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Who knows what the Future holds?



Smile please, you're on Candid Camera!

Yesterday was one of the most exciting in the long history of the World Team Championships, the 32 teams having to contend with some coruscating deals frequently resulting in a significant number of IMPs changing hands.

In the Bermuda Bowl all four matches are too close to call. In the Venice Cup Turkey appears to have a stranglehold in their match against USA2, but the other three matches are still in the balance. A similar situation appears in the d'Orsi Trophy, where, while France's overnight lead over Sweden is surely insurmountable, the other three matches could still go either way. The Wuhan Cup mirrors the situation in the Bermuda Bowl with all four contests still very much in the melting pot. A great day surely lies in store for both the players and the thousands of spectators who are following the action online.

SHOPPING TRIP

On **Wednesday, April 6**, there will be a free transfer to the outlet Fidenza Village.
The Bus will be leaving at 12.15 from the venue and return at 16.30.

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BRIDGECARE



At the 2019 World Youth Championships in Opatija WBF President Gianarrigo Rona asked our Internet Broadcasting Manager Traian Chira if he could design something that would enable all 96 tables at a World Bridge Team Championship to be on camera.

The first problem to be solved was to create a system which could be wireless, as it would be physically impossible to wire so many cameras. Traian started by seeking out a 5V IP camera, an essential element, as it had to be powered by a battery. Having found the camera he then turned his attention to the battery, eventually locating a

30000mA/h battery which can power the camera for an appropriate amount of time. Although that meant a large part of the problem had been solved, there was still a lot to do. Traian had to construct pouches for the batteries and an adapter that would allow the camera head to be attached to the support. Once this massive task had been completed Traian contacted IT Systems Manager Hans van Staveren, and together they created a network system for the cameras.



The key features of the



system are as follows:

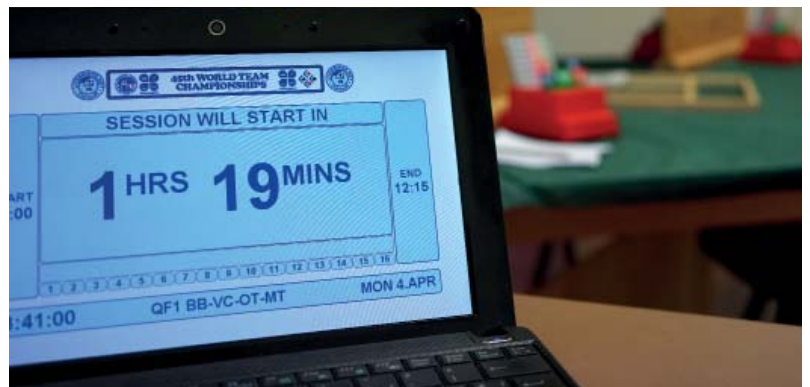
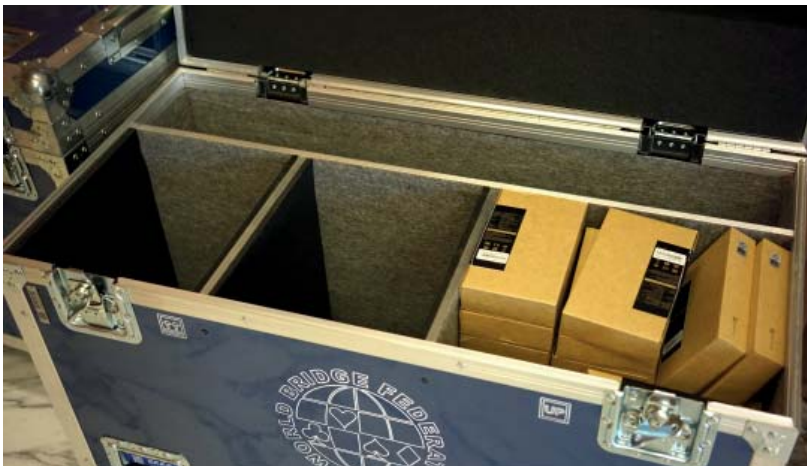
1. All the cameras record at 1080 pixels onto an SD card, so it is super safe, as even if the Wi-Fi fails, the recordings are saved.

2. All the cameras are completely mobile (no wires), so they can be moved to any location desired. They have an operating time of 60-70 hours.

3. All the recordings are available to the directors in real time.

So, history is being made here in Salsomaggiore, as this is the first time at a World Team Championship that the action at every table has been recorded. It has already proved to be an invaluable aid to the directing staff, who have repeatedly consulted the videos, which have already proved their worth by resolving numerous cases where the facts were disputed. It is estimated that they have already been used more than 100 times.

These cameras can also be used in cases where the possibility of unfair play is being investigated.



**Mark Horton**

Play this Hand with Me

Almost inevitably the last match of a long qualifying event will be a nervous affair for some of the teams. During one such I find myself looking at these cards:

Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 5
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ A 9

When I open 1♥ my partner responds with a game forcing 2NT, promising at least four-card support. I am considering how best to proceed, but then I notice that East has jumped to 5♣! I could try 6♣, and then bid 6♥ over a hoped for 6♦ but I have a lot of losers to cover. I settle for an optimistic/pessimistic 6♥ which leaves us with this brief exchange:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2NT*	5♣
6♥	All Pass		

West leads the ♣2 and this is what I can see:

Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A J 8 6 4
♥ J 9 8 4 3
♦ K
♣ 4 3



♠ K 5
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ A 9

Clearly the clubs are 8-1. I will need to find a parking place for my losing club, either by establishing a diamond trick (relying on West to hold the ace) or by setting up the spades. Marking time I cash the ♥A and when both defenders follow I draw the outstanding trump, East discarding a club. At this vulnerability I am inclined to place East with the ♦A, so I cash the ♠K and both defenders

follow, East contributing the ♠9. It seems likely that West will have length in spades, but before deciding I consider what will happen if I play a spade to the ace and the suit is 4-2. I will be able to ruff a spade, cross to dummy with a heart and ruff another spade establishing the jack for a discard, but with only one trump left in my hand I will need West to hold the ♦A. It must be better to take the spade finesse, but when East produces the queen, I am two down.

