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A Day full of Surprises



During the first two day's play we have seen several surprising results that suggest it will be tough to reach the knock-out phase.

It is a feature of all four events that some of the favourites have not yet found their best form and although there is still a long way to go they will be hoping for a change of fortune from today onwards, as experience has established that it can be difficult to make up lost ground.

In the Bermuda Bowl USA 2 are now the leaders, while in the Venice Cup Poland has established a commanding lead, having won all their matches, ahead of eight more European squads. The d'Orsi Trophy is still headed by USA 1 and Italy has taken over as leaders in the Wuhan Cup, in a contest where European teams currently occupy the top eight places.

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MARCH 27TH APRIL 9TH





SCHEDULE, DRAW, BBO MATCHES - Wednesday 30 March

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 7 – 10.00

ARGENTINA - ITALY
EGYPT - NORWAY
UAE - USA 2
URUGUAY - CANADA
GUADELOUPE - NEW ZEALAND
SINGAPORE - DENMARK
INDIA - USA 1
BBO SWEDEN - BULGARIA
BBO NETHERLANDS - SWITZERLAND
BBO AUSTRALIA - HUNGARY
ENGLAND - CHINA HONG KONG
SOUTH AFRICA - ISRAEL

Round 8 – 13.15

AUSTRALIA - ARGENTINA
SWEDEN - EGYPT
INDIA - UAE
ENGLAND - URUGUAY
ISRAEL - GUADELOUPE
BULGARIA - SINGAPORE
HUNGARY - DENMARK
NETHERLANDS - CHINA HONG KONG
BBO NORWAY - USA 2
BBO USA 1 - CANADA
BBO S. AFRICA - ITALY
NEW ZEALAND - SWITZERLAND

Round 9 – 15.50

ARGENTINA - NORWAY
EGYPT - NETHERLANDS
UAE - USA 1
URUGUAY - SOUTH AFRICA
GUADELOUPE - SWITZERLAND
SINGAPORE - CHINA HONG KONG
SWEDEN - INDIA
HUNGARY - ITALY
BBO USA 2 - BULGARIA
BBO CANADA - ENGLAND
NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA
BBO ISRAEL - DENMARK

Round 10 – 18.25

SWEDEN - ARGENTINA
HUNGARY - EGYPT
CANADA - UAE
NEW ZEALAND - URUGUAY
DENMARK - GUADELOUPE
ITALY - SINGAPORE
INDIA - CHINA HONG KONG
BBO USA 2 - AUSTRALIA
BBO NETHERL. - USA 1
ENGLAND - SOUTH AFRICA
BBO ISRAEL - NORWAY
SWITZERLAND - BULGARIA

VENICE CUP

Round 7 – 10.00

PORTUGAL - USA 2
MOROCCO - BRAZIL
UAE - DENMARK
EGYPT - GERMANY
ENGLAND - SCOTLAND
BBO FRANCE - CANADA
INDIA - SPAIN
HUNGARY - AUSTRALIA
NORWAY - TURKEY
BELGIUM - ARGENTINA
POLAND - ITALY
BBO SWEDEN - USA 1

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DENMARK - ITALY
GERMANY - SPAIN
BBO TURKEY - USA 2

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INDIA - BELGIUM
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SPAIN - ITALY
DENMARK - AUSTRALIA
POLAND - GERMANY
TURKEY - ENGLAND
HUNGARY - FRANCE
BBO SWEDEN - USA 2

D'ORSI TROPHY

Round 7 – 10.00

GUADELOUPE - USA 1
EGYPT - INDIA
PAKISTAN - ENGLAND
MOROCCO - NORWAY
DENMARK - TURKEY
POLAND - NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM - ICELAND
FRANCE - CANADA
BULGARIA - ITALY
SWEDEN - AUSTRALIA
USA 2 - ARGENTINA
BRAZIL - GERMANY

Round 8 – 13.15

DENMARK - GUADELOUPE
TURKEY - EGYPT
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GERMANY - MOROCCO
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NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM
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NORWAY - ICELAND

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BULGARIA - EGYPT
CANADA - PAKISTAN
AUSTRALIA - MOROCCO
BELGIUM - SWEDEN
INDIA - TURKEY
BBO FRANCE - USA 1
ENGLAND - GERMANY
USA 2 - NORWAY
ITALY - DENMARK
BRAZIL - POLAND
ICELAND - ARGENTINA

WUHAN CUP

Round 7 – 10.00

GUATEMALA - USA 2
TUNISIA - POLAND
JORDAN - ROMANIA
EGYPT - TURKEY
FRANCE - ISRAEL
DENMARK - BELGIUM
CHILE - INDIA
SINGAPORE - AUSTRALIA
NETHERLANDS - ARGENTINA
CROATIA - GERMANY
PORTUGAL - LATVIA
BBO USA 1 - ITALY

Round 8 – 13.15

FRANCE - GUATEMALA
ISRAEL - TUNISIA
USA 1 - JORDAN
LATVIA - EGYPT
DENMARK - SINGAPORE
BELGIUM - CHILE
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WBF Master Points at the WBTC in Salsomaggiore

There has been some confusion concerning the number of boards needed to be played in order to qualify for WBF Master Points. A requirement of 50% has been in circulation, which has been contemplated for the future but has not yet formally been adopted. Therefore the existing rules will be in effect for these Championships, meaning a minimum requirement of one third (1/3) of the boards played by the team will apply. There are further conditions involved relating to the Knockout stage and the full regulations are available at the following link: <http://www.wbfmasterpoints.com/MPRules.asp> under “Special Conditions for Team Matches”.

We apologise for any confusion.
The WBF Masterpoint Committee

CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

Mark Horton



It seems a long time since Wuhan 2019. However, this is no time to look backwards – the future is much more exciting as these Championships get under way.

As you wander around Salsomaggiore make sure you look in the shop windows – you will see plenty of evidence that for the next two weeks the town is immersed (is that a pun I ask myself) in bridge.

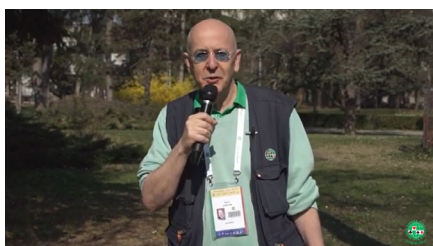
Waiting for various cables, routers and a wi-fi hub we assumed temporary residence in an office on the second floor. Marc de Pauw came in and announced that he was looking for ‘an intelligent person’. ‘You’re in the wrong room’ was our immediate response.

At precisely 15.15 Ron Tacchi rang to say that a major outage had occurred in his region of France meaning that the internet would be down for the next two days. The admirers of his jottings will both have to wait until later in the week.

Several teams have seen their personnel change in the days leading up to the start of the event thanks to Covid. In the d’Orsi Trophy Zia stepped in to replace David Berkowitz for USA I, while in the Venice Cup Heather Dhondy found out on Tuesday that she would have to replace Nicola Smith (not bad for either team to have a World Champion in reserve!). Meanwhile Boye Brogeland is in Rome, waiting for a negative test so he can join the Norwegian team.

If you would like to make a comment or ask a question about any aspect of the Championships, you can email me at: markhorton007@hotmail.com

VIDEO CORNER



Salsomaggiore dresses for bridge

Mark Horton takes us on a city tour and shows us how it is dressed for the occasion.

<https://youtu.be/sij-TNqezTQ>



Interview with Gavin Wolpert

Gavin Wolpert is a member of the USA 2 team in the 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships in Salsomaggiore terme, Italy. A friendly chat where Gavin tells us about his path to professional bridge.

