI SEBASTIANO SCATA KATHERINE TODD
POWERSHARK	MARTIN ANDRESEN STIAN EVENSTAD NICOLAI HEIBERG-EVENSTAD THOR ERIK HOFTANISKA	ULI	LYNN BAKER HJORDIS EYTHORSDDOTTIR KAREN MCCALLUM JILL MEYERS KERRI SANBORN JANICE SEAMON-MOLSON JOE STOKES CAPTAIN MICHEL ABECASSIS JULIEN BERNARD MARC BOMPIS NICOLAS LHUISSIER PHILIPPE SOULET HERVE VINCIGUERRA
RABONO CALAMIS	JIE MIN KHO JIN XIANG ONG PAUL KAYZEN TAN SELENE TAN ZHEN HUAI TOH JIENING XU MOHAMMED CHRAIBI LARBI GUEDIRA ELIE LEVY TAHAR MEDDOUN MOHAMMED MEZIATI PETER WALTER BUCHEN MICHAEL DOECKE DAVID FRYDA ALEX KOLESNIK JENNY THOMPSON MICHAEL YUEN	USA E GETTA	
RIAD		USA WOMEN	
SANTOSHA		VINCIGUERRA	

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

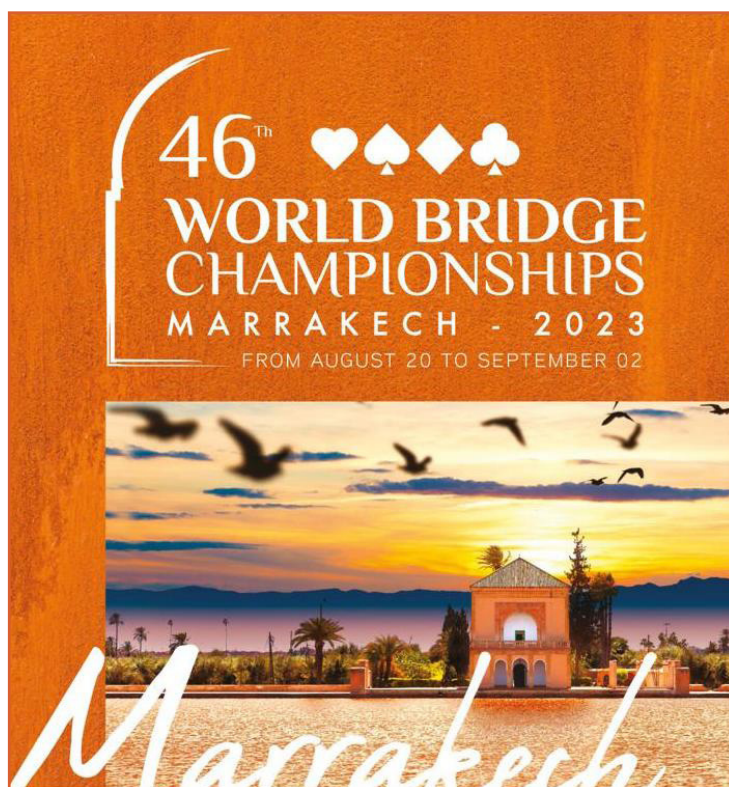


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It will cost €35, US\$35 or £30. Purchasers will be able to collect the book at a future championship of their choice, or have it mailed to them (at an additional cost of €10, US\$10 or £10).



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