This was the full deal:

Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A J 8 6 4
♥ J 9 8 4 3
♦ K
♣ 4 3

♠ 10 7 3 2
♥ 10 6
♦ J 10 7 5 3 2
♣ 2



♠ Q 9
♥ 2
♦ A 6
♣ KQJ108765

♠ K 5
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ A 9

Postmortem

Although I think I took the best line, considering the deal later I thought of another possibility. Suppose declarer plays on spades immediately, taking the risk that the suit is breaking badly and that East will score a ruff. That works – but only if declarer ruffs the third round of spades high and then plays a heart to dummy's nine!

I am indebted to my good friend Philippe Cronier, who asked me how I would play this deal while we were waiting for Sunday's Captain's meeting to take place. It occurred in the last round of the qualifying contest. Over the four events, 28 pairs bid 6♥ with 9 being successful (in one case North was the declarer and East led the ♦A).



David Stern, BERMUDA BOWL, ROUND 19



USA1 vs SWITZERLAND



Round 19 saw Switzerland (Klukowski - Gawrys, Zimmerman - Piedra), currently 2nd, playing USA1 (Hampson - Greco, Katz - Nickell) running 7th. With somewhere North of 40 European and International titles between them plus countless ACBL wins, the quality of bridge should be outstanding.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Zimmerman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	1♦	Dble	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the open room Greco's Precision 1♦ opening (2+) didn't provide much information to Klukowski-Gawrys. In response to Gawry's 1NT overcall, Klukowski showed spade shortage with 5/4 in the minors after which they were committed to the doomed game with neither clubs nor diamonds behaving well for declarer. The defence led spades and established the suit for themselves when they declarer's club duck hoping for a 3-3 break. Declarer wound up three down for Switzerland 150.

In the closed room Nickell elected to double for takeout rather than bid 1NT and took a conservative approach to his partner's freely bid 2♣ after the 1♠ bid on his left. Nickell, East, was perhaps influenced by his doubleton club and so many values in spades but no doubt his partnership experience and hands on which partner may have taken other 'stronger' actions more than anything else. USA1 +90 and 6 IMPs.

Switzerland 0 — USA1 6

The next five boards were all played in the par contract with two IMPs apiece changing hands.

On board 8, different approaches to balancing in both rooms led to the same outcome.

Board 8. Dealer West. Nil Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Zimmerman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Points Shmoints as they say - a combined twenty-five count and anything beyond 3♦ for N/S is unmakeable. E/W can prove their matchpoint skills and sacrifice in 4♣ for one down, but I don't think anyone would have issue with N/S reaching 5♦.

The results on the board across the BB field were interesting. Nine tables reached 3NT, all but one failing; nine tables reached diamond partials all making when the defence failed to find their two heart ruffs; five tables reached 5♦ with two tables making. I feel sorry for Italy in their match against Sweden where North became declarer in 5♦x thereby ensuring that the defence would find their two heart ruffs.

Switzerland 2 — USA1 8

Board 9 saw some IMPs change hands. Let's start it off as a 'what would you bid' hand vul against not you hold ♠K ♥KQ842 ♦1097 ♣KQ32 and you hear 3♠ on your right – your bid.

Then you can try this one. Vul against not, you hold ♠8764 ♥J95 ♦AKQ653 ♣— and hear 3♠ on your left passed around to you

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
—	3♠	Dble	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Zimmerman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
3♠	All Pass		

Holding the first hand, our protagonists showed different approaches to the hand with Gawrys, East for Switzerland in the open room opting to double while Nickell for USA1 in the closed room opted to pass.

Opposite his partner's takeout double, Klukowski's 5♦ bid is on the money, and he may even have been worried about missing slam depending on partner's hand.

Deep finesse will tell you that ten tricks is the maximum number that can be made by West playing 5♦ but it took your reporter some minutes to figure out how to hold this to 10 tricks. North led the ♠A followed by a club switch, king from dummy and now to defeat the hand, South must duck. Why? Because if he doesn't and subsequently ducks two hearts, which he needs to do, he will only be left with clubs providing the entry to dummy's established hearts. By retaining the ♣A, and giving declarer a useless discard, he can later play the ♣A upon winning the third round of hearts. Neat hey? Hampson, understandably, didn't duck the club switch and Klukowski, a great declarer even when asleep, fully capitalised on this and racked up +600 for Switzerland.

In the closed room, declarer failed by two tricks in 3♠ when he was down to just one trump and played a club to the ace and that was -100 but 11 IMPs for Switzerland.

Switzerland 13 — USA1 8

Some overtrick and undertrick IMPs in the next six boards saw the score Switzerland 14 – USA1 13

And so to the last board in a low scoring match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Zimmerman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
1NT	All Pass		

Gawrys' 1♣ opening in the open room was Polish style showing a weak notrump, 15+ with clubs or any 18+, while Klukowski's 1♠ response was presumably a transfer. Greco, North for USA1, with his paltry two count showed preference for his partner's first suit and that's where they played it.

The defence started with a club to the ace and a heart switch and continuation. When dummy's ♥8 won that trick, Hampson had to play East of ♦Q9xx to make the hand and went one down after reasonably failing to do so. USA1 -50.

We all have teammates for a reason. In the closed room, Katz, West for USA1 declared 1NT and made the nine obvious tricks after the clubs lay so well for him and that was USA1 +150 and 3 IMPs.