<https://youtu.be/vdl4gktuPFY>


Ron Tacchi, VENICE CUP, ROUND 2

FRANCE vs NORWAY


The French pairs use five-card majors (no 2/1) and a strong NT whereas the Norwegian ladies play five-card majors with 2/1 and transfers over an opening One Club. Additionally, Fuglestad and Harding use a mini no-trump (10-12) in first and second positions when non-vulnerable.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heskje</i>	<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Vist</i>	<i>Avon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	All Pass

East's response of 1NT was forcing for one round and Two Clubs was the better minor and (obviously) could be three cards. East retreated to Two Diamonds where she languished uncomfortably. The defence started with a club which was the first (and last) piece of good news for declarer. A spade went to one of dummy's honours and was taken by North with the ace. South won the heart switch and then cashed the ace and persisted with a club which was taken in hand. A trump towards dummy saw South rise with the king and play yet another club. In dummy, declarer cashed two spades discarding hearts and played the trump queen, perforce taken by North with the ace. When she led a heart, declarer ruffed, but South was awake and discarded her last club and now had a tenace position in trumps, to take the last two tricks for two off vulnerable. It could, and perhaps should, have been three light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Harding</i>
—	—	—	1NT*
All Pass			

At this table the mini no-trump was employed; would it interfere with the opposition? It appears so, as West could not find an overcall of Two Spades. That might have been the choice of others, but pragmatically speaking, staying silent was a good thing as it prevented East/West from playing in a doomed contract. At first glance it looks as though declarer has at least six tricks with sporting chances of a seventh – but looks can be deceiving. Not unsurprisingly, West led and continued spades and declarer took the third round while East discarded two red twos. A heart from dummy allowed declarer to cash her two heart honours. A diamond to dummy's ace followed by cashing the heart king was followed by a diamond. We, of course, can see that should declarer rise with the king she will succeed in making her contract while should she finesse she will fail by two tricks. Declarer naturally took the finesse; after all East was heavy favourite to have the missing honour since she held only a singleton spade. Unlucky, two off and 7 IMPs to France.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heskje</i>	<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Vist</i>	<i>Avon</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Heskje</i>	<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Vist</i>	<i>Avon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass

In response to West's strong opener East showed a positive response. I am hopeful that I have correctly deciphered the bidding and that the 3NT denied a singleton and that Four Hearts was a control. After a Blackwood enquiry which unsurprisingly revealed nothing, Six Hearts asked for third-round control to bid the grand slam. Nicely bid; only one other pair in the Venice Cup duplicated reaching the grand slam, while six rested in game and one pair broke Burn's Law by playing in Six Clubs! South led a diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. A quick count of tricks tells us

that a single extra heart trick could be the thirteenth one that is required. Declarer took three rounds of trumps and then took the king and ace of hearts. After a heart ruff, when the ♥Q failed to appear, declarer was doomed, as she had insufficient entries to dummy to enjoy a master heart after a further ruff. If declarer forms the opinion that she needs a 4-2 heart break or better to succeed, then if she only takes two rounds of trumps before cashing the top two hearts, she can ruff one with the jack and then cross back to dummy with a trump to ruff out the suit whilst retaining a club entry.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Harding</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Two Clubs was game forcing and the Two Diamonds response awaited further clarification. The 2NT rebid was 24+. It seemed in the auction that East never seemed to fully express her values, particularly her sixth trump and so neither of her doubletons. Declarer played with absolute safety to ensure twelve tricks, taking no risk for the thirteenth. 14 IMPs to France.

At the end of the match France won by 47-11, 27 of those coming from the two slam hands (where on a different day they might have lost 24 IMPs).



World Championship Book Salsomaggiore 2022

The official book of these World Championships in Salsomaggiore will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw later this year. It will comprise approximately 300 full colour pages. The principal contributors will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Marek Wojcicki, Daniel Gulyas & Ron Tacchi. The book will include many photographs from the championships, a full list of results and extensive coverage of the major championship events. The official retail price will be £25, US\$35 and €30. The book will be distributed by Master Point Press and available from bridge suppliers around the world.

**Barry Rigal, Venice Cup, ROUND 2****USA1 vs USA2**

The match between the two USA teams saw both sides entering above average after two matches.

USAI survived an insouciant use of Blackwood by Emma Kolesnik to get her partnership to the five-level, where in the other room Janice Seamon-Molson had taken a less aggressive position facing a stronger sequence from her partner to stop safely in 4♥. 11 tricks came home in both rooms. The second board did generate IMPs for USAII though.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♠	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♠	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Amber Lin knew she was facing a an unbalanced hand for the 1♦ opener and had to commit to doubling or bidding on. Had she doubled, she would have collected a meager +100 but she went for bigger game. Right she was – in a sense – since 5♦ looks to be on the club finesse. However, the finesse turned out to be necessary, but not sufficient. Jill Meyers cashed two top spades, and got the club suit preference; however her club spots allowed her to exit passively in hearts and sit back for a diamond trick.

In the other room Shawn Quinn needed to find the club shift at trick two to beat 4♦; she followed the same line of defense, and Seamon-Molson eventually emerged with +130 and 5 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♦(GF)	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Inspired by her own lead-directing double, Meyers led a low spade and got in with her club winner to run the suit on defence for down one. It was a little harder for Quinn on the lead of the ♠Q, covered by the king. With diamonds threatening in dummy, was there a case to be made for finding partner with a miracle heart suit and not to have led one? That wouldn't give declarer much of an opener but was eg ♠Jxx ♥Qxx ♦KQx ♣Axxx possible? Once Quinn won the first spade to shift to hearts, her fate was sealed; had she continued spades, it would have been open to declarer to play on diamonds rather than clubs; but she would never have done so, I think. As it was, after the heart shift, declarer had more than enough winners by setting up clubs, and USAII led 19-0.

USAI added an overtrick IMP in 3NT to lead 19-0 after four deals. Finally, USA I got on the board; Pam Wittes and Kerri Sanborn each opened 1♦ with ♠K6 ♥K ♦AKJ109654 ♣72. Each heard their RHO show the majors, but Wittes heard her partner double to show cards, Sanborn heard her partner bid 2NT. Over the 3♠ call found by the next player in each room, Wittes bid 3NT and played there for 660, Sanborn bid 5♦ over 3♠ and also played there, this time for 620. Dummy had the black aces (plus some slow heart cards) so both games were cold; but USAI had their overtrick IMP to get off the Schneider and trail 19-1.

On the next deal it was the turn of West to have the long diamonds (nine to the AKJ10 in a 2-2-9-0 pattern). Each overcalled 5♦ and was doubled there, facing a dummy with the doubleton ♦9 and the club ace. But both were greeted with a club lead and escaped for down one and a push. If their LHO had not led a club the next most attractive lead would have been the singleton ♦Q - so it wasn't ever going to be that easy to extract the full pound of flesh here.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♥(♠)
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Emma Kolesnik found the accurate underlead of the

club ace at trick one, though yes, in fact, the club ace would have sufficed. Lin cashed two spades and shifted to hearts to get her ruff for down one. No drama; but in the other room Seamon-Molson led a trump against 4♠. Declarer drew two rounds and crossed to the ♦A to take a heart finesse...East suffered a momentary lapse of concentration (or as she eloquently put it to me "lost her *** mind") to play three rounds of hearts, and declarer claimed an unlikely 10 tricks for 12 IMPs to USAI.

Both Norths then reached 4♥ and needed to solve a king-jack guess at trick two in a game contract. Each correctly played the opening leader (who had led from a weak club suit to their partner's ace in an auction where both minors were unbid) to have the ♦A not the ♦Q, by putting in the jack. A push at 420.

Then USAI put up a huge swing:

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	2♦*	4♦(♠+♦)	Dble
4♠*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	2♥	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		


Kolesnik showed her two-suiter - not perhaps an underbid - answered keycard for diamonds (I believe) and played 6♦ down two on the obvious club lead. In the other room Wittes as North against 6♦ led a heart after it appears dummy had announced two keycards and a void. My understanding is that there may have been some doubt in the explanations as to whether



4♥ was Keycard or void showing, and that 4NT may have been intended as asking but interpreted as telling.