The final score was Switzerland 14 seeing them in 1st position despite the small loss and USA1 16 leaving them in 7th place just 0.08 ahead of the Netherlands.



Marc Smith, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 22



NORWAY vs SWITZERLAND


Going into this match in the penultimate round of the qualifying stage, Switzerland was sitting comfortably atop the table. Norway was lying fifth, and although not quite certain of qualifying, they were the leaders of a six-team bunch from which four would advance, so probably only two big losses would see them eliminated.

The match got underway with more than 2000 watching at each table on BBO VuGraph. In contrast to the heavyweight slugfest of yesterday's match between the Dutch and the Americans, this felt more like the serenity of a stroll up the first fairway on a sunny Friday afternoon at Augusta National on the second day of the Masters. There was an air of expectation, as always when great players strut their stuff. There was respectful silence as players contemplated their action, periodically interrupted by loud outbursts as putts were holed elsewhere on the course. No one could win a coveted green jacket today, but to have a chance of doing so, you have to still be playing when the weekend starts. Today is all about safely negotiating your way safely into the final rounds.

After a couple of comfortable pars, the first birdie chance arrived on the Par 3 fourth, 'Flowering Crab Apple'. The initial excitement, though, centred on the strange club selection chosen by the Swiss North player.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gawryś</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Christian Bakke's decision to open 1NT with a six-card major might not have been everyone's first choice, and he was undoubtedly surprised to hear his partner transferring to his long suit. Unlike the time this happened to me, he managed to resist breaking the transfer to 4♥, settling instead for 2♠, showing 4♥ and a weak doubleton in spades. When Boye Brogeland offered a 3♦ re-transfer, he bid a disciplined 3♥, but his partner raised to game anyway. Surprisingly, dummy was very unsuitable and, when the club finesse failed, he was one down: E/W -100. This seemed like a normal contract, and thus unlikely to register on the scorecard.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Bas Drijver selected a normal-looking six-iron off the tee, but this permitted Tor Helness cheap entry and thereafter even Brink's raise to game was insufficient to shut out Geir Helgemo. Brink closed the auction with a double and put the ♣7 on the green. As we all know, of course, you drive for show but putt for dough, and it was the short game that was to prove critical on this hole. Helness called for the ♣Q from dummy and everything intuitively tells you that it is routine for Drijver to withhold his king at this stage (but more on that later).

Conveniently in dummy at trick two, Helness led a trump to his ten and South's king, and Brink continued clubs. Again, Drijver ducked, and although declarer could have cashed the ♠A from hand it was easier when he was allowed to lead the second round of trumps from dummy. North's ♠Q appeared, so declarer drew trumps, crossed back to his hand in clubs and led a diamond towards dummy's K-Q. North won with the ♦A and exited in hearts, but declarer had no choice but to play a diamond to the queen. Having finished in the semi-ruff off the tee, it was an almost impossible chip from twenty yards off the green, but it found the cup when North's jack came tumbling down, giving declarer his tenth trick with the ♦10: E/W +790 and a spectacular 12 IMPs to Norway.

Note that declarer has entry issues, and to defeat

the contract Drijver has to cover with the ♣K at trick one. After winning with the ♣A, declarer then needs to cross to dummy somehow to play the first round of trumps. Crossing with a club sets up a club ruff for South. Playing a diamond to the king allows North to win and return a diamond, and he then gets a diamond ruff when South wins the first round of trumps. A tough gig indeed!

On the scoreboard, players were jostling for position as the holes slipped past. Approaching the turn, they were confronted with the massive 570-yard Par-5 called 'Yellow Jasmine'.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Closed Room

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

Boye Brogeland opened a 2+♣ 1♣ and Michal Klukowski jumped to 2♦ showing majors. Piotr Gawrys offered a non-committal 2♥ on the East cards and Brogeland stepped back in with a natural 2NT, which Bakke raised to game.

There was little in the play on a heart lead. Declarer won in hand, unblocked the diamonds, and crossed to dummy with a club. Gawrys won the third round of diamonds and switched to the ♠Q, enabling declarer to claim eleven tricks: N/S +660.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	2NT
3♣*	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Geir Helgemo demonstrated the truth of Marty Bergen's old saying, "Colors are for Children",

when he stepped in to show both majors with 3♣ over Brink's strong 2NT opening. Bakke's 4♣ was a transfer to diamonds and Brogeland thought for some time, presumably wondering whether to bid 5♣. He eventually settled for completing the transfer, over which Bakke continued with a 'pick-a-slam' 5NT. Now Brogeland bid his clubs and it was Bakke's turn to pause for thought. The Swiss contingent in the crowd were praying for a pass, as 6♣ would likely make for a 12-IMP gain. Sadly for them, he eventually removed to 6NT, which they could all see was destined to fail.

Helgemo led the ♠A and a second spade. Declarer tried first to drop a doubleton ♦Q and then to pin a doubleton ♥10 by leading the jack. It was not to be, N/S -100 and another 13 IMPs to Norway.

Everyone safely negotiated their way around Amen Corner, and the players headed for home with the Scandinavians still holding a handy advantage. It was not until they hit the last Par 5 on the course, 'Firethorn', just four from home, that they ran into trouble.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♠	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♣	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

My fellow commentator on BBO VuGraph suggested that a jump to 3♥ by East over 1♠ might have made things more difficult for South. I countered that so might opening the 'obvious' weak two to start with, but more of that later.

Helness led his singleton diamond, covered by the queen, king and ace. Drijver played a club to dummy and a trump to his king, then a second club and another trump, Helgemo winning with the ace. There was no winning option. If he played two rounds of hearts, declarer ruffs in dummy, ruffs a club, draws



the last trump, and concedes a diamond. If he exits with a trump, declarer crosses to the $\diamond J$, pitches a heart on the remaining high club, and concedes a diamond. The defense can only ever make one heart, one diamond, and one spade: N/S +620.

At the other table, the Norwegians found themselves in the water off the tee when the dreaded Multi put in an appearance.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	2 \diamond^*	Pass	
2NT*	Pass	3 \clubsuit^*	Pass
3 \heartsuit	All Pass		

Gawrys started with 2 \diamond , showing a weak two in one of the majors, and Klukowski inquired with 2NT. 3 \clubsuit showed a minimum with hearts, so Klukowski signed off, the Norwegians making no positive contribution to the entire auction. They did manage to hold declarer to eight tricks, but that was small recompense for a vulnerable game: N/S +100 and 11 IMPs to Switzerland.

The players finally reached the famous 'Holly', a 465-yard Par 4 that would lead the players right up to The Big Oak Tree adjacent to the clubhouse. The score stood at 32-27 in favor of the Norwegians, which was a perfectly acceptable result for all concerned. No drama required with qualification just one match away!

Regular readers of my columns over the years will have heard me point out the benefits of natural weak twos over the Multi on numerous occasions, so is only fair to redress the balance. The final hand of this match was certainly one on which the Multi was to prove significantly more effective.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
2 \spadesuit	All Pass		

This was an auction duplicated at many tables around the room. Declarers managed between five and seven tricks. Helgemo misread the end position and ended up with five: N/S +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
2 \diamond^*	Pass	Pass	3 \clubsuit
3 \diamond	Dble	Pass	4 \clubsuit
Pass	4 \spadesuit	Dble	5 \clubsuit
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Michal Klukowski's Multi 2 \diamond opening showed a weak two in one of the majors and, of course, Piotr Gawrys knew exactly what his partner had. Can you blame him for choosing to take his chances that diamonds would be a better trump suit than spades? Gawrys' unusual action persuaded Boye Brogeland that perhaps his side was being talked out of something, so he backed in with 3 \clubsuit , which as of itself was fine. When Klukowski then compounded his partner's good work by competing to 3 \diamond , though, Christian Bakke was prompted into the fatal indiscretion. Once Bakke made a takeout double of 3 \diamond , the Norwegians were in water up to their knees.

Brogeland didn't really care what the double meant: he had an obvious 4 \clubsuit bid. On commentary, I predicted that Gawrys would now wield the axe, and I am sure he would have done so. However, Bakke now started thinking, and thinking, and thinking some more, before finally trying his luck in 4 \spadesuit . At this point, even my dog would have known it was time to start doubling. Brogeland retreated once more into the relative safety of his seven-card suit, but it probably made little difference.

Klukowski's defense was deadly: the $\diamond A$ and then the $\heartsuit 10$. After cashing four red-suit tricks, Gawrys then led a third round of hearts through declarer. Brogeland had to ruff with the $\clubsuit Q$, and then play the ace and another club to hold the defenders to six tricks. Even so, that was still N/S -800 and 15 IMPs to Switzerland.

The final score was 42-32 to the Swiss, who retained their place at the top of the leaderboard. The loss dropped the Norwegians from fifth place down to seventh, heaping that much more pressure on their final match to ensure their place in the knockout stages.

Just like those players in the Masters, you cannot win the Bermuda Bowl on the final day of the round robin but, to have any chance of doing so you need to ensure you are still playing when the next day's action starts. I am glad to say that we will be seeing both teams in the knockout stages. As the winners of the round robin, the Swiss chose England as their quarter-final opponents, whilst Norway finished seventh and were chosen by USA-2. Perhaps they will meet again, later in the week.


Herman De wael

ONE IN NINETY-SIX

When only one table in all four fields reaches the making grand slam, we must give you the auction:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>Goncalves P</i>	<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>Rosado</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Dble
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

- 2NT Fit, GF
- 3♣ Shortage somewhere
- 3♦ Where?
- 4♦ Void in diamonds
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2+♥Q

Bernard and Isabelle have a 4♣ response (over 2NT) to show a “chunky” two-suiter with clubs, so when Bernard showed his diamond void, Isabelle already knew the ♣K was probably missing. After the satisfactory Blackwood reply, she could have asked 5NT for kings, or 6♣ specifically for the ♣K. So 6♦ was intended as a general grand slam try, and Bernard knew the ♠Q was precisely what was needed. 13 tricks were quite common in all tournaments, but +1510 was one in 96.



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**Jos Jacobs,
Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 23****DENMARK vs USA2
SWITZERLAND vs HUNGARY
ISRAEL vs NETHERLANDS**

At the start of the last round of the qualifying stage, the top three teams were certain of making it into the knockouts. These three, Switzerland, the Netherlands and USA 2, in that order, had to face opponents who were all in with a chance of making it into the top eight, so three interesting matches looked in prospect. There even was a dark horse running: depending on how things would be going in these three matches: USA 1 who would need a fair result against China Hong Kong to stay within the top eight. In our featured matches, however, Hungary, 4th in the table, only had a theoretical chance of NOT making it into the last eight, such as scoring 0 VP themselves AND being caught up by some blitz-scoring teams. For the other two opponents of the top three, Denmark and Israel, a good result was a *conditio sine qua non* to at all having a chance of making it into the knockouts.

In this report, I will concentrate on the Denmark-USA encounter but I am also planning a few short visits to the other two matches.

fashion but even though West was the declarer and North led a friendly looking $\diamond J$, the breaks proved too difficult to handle. $\diamond A$, heart to the queen and ace, $\diamond Q$ and $\clubsuit K$ followed by a heart ruffed in dummy. South wisely did not overruff but discarded his singleton club. Declarer tried the $\diamond K$ but now, North ruffed and led a club on which dummy played the ace. South ruffed, leaving declarer with a lot of black suit losers. Down two, Denmark +100.