After the heart lead Sandra Rimstedt might have stripped off the hand completely before playing a club; but with the cards lying as they were, once she had pitched two clubs on the hearts all routes led to 12 tricks and 17 IMPs. USAII led 36-13 now.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
—	—	—	2♦
2♥	3♦	All Pass	

3♦ handled well enough for nine tricks, losing one in each suit. 2♠ by comparison was an inelegant spot. After Meyers' diamond lead it must have been tempting to win the ♦A and duck a heart. However, Kolesnik played a trump herself at trick two and when Sanborn flew with the ace to return one, tricks seemed few and far between. Kolesnik took her trump king, ruffed a diamond, and ducked a heart to South. Now Meyers tried to dislodge dummy's club entry by leading ♣Q; a good idea in theory, but Kolesnik won it to return a club and must have been relieved to see the king appear. The defenders reverted to diamonds, but Kolesnik ruffed the fourth in hand and cashed the ♠Q pitching hearts from the board. She led a club for North to ruff, and could emerge with two clubs, two red aces, a diamond ruff and three trump tricks in hand for +110 and 6 IMPs. That made it 36-19 for USAII.

USAI added another 4 IMPs when both USAII pairs

slightly overbid, reaching a no-play 3NT in one room while finding the cards lying poorly for the partscore they had attempted in the other room. Then it was USAII's turn to get into the action again by declaring at both tables – but this time the competition had the potential to backfire spectacularly.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
1♥	2♣	3♣(♦)	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Molson's 1NT contract handled beautifully after the ♠K scored trick one. Declarer took a diamond finesse and eventually finagled a second overtrick. But in the other room Meyers chose an unlucky moment to compete facing her partner's featherlight overcall. I'm not sure if there was any ambiguity about whether the 3♠ call was forcing, but North might have passed even if it was... Lin certainly had the opportunity on this auction to double 4♠ knowing it wouldn't make overtricks. When she didn't, (perhaps because 3♣ was consistent with a weak jump response in diamonds?) a potential disaster had become a mere flesh wound. The defenders cashed their red winners and led a third diamond, Lin pitching a club when declarer ruffed with the ♠7. That meant she could eventually score three trump tricks and that was +300. The 4 IMPs made it 27-36.

Just when USAI had started to reduce the gap to manageable proportions, USAII bid more than their opponents, yet again, and reaped the reward this time.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Sanborn	Kolesnik	Meyers
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♥*	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ ♥ + minor

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S.Rimstedt	Wittes	Seamon-Molson	Quinn
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♥*	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

2♥ ♥ + minor

Sanborn accepted the invitation to boost her partner to 4♠, Wittes competed to 3♠ over 2♠; but since she had not suggested real invitational values (else a

3♥ bid?) Quinn passed 3♠. Game isn't laydown but vulnerable I guess you'd like to be there. With the club ace onside and diamonds favorable, the 4-0 trump split turned out to be irrelevant. USAII had 10 IMPs and led now 46-27.

Both N/S pairs then did well to reach the right skinny game and have it come home on the only side-suit lead from South to let through the game (Against 3NT with declarer having 4-7 HCP and dummy a good long spade suit you hold ♠87/♥K1032/♦Q974/♣QJ2. A club or diamond beats the game outright, but a heart costs a trick and a tempo).

That left the potential for one more big swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Sanborn	Kolesnik	Meyers
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	Dble	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S.Rimstedt	Wittes	Seamon-Molson	Quinn
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	Dble	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In 4♠ two rounds of hearts start the force, but declarer can simply play two rounds of trumps, ducked, then shift to plain suits and West gets their two trump tricks when they want. Meanwhile Sanborn accurately led a trump against 5♥x after yet another sporting auction; but declarer could cash the ♠A and cross-ruff the remaining seven trump tricks for down 300. On what had seemed a match where one table or other did something exciting or aggressive on almost every deal, the contest finished with a 12 IMP victory for USAII.



Jill Meyers

**David Stern, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 2** **USA2 vs USA1**

It's been two and a half years since the last face-to-face World Championship in Wuhan, China, and here we are resuming a somewhat normalised life starting with these World Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. The word normal is of course qualified, with these championships not allowing spectators, not providing Vugraph, and other restrictions intended to keep everybody safe.

So here I am in 16,500 kilometres away in Sydney, Australia, watching and reporting on these championships and missing all my bridge friends, the atmosphere of the event and the social life that accompanies these events. To participants, enjoy the event and the return of face-to-face bridge and to those like me watching from afar, enjoy the online presentations and bulletin reports.

Round two sees USA2 (Bathurst-Hurd, Kranyak-Demuy) pitted against their countrymen USA1 (Hampson-Greco, Levin-Weinstein). Apart from the obvious rivalry, the players in this match share around 12 major international titles not to mention USA National wins.


Board one saw USA1 gain two IMPs when both tables were in 3NT with a minimum of nine tricks available and declarer, with no obvious clues, had to decide which side suit to go after for the overtricks.



Steve Weinstein

Board 2 saw a good battle to decide who owned the hand and who was sacrificing:

Board 18 Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	1NT	2♥*
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	1NT	2♥*
Dble	3♥	3♠	4♦
Pass	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

It isn't often that you open a 15-17 no-trump and find yourself having to sacrifice at the four level to try and win the board. After 1NT by East, South at both tables bid 2♥ to show hearts and a minor after which West doubled to show some values. Levin, North in the closed room, appreciated that his partner, having bid vulnerable against not, had to have a reasonable hand and elected to raise to 3♥ making it easy for N/S to find their very solid game. In bidding 4♠, it was likely that both Easts were hopeful of finding a singleton heart in dummy. It's easy when we can see all four hands that N/S can in fact make 11 tricks against the +300 at both tables.

USA 2 0 — USA1 2

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Responding 1NT with minimal values is normal these days especially holding a singleton in partner's suit. In doing so you are hoping to find a better or the best spot. It was not to be here with N/S not holding quite enough to be able to make anything more than 3♣. Playing a semi-forcing 1NT, Hampson finding himself one level higher, paid out -200 in the open room while Demuy conceded -100, for 3 IMPs to USA2.

USA 2 3 — USA 1 2

The next deal saw the first major swing of the match.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With double dummy benefit, we can see the defence has four easy tricks to cash. Both Norths led the six of diamonds to dummy's king and partner's ace. Hurd for USA2 returned the heart ten while Weinstein returned the heart nine, queen from both declarers. Bathurst chose to switch back to diamonds allowing declarer to pitch his losing heart on the third round in that suit while Levin continued with hearts to take the defence's third trick, with a trump yet to come. (Yes, ducking the diamond ace might have simplified the defence.) That was 12 IMPs to USA1.

USA 2 3 — USA1 14



Bobby Levin



The next deal saw both tables overreaching.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ 5 3 ♦ K 8 7 3 2 ♣ K J 5 4 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K 7 5 4 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ 10 8</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ 9 7 6</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 ♥ 10 9 8 7 6 4 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Based on Demuy's bid of 3NT, we can assume that some discussion may have subsequently taken place in the closed room on the strength of the 3♣ fit-showing jump. Three Diamonds failed by two tricks while 3NT failed by five tricks giving USA1 another 4 IMPs.

USA2 3 — USA1 18



Eric Greco

After a flat 3NT contract at both tables, USA2 struck back.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ K Q 5 3 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ 8 7 6 4 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ 5 2</p> <p>♠ K 5 4 2 ♥ J 10 6 4 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 10 9</p>	<p>♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ 7 ♦ K 9 8 5 4 ♣ A K J</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

While Six Diamonds may have been slightly more comfortable than Six Spades, the latter is quite playable with no losers outside of the trump suit.

In the closed room, Levin won the heart lead, played a spade to the nine and later conceded another spade after ruffing hearts in dummy. In the open room, Bathurst won the heart lead and boldly led the ♠Q pinning the jack, followed up with a spade finesse, two top clubs and a club ruff, another spade finesse and conceded a heart in the end after pitching one on the fifth diamond.

Four of the twenty-four tables reached 6♦ while eight others reached 6♠.

That was 13 IMPs to USA1 who now trailed by two IMPs.

USA 2 16 — USA 1 18

You hold ♠KJ87 ♥A92 ♦963 ♣J75. Your partner opens a 14-16 1NT - your bid. Kevin Bathurst for USA2 elected to pass and collected all the marbles - in fact partner held the full 16 count but that was the limit of the hand.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

In the closed room Levin, North, made an enquiry facing a 14+-17 no-trump, then bid 3NT which failed by one trick - that -50 together with -90 in the other room giving USA2 4 IMPs and the lead.

USA2 20 — USA1 18



Vincent Demuy

The last swing of note in the match came on this deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	1♣	Dble	1♠
2♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	1♣	1♦	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

The safe three diamonds in the closed room lost the four obvious tricks - one in each suit for +110, while 2♥ failed by two tricks in the open room. The defenders led clubs and then won the ♠K to return the suit. Declarer lost a heart finesse then regained the lead to take a diamond finesse. Now a third club saw declarer ruff in hand and play another diamond. The defenders ruffed and led a fourth club, holding declarer to three heart tricks and three black-suit winners. That meant 7 IMPs to USA2 which left the final score at USA2 27 and USA1 19.

PS: Both teams did well to bid 7♠ on these hands, reached by only eight of the twenty-four BB pairs:

♠ A K Q ♥ A 10 8 7 4 ♦ A J ♣ A K 6		♠ J 8 6 5 4 3 ♥ K J ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ Q 8
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**John Carruthers, BERMUDA BOWL, ROUND 2****WELL BOWLED**

Round 2 in the Bermuda Bowl saw some juicy lineups: USA1 vs. USA2, Norway vs. Sweden and Switzerland vs. Italy among them.

The penultimate deal gave the East/West pairs a chance to display their bidding prowess, or lack thereof.

(I confess to having made a couple of 'educated guesses' in the alert explanations. – JC)

Bermuda Bowl Round Robin 2
Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A K Q ♥ A 10 8 7 4 ♦ A J ♣ A K 6</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ Q 9 6 3 ♦ K Q 10 2 ♣ J 7 5 2</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 5 4 3 ♥ K J ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ Q 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 2 ♥ 5 2 ♦ 8 6 5 3 ♣ 10 9 4 3</p>
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USA1 v. USA2

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²	Pass
2♥ ³	Pass	2♠ ⁴	Pass
2NT ⁵	Pass	4♥ ⁶	Pass
4NT ⁷	Pass	5♣ ⁸	Pass
5♥ ⁹	Pass	5NT ¹⁰	Pass
6♣ ¹¹	Pass	7♠ ¹²	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Strong (16+ HCP), artificial, forcing
2. 0-7 HCP
3. Birthright (hearts or GF, balanced)
4. Forced
5. 25+ balanced, GF
6. Texas, 6+ spades
7. RKCB
8. 0 key cards
9. King ask
10. King of hearts
11. Third-round club control ask
12. Yes, I have it

On a diamond lead, Hampson won with the ace, took two rounds of trumps, cashed the king and ace of hearts, and ruffed a heart with the jack of spades. A trump to dummy, drawing the last of the defence's, another heart ruff and there were two discards for the diamonds. Plus 1510.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	Pass
2♥ ³	Pass	2NT ⁴	Pass
3♠ ⁵	Pass	4♥ ⁶	Pass
4NT ⁷	Pass	5NT ⁸	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Neutral, waiting
3. Natural
4. Spades
5. Agrees spades as trumps
6. Heart control, no minor-suit control
7. RKCB
8. 0 key cards, but extra values

Kranyak played card for card as Hampson did for a noble push.

Norway v. Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♠ ²	Pass
2NT ³	Pass	4♠ ⁴	Pass
4NT ⁵	Pass	5♣ ⁶	Pass
5NT ⁷	Pass	6♥ ⁸	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Natural positive
3. 23+ HCP, balanced
4. 6+ spades
5. RKCB
6. 0 key cards
7. King ask
8. King of hearts, no other king

It is always a pleasure to witness Helgemo/Helness in action, using superb bidding judgement and less

science than any other top-class pair. Helness made 1510 easily.

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Liugård	Wrang	Aa
—	—	—	Pass
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	Pass
2NT ³	Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass
4♣ ⁵	Pass	4♥ ⁶	Pass
4♠ ⁷	Pass	4NT ⁸	Pass
5♦ ⁹	Pass	6♠ ¹⁰	Pass
7♠ ¹¹	All Pass		

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Neutral, waiting
3. 24+ HCP, balanced
4. 5+ spades
5. Agrees spades, club control
6. Heart control, no diamond control
7. Willing to subside
8. Extra values, no other control to bid
9. Diamond control
10. I've seen enough
11. No, you haven't

In Switzerland versus Italy, Piotr Gawrys/Michal Klukowski bid efficiently to seven spades, only for

Gawrys, unaccountably, to go down on a diamond lead. Declarer won with the diamond ace and drew three rounds of trumps. When hearts went four-two, he was deservedly one off. Pathetically, this won 11 IMPs for Italy when Agustin Madala/Giorgio Duboin fought their way to Five Spades.

In the other Bermuda Bowl matches, Matthew Brown/Michael Whibley for New Zealand, Kamel Fergani/Marc-André Fourcadot for Canada and Kieran Dyke/Michael Byrne for England also bid the grand slam. Only Fourcadot went down.

In the Venice Cup, Irem Ozbay/Hatice Ozgur for Turkey and Torild Heskje/GunnTove Vist bid the grand slam. Ozbay succeeded and Vist failed.

In the Seniors, Björn Wenneberg/Göran Sellden for Sweden, Gustavo Mello/Emilio La Revere for Brazil, Alain Levy/Michel Abécassis for France and Mirza Shauq Hussain/Zakir Mahmood for Pakistan bid Seven Spades and all made it.

In the Mixed, Igor Grzejdziaik/Sabina Grzejdziaik of Poland, David Beauchamp/Jodi Tutty of Australia, Philippe Cronier/Bénédicte Cronier of France and Jānis Ilzins/Maija Romanovska of Latvia all bid the grand slam and all four declarers made it.

Photo: Fredrik Nyström and Frederic Wrang






Mark Horton, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 3

ALARM CLOCK

For the last couple of years I have been editing magazines for 52 Entertainment under the Le Bridgeur banner, firstly with BeBRIDGE and currently for Bridgerama US. At some point we featured an article about 'alarm clock signals' where a defender does something unusual with the idea of alerting partner to the possibility that something out of the ordinary is required.

An opportunity to 'wake partner up' arose in Round 3:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hult</i>
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♣*	4♠	5♦	All Pass

2♣ Transfer to ♦

South led the ♠K and when North followed with the five, he cashed the ace and switched to the ♣4, North's ruff representing the setting trick, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♠*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

When South led the ♠K North contributed the queen! That sounded the alarm for South who realised that his partner was endeavouring to send some special message. His next card was the ♣6 and North ruffed and returned the ♠5 to secure a second ruff. It was a brilliant way to acquire a couple of IMPs.



Simon Hult


David Stern, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 4
USA1 vs ENGLAND

Round 4 sees USA1, (11th) playing England (7th). Making life easier for readers and your reporter, all pairs play very natural systems.

The second board saw the first major swing of the match after an overtrick IMP to England on the first board.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
—	—	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

It looks to be one of two finesses or, on certain leads, a favourable club break - so certainly a reasonable slam to be in on minimal values. That was 12 IMPs to England.

USA1 0 – England 13

More IMPS to England on the next board on a deal where USA1 possibly deserved a better fate.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

As we can see, the 2-2 spade break and diamond finesse makes 4♠ a reasonable contract, but would you really want to be in it on the bidding? +620 in the open room and -170 in the closed room saw ten more IMPs flow into the Bank of England.

USA1 0 – England 23

How do you feel when you are playing 2♥x and you pick up the hand record which shows that the opponents can make, double dummy of course, ten tricks in hearts. Maybe ask Tom Townsend next time you see him...or then again maybe don't.



Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Double
1NT	Double	2♥	Double
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
1♥	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With all the diamond spot cards well secure, 3NT was no problem in the closed room with Byrne for England taking ten tricks for +630, combined with



David Bakhshi

-1400 (five down) in the open room, that was 13 IMPs to USA1 to take them off the “schneider”.

USA1 13 – England 23

Was USA1 lucky on this deal or not – you judge.

Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
—	1♦	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
—	1♣	1♠	2♦*
Pass	2♥	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ makes despite the diamond ruff with one spade loser going on a diamond and one on the ♣J after the ♣A has to be used to obtain the diamond ruff.