The board might have been sort of a push, but the Danish adopted a useful agreement.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Caspersen</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	1♥	Dble	Pass
1NT	2♣	Pass	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

Board1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Kevin Bathurst

The Americans established their spade fit in transfer



Over partner's double, West could bid a forcing 1NT and simply bid 3NT at his next turn, not paying too much attention to the possible spade fit when partner did not bid them either. Well done. North led a heart to the 10 and declarer's king and a spade was led from hand, North's queen winning. North exited with a diamond, declarer cashing the $\diamond Q$ and $\diamond A$ before playing a spade from dummy. South went in with his ace to return a heart but when declarer put up the queen, South could win his ace but he would not have a good return. When he elected to exit with a low club, declarer won the ten in hand and now had enough tricks for his contract with the help of the marked spade finesse. Denmark +400 and 11 IMPs right on the first board.

On the next board, we saw a relative rarity.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	2♥*	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♥ Spades

Finding a profitable sacrifice vulnerable against not, is not an everyday thing to do but the Danish did it. One down, USA 2 + 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Caspersen</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Dble	2♥*	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♥ Spades

No such thing by the Americans who sold out to 4♥. This contract just made, +420 to Denmark and another 6 IMPs. They looked on track for qualification.

Two boards later, we had a slam. Or had we? Here is what happened in the Israel-Netherlands match.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Padon</i>
1♣*	2♦*	2♥*	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

1♣ 16+
2♦ Weak
2♥ Spades

Padon simply ignored all three bids already made at the table and went for his solid enough suit. Down three. +800 to the Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1♥	Pass	2NT	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2NT Heart support

Over partner's double of 5♣, Levin took a reasonable enough shot at the slam, only to find out that he was going to be one of the many declarers who did not make it. Down two when he took the losing spade finesse. The Netherlands another +200 and 14 IMPs to them.

In fact, from the qualifying teams in the BB Hungary's Gábor Winkler was the only one to make the slam, together with declarers from Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

On board 7, the Danish did not get too enthusiastic.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Staying in a partscore was the thing to do on this board. Game is playable when the trumps can be handled for just one loser (like here) but the overruff in clubs, or declarer's lack of communications, for that matter, would then spoil the party. Just made when declarer played safe, Denmark +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Caspersen</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the Americans were more optimistic, so they had to go one down one way or another. Denmark another +100 for 5 more IMPs. They were leading 23-0; well on their way to a possible qualification.

Nothing very much happened in the Denmark-USA match on the next few boards but in the outdoor event, there were interesting developments. China Hong Kong, playing USA 1, recorded two double-figure swings in quick succession to establish a lead margin that would in itself be big enough to oust USA 1 from the quarterfinals. This was the latter of these two swings.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

There is not very much to this board, except that 4♥ had better be played by South. If North is the declarer, a club lead and two ensuing ruffs would set the contract out of hand.

This is exactly what happened in the China Hong Kong v. USA 1 match and also in the Switzerland v. Hungary match in which it brought 12 IMPs to Hungary. Israel recouped 10 IMPs here when the Dutch N/S did not bid game whereas the Israeli N/S made South the declarer.

The next board, the always dreaded #13, brought a swing in all our three matches.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
—	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

This may look a strange final contract but it proved highly effective. With the trumps 3-3 and the ♣Q behaving nicely, even the ♠A lead followed by a diamond was not enough to wreck it. USA 2 +620.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Graversen	Bathurst	Caspersen	Hurd
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

How to get to e.g. 3NT in E/W? The Danish did not have the answer to this. Two overtricks, Denmark +150 but 10 IMPs back to USA 2. The Danish chances of reaching the knock-out were slumping.

In the Switzerland v. Hungary match, we also saw a game swing.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Winkler	Drijver	Dumbovich	Brink
—	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

In this decent contract, Winkler made exactly 10 tricks. Hungary +130. Please note West's choice for 3♣ rather than 4♥ (as in the other match) over partner's 2♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hegedüs	Gawrys	Szegedi
—	1♠	Dble	3♠
Dble*	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

At the other table, Klukowski could hardly pass 4♥ because this might have been a four-card suit only. With the hearts 3-3 and the ♣9 providing an entry to dummy, the established hearts were a parking place for declarer's losing diamond. Just made, Switzerland +600 and 10 IMPs to them.

Also in the Israel-Netherlands match, there was a big swing.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Birman	Van Prooijen	Padon
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

On this auction, Verhees had every reason to raise partner's suit. On the actual lucky breaks, 10 tricks were not much of a problem, as we saw before. The Netherlands +620.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Roll	Muller
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

When Levin made a slight underbid with 3♣, everybody was happy, or so it looked. Two overtricks, Israel +150 but 10 more IMPs to the Dutch.

Then came:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	D. Bilde	Demuy	Jepsen
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's short suit trial bid made it even more difficult for N/S to find a sacrifice or whatever. Just made, USA 2 +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Graversen	Bathurst	Caspersen	Hurd
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

The Danish two-suited pre-empt launched North into a bid. Five Diamonds might have been an even better contract but with +420 already in the bag, the Americans could afford to go down two in 5♣ and still gain 8 more IMPs to cut their deficit to just 5 IMPs. The Danish chances of making it into the QF suddenly were virtually gone.

In the Switzerland v. Hungary match the Swiss did very well.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

When Drijver did not pass 4♠, Brink came to the logical conclusion that 5♦ might be the best spot. Well done, +400 to the Swiss. Even though declarer started the trumps by leading the ♦J to the ace, he was never in trouble because the clubs could be established easily now, with West out of trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hegedüs</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Szegedi</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

When North overcalled his better suit, the diamond fit never came to light. Down two, doubled (mind you!), so another +300 and 12 IMPs more to the Swiss.