The interest was in the open room where Greco, North, declared 3NT for USA1. Had Townsend stumbled onto a club lead the contract would die a quick death after a spade return. Not unreasonably at all, Townsend chose the ♠Q won by declarer’s ace establishing a second stopper in the process. The second hurdle that declarer had to navigate, assuming in all likelihood that the missing aces were split, was which ace to dislodge first. Luckily for the USA, Greco correctly chose the play on hearts first making 11 tricks when East chose not to cash the ♠K and establish the jack for declarer.

One IMP for USA1 who now trailed 14-23.

Board 22 saw England extend their lead when USA1 failed in 2NT while England scored +180 in 2♦ doubled.

A flat board and then the power of the pre-empt.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 10 4 2
♥ K J
♦ J 10 9 8 2
♣ 5 3

♠ Q J 8 7
♥ A Q 9 7 6 5 4 2
♦ 5
♣ —
6



♠ K 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K 3
♣ K J 10 9 8 7

♠ 9 5 3
♥ 8
♦ A Q 7 6 4
♣ A Q 4 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Greco	Townsend	Hampson
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Byrne	Weinstein	Dyke
4♥	All Pass		

In the closed room, the defence took their four tricks, two spades a heart and diamond. In the open room, I suspect a double of 4♥ in the pass out seat would not be unpopular. That resulted in two down for -100 and 5 IMPs to England.

USA1 14 — England 35.

Small quiz – what is required to beat 5♦ by South – see the end of the article.

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

♠ K
♥ J 10 9
♦ K J 10 8 5 2
♣ Q J 7

♠ Q 8 7 5 3 2
♥ K 6
♦ A 4
♣ 9 6 5



♠ A J 9
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 9 3
♣ K 10 8 4 2

♠ 10 9 4
♥ A Q 8 7 4 2
♦ 7 6
♣ A 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Greco	Townsend	Hampson
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	2♥	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Byrne	Weinstein	Dyke
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♥	Dble
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Here both Easts came to life in support of spades after having passed North's opening bid. Bakhshi in the open room was kind of pushed into 4♠ after the opponents jumped to 4♥ whereas having heard the opponents tentatively move to 4♥, perhaps felt neither side could make 10 tricks. Dyke scores 4♥ for England while his teammates went -200 in the Open room for 6 IMPs to England.

USA1 14 — England 41.

It seemed about time to see USA1 score some IMPs and so it was on this deal:



Tom Townsend



Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 3 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A K 9 8 5 ♣ A 9 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 6 5 4 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ K J 8 2
♠ A Q J 10 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q ♣ Q 10 7 6 5 3	♠ K 8 2 ♥ Q J 7 6 5 2 ♦ J 10 7 4 ♣ —	

Both Easts reached 3NT after the opponents had bid and raised hearts.

In the open room, Hampson South for USA1 led the ♥6 won by declarer's king. Declarer then played on clubs knocking out the ace. The defence then cashed diamonds without unblocking the suit and allowing declarer to escape for one down.

The same scenario took place in the closed room..... to a point. North cashed the ♦A, seven from partner, ♦9 with the four from partner. When North cashed the ♦K South now played the ♦J leaving it unclear who held the ♦10. With this uncertainty, North then switched back to hearts allowing declarer to claim nine tricks and 12 IMPS for USA1

USA1 26 — England 41.

So many hands to report and so little time. England gained five IMPS defending 3♠x for 300 and allowing the opponents to play 3♣ making 130 in the other room.

USA1 26 — England 46

A game swing saw England extend their lead:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A J 10 6 ♥ J 6 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ Q 10 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 7 4 ♥ Q 10 5 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ K 4 2
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Bakhshi for England successfully finessed South for the ♠Q while Levin for USA1 unsuccessfully chose to play North for that card.

USA1 26 — England 58

England picked up another three IMPS on Board 30 by taking a -300 sacrifice in 5♥ against a making

+420 in the other room.

Along came something that we all dread as bridge players.....

Board 32. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

♠ Q 8 4 2 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ J 10 7 5 3 ♣ 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 6 ♥ A K Q 9 3 ♦ — ♣ A Q 10 6 5 2
♠ A J 5 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ J 9 8 4	♠ K 9 7 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K Q 8 4 2 ♣ K 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♦*	4♦	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1NT	3♦	4♥	All Pass

I cannot count the number of times that I have bid a grand slam, lost a bundle of IMPS only to find that bidding small slam would have gained a similar number. And, so it was on this hand. On a good day the ♣K would be onside but this was not a good day.

The final score USA1 39 – England 61 or 4.62 VPs – 15.38 VPs

Answer to the quiz – the only lead to beat 5♦ by South is a low spade.

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David Bird, VENICE CUP, ROUND 4

POLAND vs USA1


What assortment of deals awaits me as I take my seat to watch two of the world's top women's teams: Poland (currently leading the field) and USA-1? It will all depend on the Great Dealer, of course. Presumably he knows that today is my birthday. I've told him before that no sane bulletin reader is interested in minor-suit part scores. Let's see what mood he is in.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ K 6 5 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K J 10 ♣ J 10 7 3 2	♠ J 4 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 9 7 ♣ K 9 8 5 4 <div style="background-color: #800040; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 2 ♥ J 7 5 4 3 2 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ Q ♠ A Q 10 9 7 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 6	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	S Baldysz	Wittes	C Baldysz
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

My friend, Marc Smith, would have viewed the East cards as an 'obvious weak-two, particularly with that extra heart.' Pam Wittes presumably does not attend Marc's internet bridge classes and opted to pass.

On grounds of frequency, it makes sense for North's 4♣ to be a cue-bid agreeing spades. Sophia Baldysz thought for quite a while over her partner's 4♥. She did have the important diamond control but was otherwise fairly minimum for her slam try. Eventually, she reached for the 5♦ card, and the slam was reached. Bravo!

A club lead would have threatened a ruff in that suit, although declarer could have thwarted it by playing ace and another trump. As it was, Cathy Baldysz won the heart lead in dummy, ran the ♠J to the king and finessed the queen on the ♦10 switch. A treasured +1430 was inscribed in the Polish plus column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Lin	Sarniak	Kolesnik
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The recently graduated USA juniors were playing two-over-one. The South cards did not justify a 3♠ rebid in their methods, and the slam was missed. They know much more than I do about two-over-one systems, so I will not stretch my resources to suggest a route to the slam. Twelve tricks were made, after a heart lead, and it was 12 IMPs to Poland.

Not long afterwards, the Great Dealer really produced the goods. We will look first at what happened in the Closed Room.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ Q J 5 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 9 6 5	♠ 9 8 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ A 10 7 3 2 <div style="background-color: #800040; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 7 3 ♥ J 10 7 2 ♦ J 10 4 3 ♣ 8 4 ♠ A K 6 4 ♥ A Q 5 4 ♦ Q 7 6 5 2 ♣ —	
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Closed room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Lin	Sarniak	Kolesnik
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Playing Polish Club, Danuta Kazmucha opened with a natural 2♣. When Emma Kolesnik's double was passed round to Anna Sarniak, I cannot tell you whether she managed to disguise her sense of foreboding. (It would have been totally beyond me.)

Amber Lin led king and another heart, and was later able to discard a spade on the third round of hearts. The Americans took all their tricks and were rewarded with a fine +1100. How many IMPs would you expect to swing on this deal? The answer is eleven. USA supporters should look away now, as I tell you that



this swing went to Poland!


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	S Baldysz	Wittes	C Baldysz
1♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	All Pass

West passed the SOS Redouble, not expecting any other suit to play well. The Polish defence was every bit as accurate as at the other table, and the penalty for three down redoubled was 1600.

A surprising bidding error added several more IMPs to Poland's total on this deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	S Baldysz	Wittes	C Baldysz
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Not for the only time in this match, the decision was made to bid the higher suit first, even though it was one card shorter. If the bidding starts 1♦–1♥–2♦–2♠, there is every chance that you will be able to complete your description with a bid of 3♠. As it was, North was perhaps fearful of continuing with 4♥ over 3NT since this might well be corrected into the shorter spade suit.

A club was led to East's jack, declarer winning with the king. When she led a heart, Shawn Quinn rose with the ace and persisted with a club to dummy's ace. A spade to the jack and ace was followed by a third round of clubs, and declarer had to discard from the dummy. The ♠10 was due to fall, which would have left her with nine tricks after a heart discard. Very reasonably, Cathy Baldysz preferred to discard the ♠8. She then finessed the ♥J to produce a happy ending and +660 on her card.

You haven't seen a 'surprising bidding error' yet, are you thinking? I agree, but we have seen only one of the two auctions.



Shawn Quinn

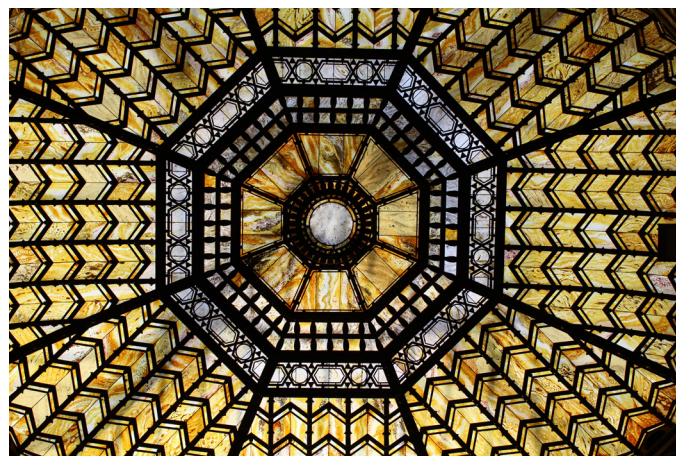
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Lin	Sarniak	Kolesnik
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

A 'reverse by responder' is forcing. It is not for us to say any more about it, particularly as (in my view) North had made the correct response on her hand. Let's step silently forward to Board 25.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	S Baldysz	Wittes	C Baldysz
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♥*	4♥
All Pass			

North's Support Double showed 3-card heart support and East's 2♥ cue-bid indicated a sound spade raise. Cathy Baldysz could now visualise spade shortage across the table. (I would have to write 'envison the shortage' in one of my books for Masterpoint Press). Her jump to 4♥ closed the auction.

East won the spade lead and switched to a club, run to the dummy's jack. A club to the ace was followed by a diamond, declarer guessing well to rise with the king. A second round of diamonds went to West's ace. Declarer ruffed a third round of clubs, ruffed a spade loser, returned to the trump ace, and ruffed her last spade. Her card play had been as admirable as her bidding. She lost just one spade, one heart and one diamond, scoring +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Lin	Sarniak	Kolesnik
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♥*	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

The spade part score might have been made. At trick seven, with ♠875 and ♣965 left in her hand, Kazmucha led a club to the king instead of the 10. and went one down. It was still another 8 IMPs to Poland.

The final score was 57-1 in Poland's favour, worth 19.61-0.39 in VPs. They had played splendidly well, impressing at least one 'elderly gent' in the audience.



Sophia Baldysz

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 7 2 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 10 9		♠ AK53 ♥ A5 ♦ AQ3 ♣ KJ85	♠ 6 4 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ 6 4 3 2
♠ Q J ♥ J 10 8 6 2 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ A Q 7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

East's 3♠ had already implied a spade fit, so game was reached easily enough by the Swiss. The ♥J lead was covered all round and declarer's logical next move was a low club, trying to get rid of the diamond losers, as the trumps could wait. South hopped up with the queen and continued hearts, declarer ruffing the 3rd round and only then cashing the ♠A. South contributed the ♠Q and a club came next. South won the ace and exited in diamonds. Declarer won the queen and ruffed a club in dummy to create an entry for the trump finesse indicated by the restricted choice, because getting rid of the diamond loser on another club could wait, too. Nicely played but the patient died...India +100.

In the replay, they also were quickly in 4♠, as you can see...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Majumdar</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥J which ran to declarer's ace. Facing a lot of possible losers, declarer started off by banging down the ♠AK. End of story. India +620 and 12 IMPs to them.

And yet another double-figure swing occurred on the next board...

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q J 5 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 9 6 5		♠ 10 7 3 ♥ J 10 7 2 ♦ J 10 4 3 ♣ 8 4	♠ 9 8 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ A 10 7 3 2
♠ AK64 ♥ AQ54 ♦ Q7652 ♣ —			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Dble
2♣	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After a natural enough auction, the Indians were not interested in defending 2♣ doubled, though it would have netted at least 800. South, with his club void, preferred the certain-looking vulnerable game. On a ♣K lead and ♣J continuation, ten tricks were easy enough when the diamonds were by no means unfriendly. India +630.



Fernando Piedra



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Zimmermann	Majumdar	Piedra
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dble
Rdbl	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

After a perhaps overly-careful 1NT call, Zimmermann tried to produce a forward-going raise in diamonds, but the message did not reach his partner. This way, game was missed. Twelve tricks, Switzerland +170 but 10 more IMPs to India who led 32-13 after just four boards...

The next three boards were much quieter (no surprise after this exciting start) and this was board 24:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Anklesaria	Drijver	Tewari
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When 4♥ came round to Tewari, he found a hair-raising double. It was nearly impossible for N/S to reach 5♦ played by South, even more so when North quite logically opted for 4♠. With the clubs 7-0 and the trumps 4-2 the contract was impossible to handle. One down, Switzerland +50 with 4♥ not on for them (or so it appeared).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Zimmermann	Majumdar	Piedra
4♥	All Pass		

No adventurous actions by N/S at this table, so North quietly led the ♦J which Piedra overtook to shift to his trump – a necessary move to prevent a

spade ruff. Declarer's queen lost to the king and the ♥J was returned, upon which the heart procession started. Dummy discarded the ♦K and lots of clubs and South got rid of three of his remaining diamonds (not the ace!) and three clubs (not the ace either!). Still, North decided to let go a spade on the penultimate trump and that was all Mukherjee needed. 4♥ just made, India +420 and 9 IMPs to them.

Next came:

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Anklesaria	Drijver	Tewari
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	2♦	2♠
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North's support double over 1♠ was all Tewari needed to have a go at 4♥ when 3♠ ran round to him. West led a club to dummy's queen and the ♠K went to East's ace. A trump came back but declarer put up the ace, ruffed a spade, crossed to the ♣A and ruffed his last spade. Back to hand with a club ruff, a trump to West and an eventual correct guess in diamonds saw the contract home. India +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Zimmermann	Majumdar	Piedra
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♠	All Pass		

No support double and less aggression later when the Swiss decided to sell out to 3♠. One down but only +100 to them for another 8-IMP loss.

On the next board, both South players showed their pre-empt in hearts, but with vastly different results.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

North's 3♦ was invitational in hearts but South was not interested, as we can understand. Because Drijver had not been able to act over 3♦, Brink also called it a day. Bye-bye club fit! West led a club so a spade went away and 3♥ was just made. India +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Majumdar</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	—	Pass	2♦
3♣	3♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	Dble	All Pass	



Pierre Zimmermann

Mukherjee started well by showing his longer suit but sitting for 3NT doubled was asking too much from him and rightly so. AK/A and a pre-empting partner were not enough for Zimmermann's second double to pay off, however. Declarer lost only a diamond and the inevitable trump ace for a score of +910, a rarity and worth 14 IMPs to India, who had thus increased their lead to 64-20.

One board later, it was the Indians' turn to pull the trigger.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

This was a remarkable sequence. North's double was support and South's double was invitational. Together, however, N/S were holding enough high cards to collect 300 with no game on.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Majumdar</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Piedra's light opening as dealer changed the tempo of the auction and led the Swiss to an impossible 3NT. Spade lead and down two. India another +100 and 9 more IMPs to them on their way to an eventual shock win: 76-20 or 19.69 - 0.31 V.P. India would go up the table and into the qualifying spots while Switzerland had suffered a serious early setback.