The last board was very wild.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♦	2♠
All Pass			

What should North do on this auction, with his only strength being opponents' first bid suit? He must have been surprised by the result. West led a club to the queen and ace but when declarer next took a heart finesse, the roof came down. East ruffed and returned the ♦10 on which declarer rose with the ace, only to

see it ruffed by West! Another heart ruff, ♦K, club to the king and a club ruff followed by a diamond ruffed with the queen and overruffed with the king then put then contract down two! USA 2 + 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Caspersen</i>	<i>Hurd</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♥	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the replay, the Americans avoided the ruffing festival by simply reaching the best contract. Two overtricks on a spade lead: USA 2 + 460 and 11 IMPs to them.

In the Switzerland v. Hungary match, the wild distributions remained a secret:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♥	Pass	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

When West led a trump, declarer continued that suit and wrapped up 11 tricks easily enough. Switzerland +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hegedüs</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Szegedi</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

In the other room, the Hungarians were even in game. Gawrys doubled, no doubt for a heart lead but when Klukowski led the ♥6, Gawrys ruffed and returned the ♣Q! Making the contract now had become easy. Hungary +590 and 9 IMPs to them.

In the Israel-Netherlands match, Padon bid more convincingly.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Padon</i>
1♥	Pass	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

He thus avoided the double and played the ♦Q when East returned a diamond after ruffing the opening heart lead, but he could not avoid down three. The

Netherlands +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Roll	Muller
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When Levin did not consider his hand worth an opening bid, Simon de Wijs could open a weak two in his suit (whose suit??). When North showed a minimum later on, Muller knew enough. On his usual careful play (refraining from the heart finesse after a club lead to queen and ace), Muller came to 10 tricks

easily enough for +430 and 11 IMPs to his team.

The final scores:

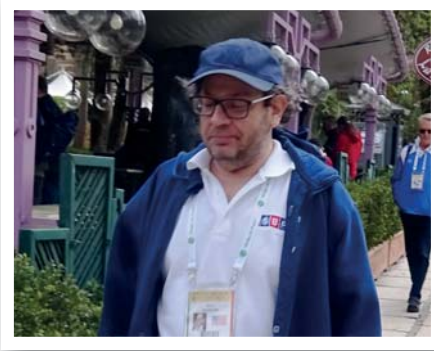
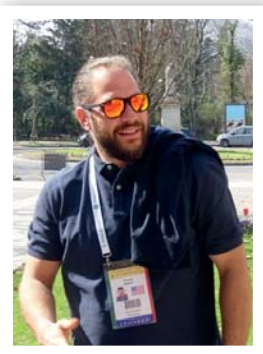
Denmark v. USA 2: 28-36 or 7.51 – 12.69 V.P.
(including slow play penalty)

Switzerland v. Hungary: 41-51 or 7.20 – 12.80 V.P.

Israel v. Netherlands: 21-57 or 2.41 – 17.59 V.P.

So not very many missions were accomplished here. Denmark and Israel had not made it whereas Hungary maintained their position in the top 4 by even beating the leaders!

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David Bird, BERMUDA BOWL, QF - SESSION 1

SWITZERLAND vs ENGLAND

I spoke to the Great Dealer last night, complaining that I had been awarded only one big deal in each of my last three assignments. He had presented my friend, Marc Smith, a full ten big deals in one match. "Yes, but Marc NEEDS big deals more than you do," he replied. I can't disagree with that. Mind you, it's the same with the GD's allocation of male hair. Does it make sense that some middle-aged men have a full head of hair, while others suffer from premature baldness? Not as I see it. I'm sure that Mark Horton and the Abbot will agree with me.

Time for some bridge. Switzerland (1st) chose to face England (5th) in the quarter-finals, despite having lost to them in the round-robin. I am happy to tell you that I have five double-figure swings to choose from. Why leave any out? Carry on reading and you will see them all.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Fernando Piedra (the one true Swiss guy in their team, although he was born in Uruguay) led the ♠5 to the king and ace. Michael Byrne crossed to the ♥K and led a club to the queen. king and ace. He won the trump return with the ace, crossed to dummy with a club ruff, and led a diamond. North rose with the ace and returned a spade to South's jack. Declarer claimed his +420, and there seemed to be no reason to expect a swing on the board.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Playing a strong club system (Tarzan), Sjoert Brink felt able to make a pre-emptive raise in hearts. When Bas Drijver went to game, David Bakhshi rated all of his side-suit leads unattractive. Drijver won the ♥8 lead with dummy's king and called for a diamond.

Tom Townsend rose with the ace and returned another trump. Drijver won and cashed the ♦K. He then needed to ruff a club to reach dummy for a finesse of the ♠Q. Instead, he made the surprising play of the ♠Q from his hand. Townsend won and returned a spade, won by South's jack. The ♣A then put the game one down. If South had held the ♠K, he might have been endplayed when he won with it. Was this a sound line of play, though? It was 10 IMPs to England.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			



This slam was a marginal but OK contract. If a club is not led and you find that you have a trump loser, there will be a chance of discarding both club losers. Kieran Dyke led the ♥3 to the jack and ace. The king and ace of trumps saw all following and Piedra made an overtrick for +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Bakhshi's 2♦ was forcing to game. The diamond fit was found and he invited a slam with 4♦. Understandably, Tom Townsend, who had not yet limited his hand, was reluctant to do any more than raise to 5♦. Bakhshi knew that the ♣A was missing when North could not bid 5♣. He also had no reason to expect the trump suit to play for no loser. It was an elegant and well-reasoned auction, as I see it, but 13 IMPs were lost.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

No messing about and 6♦ was reached. The club suit will provide a spade discard, so the slam is on the heart finesse. Byrne won the trump lead and drew a second round, all following. When a club was led towards dummy, Piedra quite reasonably ducked. Two heart finesses were successfully taken, but the 4-2 break meant that no spade discard was available

for the overtrick. It was +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Facing a passed hand, it is understandable that Brink did not rate any advance beyond 3NT. Three overtricks were made after a club lead to the ace. That was +690 and a loss of 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
Pass	3♣	Dble	3♠
4♣	4♠	4NT*	5♣
5♦	All Pass		

I like Piedra's lead-directing 3♠. Such a bid might also assist partner's judgement later in the auction, although that was unlikely here with South's club length.

Dyke's 4♣ showed the quality of his hand, while not committing to a trump suit at this stage, and Byrne's 4NT showed two places to play. Aided somewhat by the 3♠ bid, North led a spade against the diamond game, and three tricks were taken for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
4♣	5♣	Dble	All Pass

When Brink led the ♥K, Drijver decided to grab hold of the wheel. He overtook with the ♥A and



cashed the $\diamond K$, asking for a count signal. Partner duly followed with the $\diamond 10$. East now had to calculate whether declarer might be out of diamonds or hearts. West's earlier splinter bid, suggested he might have five hearts (and perhaps only four diamonds). Drijver placed his $\diamond A$ on the table and Bakhshi could breathe again. It was +550 and a further 11 IMPs to England.

Have you been counting the double-figure IMP swings? We still have one more to see, and perhaps it is the best of them.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Zimmermann	Byrne	Piedra
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When the bidding ended, I observed in my commentary that the East/West hands were short of stuffing (10s and 9s). On a closer inspection, I saw that they were also somewhat short of high-card points! Byrne was (sub-)minimal for his 1NT response. It was clear from Dyke's raise to 3NT that he had expected more.

Piedra led the $\heartsuit 2$, and dummy's queen was followed onto the table by the 8 and 4. A spade to the jack lost to the king and South's $\heartsuit K$ then drew the 9, 6 and 10! Byrne's false card, with no further entry expected to his hand, was aimed at attracting a heart continuation.

Only a third round of hearts would give declarer a chance, and the $\heartsuit J$ duly appeared on the table. Byrne won with the ace and cashed two more hearts. When a diamond was led, South played low and dummy's king won, North signalling with of the queen. Ace, queen and another spade then endplayed South. He cashed the $\diamond A$ but then had to lead from his $\clubsuit K9$ into the split tenace. It was a dazzling piece of cardplay by Michael Byrne.



Pierre Zimmermann

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Townsend	Drijver	Bakhshi
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♠	All Pass		

I was not surprised that Drijver did not rate his empty hand as a 1NT response. You will not thank me for a detailed description of the play in 1♠, but Brink went one down to lose 100. It was 12 further IMPs to England, who had produced a very special session against the round-robin winners. They led by 49-20, no doubt realizing that there was a lot of bridge still to be played.

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QUARTERFINALS

BERMUDA BOWL

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
SWITZERLAND	20	23	43	86
ENGLAND	49	21	22	92

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
USA2	15	7	27	49
NORWAY	18	11	37	66

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
HUNGARY	19	33	29	81
USA1	19	25	26	70

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
NETHERLANDS	51	6	28	85
ITALY	21	35	29	85

VENICE CUP

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
POLAND	29	32	34	95
DENMARK	32	31	29	92

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
USA2	18	34	9	61
TURKEY	61	44	58	163

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
SWEDEN	48	25	31	104
ITALY	36	19	19	74

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
ENGLAND	46	32	32	110
FRANCE	33	37	58	128

D'ORSI TROPHY

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
USA1	9	27	44	80
INDIA	9	34	30	73

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
POLAND	34	32	19	85
BULGARIA	22	11	29	62

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
FRANCE	29	62	76	167
SWEDEN	11	12	28	51

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
DENMARK	52	7	42	101
USA2	22	33	17	72

WUHAN CUP

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
FRANCE	50	32	15	97
ROMANIA	32	30	28	90

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
POLAND	34	56	17	107
ITALY	32	36	28	96

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
BELGIUM	27	34	33	94
GERMANY	13	40	33	86

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
USA1	29	32	68	129
LATVIA	55	24	18	97



SWISS TEAMS RESULTS

Round 1						
1	SCOTLAND Women	CANADA VANZUS	33	18	14.80	5.20
2	TURKEY Mixed	USA 2 Mixed	21	26	8.15	11.85
3	PAKISTAN Seniors	INDIA WOMEN	2	34	1.85	18.15
4	ICELAND Seniors	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
5	INDIA MIXED	SINGAPOREBB	41	14	17.34	0.66
6	NORWAY SENIORS	AUSTRALIA Open	24	26	9.23	10.77
7	ISRAEL Mixed	SOUTH AFRICA	7	24	4.71	15.29
8	AUSTRALIA Women	URUGUAY Open	32	11	16.18	3.82
9	AUSTRALIA Seniors	MALAMBO	23	23	10.00	10.00
10	NEW ZEALAND BB	NETHERLANDS MIXED	38	0	18.97	1.03
11	GERMAN SENIORS	NORWAY Women	38	30	12.83	7.17
12	ENGLAND Seniors	PORTUGAL Mixed	30	21	13.14	6.86
13	DENMIX	ISRAEL Open	23	23	10.00	10.00
14	USA 1 Women	SINGAPORE Mixed	59	19	19.22	0.78
15	INDIA MEN TEAM	YYZYULYOW	17	23	7.82	12.18