Ron Tacchi, WUHAN CUP, ROUND 5



ISRAEL vs ROMANIA



I was pleased to be asked to report on this match as I had rated the Romanian team as my dark horse for this event and they had been at or near the top of the rankings from the off. Both teams are playing five-card majors with 2/1.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Saada</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Bareket</i>
—	—	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A tactic that still has life in it and always brings a smile to my lips. Did North doze off, does he think West's bid is serious? For 3NT to make West must have a double stop in hearts. A double would not be risking much and if it is the case that West is trying it on, all will be swiftly revealed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tal</i>	<i>Mihai R</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Mihai G</i>
—	—	3♣	Pass
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West was probably congratulating herself in continuing the barrage and the opposition then failing to find their slam. No doubt he was disappointed when it came to scoring up with 9 IMPs going to Romania.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Saada</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Bareket</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A perfectly reasonable auction to a not unreasonable contract. A fourth best ♥5 was lead, won in hand by declarer with the ♥10. Declarer cleared the diamond suit leaving North on lead and the continuation was another heart to declarer's ace. She now cashed her diamonds and crossed to dummy to lead a club, but South was not going to be caught napping and rose with the ace and led back a heart for North to cash his two established hearts for a one trick set.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tal</i>	<i>Mihai R</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Mihai G</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

An identical auction and lead. At trick two declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond and immediately led a club. It was not clear to South that the only defence was to rise with the ace and continue hearts and indeed there are certainly layouts where rising with the ace would not be the right thing to do. Declarer put the defence to the test early on before they had a complete picture of the hand and as often happens gained from it. After sneaking a club

trick the diamonds were then set up and declarer had nine tricks before the defence had five. 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegarioiu</i>	<i>Saada</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Bareket</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

I suspect no one knew who was sacrificing against whom. The bad news for Romania was that they were a level too high, and the opponents could only make nine tricks in their denomination. The king of spades was led and ruffed in hand. When declarer placed the ♦Q on the green baize she was not prepared for the following. North, apparently without much thought, rose with the king only to see partner play the ace on it. Seconds later declarer claimed twelve tricks. There was talk among the kibitzers about the 5♥ bid being too imaginative – as one kibitzer remarked – ‘it wasn’t the bid that was the problem’.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tal</i>	<i>Mihai R</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Mihai G</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣*
2♥	4♠	5♦	All Pass

A more sedate auction at this table and Five Diamonds made without any brouhaha but it was 14 IMPs to Romania rather than the same number to Israel.

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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegarioiu</i>	<i>Saada</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Bareket</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Nobody refuses an invite to game these days so the bids between 3♥ and 4♥ were just extraneous noise. After a club lead and a trump back to the ace in hand a successful finesse against the trump queen brought home ten straightforward tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tal</i>	<i>Mihai R</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Mihai G</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A similar auction and an identical lead but this time declarer elected to finesse against South and so was doomed to failure. I can see no reason for choosing one line over the other – it all depends as whether it is your lucky day and so a ‘lucky’ 12 IMPs to Romania.

Board 10. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Here is a deal for you to bid the NS hands with your

favourite partner (if you open 2♣ West overcalls 3♣). Can you get to the laydown grand slam in spades? Neither team managed that feat in this match, both resting at the six-level for a push. In the Bermuda Bowl 14 of the 24 pairs bid the grand slam, 8 in the Venice Cup, 13 in the D’Orsi Trophy and 10 in the Wuhan Cup.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegarioiu</i>	<i>Saada</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Bareket</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	4♦*	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ Multi
4♦ bid your major

A good advert for the Multi. Checking my well-thumbed copy of the editor’s well-known ‘The Mysterious Multi’ it explains that 4♦ is a transfer to opener’s major without slam interest. Evidently North had marked, learned, and inwardly digested his copy of the book. Declarer had no problem with his contract, just losing the three aces.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tal</i>	<i>Mihai R</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Mihai G</i>
—	—	—	1♠
3♣	4♣	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

The effect of opening the South hand with a ‘genuine’ opening bid was that it gave West licence to make a weak jump overcall and so a defence against the major-suit game was found. Unfortunately, my internet feed failed during the play of the hand so I can only say that declarer escaped for one down and so a gain of 11 IMPs to Israel.

At the end of a match with a few interesting deals Romania had emerged victorious with a score 39-29, which left them in second place in the rankings just 0.64 VPs behind Germany.

RESULTS

BERMUDA BOWL

Round	Country 1	Country 2	Score 1	Score 2	Score 1	Score 2
Round 4	DENMARK	ARGENTINA	92	5	20	0
	CHINA HONG KONG	EGYPT	42	22	15	5
	SWEDEN	UAE	56	0	19.69	-0.19
	USA 2	URUGUAY	63	14	19.07	0.93
	CANADA	GUADELOUPE	74	24	19.16	0.84
	NEW ZEALAND	SINGAPORE	36	54	5.4	14.6
	BULGARIA	NORWAY	46	68	4.62	15.38
	ITALY	ISRAEL	62	18	18.55	1.45
	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	30	39	7.45	12.55
	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	22	20	10.61	9.39
	INDIA	SWITZERLAND	76	20	19.69	0.31
	USA 1	ENGLAND	39	61	4.62	15.38
	Round 5	ARGENTINA	BULGARIA	67	59	12.29
EGYPT		ITALY	40	57	5.61	14.39
UAE		NETHERLANDS	24	83	0.07	19.93
URUGUAY		INDIA	22	48	3.41	16.09
GUADELOUPE		ENGLAND	12	56	1.45	18.55
SINGAPORE		ISRAEL	7	49	1.67	18.33
CHINA HONG KONG		SWEDEN	15	67	0.66	19.34
AUSTRALIA		SWITZERLAND	31	52	4.81	15.19
NORWAY		NEW ZEALAND	36	29	12.03	7.97
HUNGARY		USA 2	13	46	2.83	17.17
USA 1		DENMARK	18	31	6.48	13.52
CANADA		SOUTH AFRICA	57	41	14.18	5.82
Round 6		CHINA HONG KONG	ARGENTINA	57	37	14
	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	21	31	7.2	12.8
	HUNGARY	UAE	96	0	20	0
	USA 1	URUGUAY	69	21	18.97	1.03
	SOUTH AFRICA	GUADELOUPE	36	32	11.2	8.8
	SWITZERLAND	SINGAPORE	45	20	15.92	4.08
	USA 2	INDIA	78	18	20	0
	NORWAY	DENMARK	18	30	6.72	13.28
	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	38	16	15.38	4.62
	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	18	27	7.45	12.55
	CANADA	BULGARIA	48	51	9.09	10.91
	ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND	5	66	0	20

Ranking after Round 6

1		USA 2	94.23
2		DENMARK	89.45
3		NETHERLANDS	87.88
4		NORWAY	75.97
5		HUNGARY	75.62
6		ENGLAND	74.40
7		NEW ZEALAND	74.23
8		SOUTH AFRICA	73.73
9		CANADA	72.28
10		SWITZERLAND	71.68
11		SWEDEN	70.92
12		ITALY	70.55
13		USA 1	67.50
14		INDIA	67.22
15		ISRAEL	64.63
16		CHINA HONG KONG	57.82
17		AUSTRALIA	49.44
18		BULGARIA	44.72
19		EGYPT	44.23
20		SINGAPORE	29.18
21		GUADELOUPE	25.00
22		ARGENTINA	23.31
23		URUGUAY	23.01
24		UAE	10.00