Round 2						
1	USA 1 Women	NEW ZEALAND BB	25	13	14.00	6.00
2	INDIA WOMEN	INDIA MIXED	34	46	6.00	14.00
3	AUSTRALIA Women	SOUTH AFRICA	18	36	4.48	15.52
4	SCOTLAND Women	ENGLAND Seniors	12	28	4.95	15.05
5	GERMAN SENIORS	YYZYULYOW	13	30	4.71	15.29
6	ICELAND Seniors	USA 2 Mixed	16	37	3.82	16.18
7	AUSTRALIA Open	AUSTRALIA Seniors	30	28	10.57	9.03
8	MALAMBO	DENMIX	9	29	4.03	15.97
9	ISRAEL Open	NORWAY SENIORS	16	6	13.43	6.57
10	TURKEY Mixed	INDIA MEN TEAM	10	43	1.70	18.30
11	NORWAY Women	PORTUGAL Mixed	14	20	7.82	12.18
12	CANADA VANZUS	ISRAEL Mixed	16	25	6.86	13.14
13	URUGUAY Open	PAKISTAN Seniors	30	7	14.29	1.11
14	NETHERLANDS MIXED	SINGAPORE Mixed	19	30	6.28	13.72
15	SINGAPOREBB	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

Round 3						
1	USA 1 Women	INDIA MIXED	42	11	17.90	1.90
2	SOUTH AFRICA	ENGLAND Seniors	7	11	8.50	11.50
3	USA 2 Mixed	YYZYULYOW	26	5	16.18	3.82
4	INDIA MEN TEAM	DENMIX	20	19	10.39	9.61
5	NEW ZEALAND BB	INDIA WOMEN	30	12	15.52	4.48
6	ISRAEL Open	AUSTRALIA Open	23	9	14.54	5.46
7	AUSTRALIA Women	SCOTLAND Women	12	18	7.82	12.18
8	PORTUGAL Mixed	AUSTRALIA Seniors	19	22	8.86	11.14
9	ISRAEL Mixed	GERMAN SENIORS	28	18	13.43	6.57
10	URUGUAY Open	ICELAND Seniors	18	23	8.15	11.85
11	NORWAY SENIORS	NORWAY Women	26	26	10.00	10.00
12	SINGAPORE Mixed	MALAMBO	10	29	3.25	15.75
13	SINGAPOREBB	CANADA VANZUS	35	8	17.34	2.66
14	TURKEY Mixed	NETHERLANDS MIXED	5	18	5.72	14.28
15	PAKISTAN Seniors	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

Round 4						
1	USA 1 Women	USA 2 Mixed	21	28	7.49	12.51
2	NEW ZEALAND BB	ENGLAND Seniors	26	7	15.75	4.25
3	SOUTH AFRICA	ISRAEL Open	26	30	8.50	11.50
4	INDIA MEN TEAM	INDIA MIXED	22	11	13.72	6.28
5	DENMIX	YYZYULYOW	23	39	4.95	15.05
6	SCOTLAND Women	ISRAEL Mixed	0	62	0.00	20.00
7	AUSTRALIA Seniors	SINGAPOREBB	26	7	15.75	4.25
8	MALAMBO	INDIA WOMEN	43	2	19.33	0.67
9	AUSTRALIA Women	PORTUGAL Mixed	22	5	15.29	4.71
10	ICELAND Seniors	AUSTRALIA Open	41	24	15.29	4.71
11	URUGUAY Open	NORWAY SENIORS	6	42	1.29	18.71
12	NORWAY Women	NETHERLANDS MIXED	28	19	13.04	6.76
13	GERMAN SENIORS	SINGAPORE Mixed	7	34	2.66	17.34
14	TURKEY Mixed	PAKISTAN Seniors	17	34	4.71	15.29
15	CANADA VANZUS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

Round 5						
1	USA 1 Women	ISRAEL Mixed	21	28	7.49	12.51
2	USA 2 Mixed	NEW ZEALAND BB	17	31	5.46	14.54
3	INDIA MEN TEAM	ISRAEL Open	1	28	2.66	17.34
4	MALAMBO	SOUTH AFRICA	24	24	10.00	10.00
5	YYZYULYOW	NORWAY SENIORS	4	21	4.71	15.29
6	ENGLAND Seniors	ICELAND Seniors	27	41	5.46	14.54
7	DENMIX	INDIA MIXED	12	36	3.22	16.78
8	NORWAY Women	SINGAPORE Mixed	14	10	11.50	8.50
9	SINGAPOREBB	PORTUGAL Mixed	38	18	15.97	4.03
10	SCOTLAND Women	PAKISTAN Seniors	15	28	5.72	14.28
11	INDIA WOMEN	NETHERLANDS MIXED	14	36	3.61	16.39
12	URUGUAY Open	CANADA VANZUS	47	11	18.71	1.29
13	GERMAN SENIORS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

Ranking after Round 5

1	NEW ZEALAND BB	70.78
2	ISRAEL Open	66.81
3	USA 1 Women	66.10
4	ISRAEL Mixed	63.79
5	USA 2 Mixed	62.18
6	NORWAY SENIORS	59.80
7	MALAMBO	59.11
8	SOUTH AFRICA	57.81
9	ICELAND Seniors	57.50
10	INDIA MIXED	56.30
11	INDIA MEN TEAM	52.89
12	YYZYULYOW	51.05
13	SINGAPOREBB	50.22
14	NORWAY Women	49.53
15	ENGLAND Seniors	49.40
16	URUGUAY Open	46.26
18	NETHERLANDS MIXED	44.74
19	PAKISTAN Seniors	44.53
21	DENMIX	43.75
22	SINGAPORE Mixed	43.59
23	GERMAN SENIORS	38.77
24	SCOTLAND Women	37.65
25	PORTUGAL Mixed	36.64
26	INDIA WOMEN	32.91
28	CANADA VANZUS	28.01