VENICE CUP

Round	Country 1	Country 2	Score 1	Score 2	Score 1	Score 2
Round 4	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	40	42	9.39	10.61
	FRANCE	MOROCCO	65	22	18.44	1.56
	SWEDEN	UAE	31	17	13.75	6.25
	TURKEY	EGYPT	62	38	15.74	4.26
	ARGENTINA	CANADA	30	31	9.69	10.31
	ITALY	USA 2	83	23	20	0
	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	26	44	5.4	14.6
	INDIA	DENMARK	12	74	0	20
	BRAZIL	BELGIUM	76	24	19.34	0.66
	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	41	49	7.71	12.29
	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	65	12	19.43	0.57
	POLAND	USA 1	57	2	19.61	0.39
	Round 5	PORTUGAL	ARGENTINA	48	23	15.92
MOROCCO		CANADA	28	47	5.2	14.8
UAE		NORWAY	20	58	2.15	17.85
EGYPT		USA 1	47	63	5.72	14.08
ITALY		INDIA	56	23	17.17	2.83
TURKEY		HUNGARY	61	20	18.21	1.79
FRANCE		GERMANY	56	19	17.72	2.28
BRAZIL		POLAND	37	50	6.48	13.52
SCOTLAND		DENMARK	39	30	12.55	7.45
SWEDEN		AUSTRALIA	38	25	13.52	6.48
BELGIUM		SPAIN	45	43	10.61	9.39
USA 2		ENGLAND	23	52	3.42	16.58
Round 6		ITALY	PORTUGAL	108	5	20
	INDIA	MOROCCO	25	50	4.08	15.92
	BELGIUM	UAE	63	20	18.44	1.56
	HUNGARY	EGYPT	29	27	10.61	9.39
	USA 2	BRAZIL	48	14	17.31	2.69
	ENGLAND	FRANCE	36	13	15.56	4.44
	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	13	46	2.83	17.17
	SCOTLAND	TURKEY	16	28	6.72	13.28
	USA 1	GERMANY	30	30	9.9	9.9
	NORWAY	SPAIN	75	2	20	0
	DENMARK	ARGENTINA	64	34	16.73	3.27
	SWEDEN	POLAND	31	47	5.82	14.18

Ranking after Round 6

1		POLAND	101.98
2		DENMARK	92.56
3		NORWAY	86.04
4		ENGLAND	81.02
5		TURKEY	75.89
6		ITALY	73.88
7		FRANCE	72.63
8		SWEDEN	70.26
9		SCOTLAND	69.26
10		CANADA	67.07
11		USA 2	62.70
12		SPAIN	61.59
13		PORTUGAL	60.02
14		USA 1	56.70
15		HUNGARY	54.09
16		MOROCCO	52.52
17		BELGIUM	50.33
18		AUSTRALIA	41.82
19		GERMANY	41.52
20		UAE	41.27
21		BRAZIL	38.78
22		ARGENTINA	37.11
23		INDIA	24.73
24		EGYPT	23.63



RESULTS

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Round	Country	Country	Score	Score	Score	Score
Round 4	ICELAND	GUADELOUPE	57	51	11.56	8.04
	POLAND	EGYPT	56	20	17.59	2.41
	FRANCE	PAKISTAN	64	24	18.09	1.91
	ITALY	MOROCCO	78	31	18.87	1.13
	AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS	47	27	15	5
	ARGENTINA	USA 1	19	55	1.41	15.59
	DENMARK	BRAZIL	56	28	16.22	3.38
	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	33	72	2.03	17.97
	INDIA	SWEDEN	31	22	12.55	7.45
	TURKEY	NORWAY	66	7	19.93	0.07
	BULGARIA	GERMANY	26	28	9.29	10.51
	USA 2	CANADA	69	42	16.26	3.74
	Round 5	GUADELOUPE	AUSTRALIA	4	74	0
EGYPT		NETHERLANDS	33	44	6.96	13.04
PAKISTAN		BULGARIA	28	56	3.58	16.42
MOROCCO		CANADA	20	43	4.44	15.56
ARGENTINA		BELGIUM	55	45	12.8	7.2
USA 1		DENMARK	21	42	4.81	15.19
POLAND		NORWAY	38	17	15.19	4.81
INDIA		USA 2	63	29	17.31	2.69
TURKEY		ENGLAND	67	49	14.6	5.4
FRANCE		GERMANY	32	51	5.2	14.8
SWEDEN		ICELAND	26	44	5.4	14.6
ITALY		BRAZIL	39	15	15.74	4.26
Round 6		ARGENTINA	GUADELOUPE	37	19	14.6
	BELGIUM	EGYPT	40	29	13.04	6.96
	SWEDEN	PAKISTAN	74	0	20	0
	BRAZIL	MOROCCO	43	47	8.8	11.2
	USA 1	INDIA	57	17	18.09	1.91
	DENMARK	POLAND	47	24	15.56	4.44
	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	32	30	10.61	9.39
	TURKEY	ITALY	36	28	12.29	7.71
	FRANCE	USA 2	29	23	11.76	8.24
	BULGARIA	ICELAND	26	54	3.58	16.42
	ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA	43	26	14.39	5.61
	CANADA	NORWAY	45	21	15.74	4.26

Ranking after Round 6

1		USA 1	89.32
2		DENMARK	88.74
3		ITALY	83.47
4		POLAND	78.86
5		INDIA	74.82
6		GERMANY	74.77
7		ENGLAND	74.09
8		FRANCE	73.98
9		ARGENTINA	70.46
10		AUSTRALIA	63.78
11		CANADA	62.12
12		SWEDEN	61.06
13		BULGARIA	59.18
14		NETHERLANDS	58.14
15		ICELAND	57.24
16		TURKEY	57.20
17		USA 2	56.08
18		BELGIUM	45.18
19		MOROCCO	43.34
20		BRAZIL	42.25
21		PAKISTAN	37.55
22		NORWAY	35.39
23		EGYPT	24.46
24		GUADELOUPE	22.92

WUHAN CUP

Round	Country	Country	Score	Score	Score	Score
Round 4	INDIA	GUATEMALA	72	14	19.45	0.15
	DENMARK	TUNISIA	52	25	16.26	3.74
	SINGAPORE	JORDAN	60	36	15.74	4.26
	ARGENTINA	EGYPT	47	7	18.09	1.91
	GERMANY	BELGIUM	55	22	17.17	2.83
	USA 1	AUSTRALIA	52	54	9.39	10.61
	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	83	25	19.85	0.15
	CHILE	ROMANIA	17	46	3.42	16.58
	ITALY	USA 2	60	48	13.28	6.72
	ISRAEL	TURKEY	24	58	2.69	17.31
	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	37	51	6.25	13.75
	POLAND	CROATIA	81	32	19.07	0.93
	Round 5	GUATEMALA	GERMANY	17	87	0
TUNISIA		BELGIUM	13	87	0	20
JORDAN		NETHERLANDS	56	18	17.85	2.15
EGYPT		AUSTRALIA	24	28	8.8	11.2
ITALY		CHILE	64	19	18.66	1.34
USA 2		FRANCE	32	46	6.25	13.75
DENMARK		TURKEY	30	29	10.31	9.19
POLAND		USA 1	41	54	6.48	13.52
ARGENTINA		PORTUGAL	43	41	10.61	9.39
SINGAPORE		LATVIA	26	67	1.29	18.21
CROATIA		INDIA	25	21	11.2	8.8
ISRAEL		ROMANIA	29	39	7.2	12.8
Round 6		ITALY	GUATEMALA	66	12	19.52
	CHILE	TUNISIA	29	26	10.41	9.09
	CROATIA	JORDAN	51	22	16.58	3.42
	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	60	40	15	5
	AUSTRALIA	TURKEY	15	43	3.58	16.42
	FRANCE	DENMARK	14	38	4.26	15.74
	BELGIUM	LATVIA	41	32	12.55	7.45
	ISRAEL	ARGENTINA	42	41	10.31	9.69
	SINGAPORE	USA 1	45	40	11.48	8.52
	NETHERLANDS	INDIA	49	35	13.75	6.25
	ROMANIA	GERMANY	48	36	13.28	6.72
	USA 2	POLAND	36	28	12.29	7.71

Ranking after Round 6

1		ITALY	93.97
2		ROMANIA	91.55
3		GERMANY	86.63
4		FRANCE	81.21
5		TURKEY	77.21
6		LATVIA	75.70
7		BELGIUM	74.22
8		POLAND	72.14
9		USA 1	68.78
10		DENMARK	67.57
11		AUSTRALIA	62.88
12		USA 2	61.85
13		CROATIA	58.95
14		PORTUGAL	57.96
15		ISRAEL	57.70
16		INDIA	56.78
17		NETHERLANDS	56.28
18		ARGENTINA	52.61
19		JORDAN	47.56
20		SINGAPORE	39.95
21		CHILE	31.50
22		EGYPT	25.61
23		TUNISIA	20.54
24		GUATEMALA	18.35