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COVID STOPS PLAY



The sands of time...

As previously announced, the WBF Championship committee regrets that the decision to interrupt the NBO Trophy was inevitable due to many teams withdrawing, preventing it from being technically and sportingly acceptable.

Considering that several players tested positive, the Championship Committee also decided to require all participants remaining in the Knockout stage of the World Team Championships to take a Covid test. Only players providing a negative test result will be allowed to resume play tomorrow.

Needless to say, this decision has been taken in the interest of the health of the players and persons attending the event.

It seems the cases testing positive are random and unrelated to the safety procedures of the organization and management of the championships, which are in full compliance with the rules and regulations in force.

All procedures are based on the advice of the medical commission and the health authorities.

Whatever tendentious and biased rumors to the contrary that have been circulating are firmly rejected.

We are working hard to conclude the Championships, in full compliance with the relevant health protocols, and want to express our genuine thanks for the support and understanding shown by everyone affected.

Salsomaggiore Terme, 5th of April 2022

WBF Championship Committee

SALSOMAGGIORE TERME 2022
MARCH 27TH APRIL 9TH



Due to some players and staff having tested positive for Covid-19 we have decided to interrupt play in all competitions until all participants have been tested, in the interest of safety for all participants.

Play is scheduled to resume today, Wednesday 6th, at 10 am.

All players and team officials (captains and coaches) are required to be tested before they can enter the playing venue again.

Rapid antigen testing performed by a medical professional (no self-testing) is required – an official certificate must be presented.

This applies to both the KO matches and the NBO trophy.

All KO matches will still be decided over 96 boards, but sessions will be added to the original schedule.

Specifically, the provisional plan is the following:

- Wednesday: 4th, 5th and 6th stanza of the quarter finals and 1st stanza of the semi-finals.
- Thursday: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th stanza of the semi-finals.
- Friday: 6th stanza of the semi-finals, 1st, 2nd and 3rd stanza of final and play off
- Saturday: 4th, 5th and 6th stanza of the final.

We regret having to take this measure but are sure you appreciate that it is done in the interest of your safety.

CANCELLATION OF THE NBO TROPHY

We have had too many teams withdrawing from the competition – five more during the lunch break – and due to the last developments, the technical integrity of the event has been irreparably compromised.

Regrettably, we are then announcing that the event has been cancelled by decision of the Championship Committee, and will not resume. A decision will be taken as how to prize the participants according to the ranking as it is at the moment.

On behalf of the Championship Committee,
Maurizio Di Sacco - WBF Operations Director



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 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. Please order from your local bridge supplier, and not from MPP, which will not be handling individual orders.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

Mark Horton

Emergency!

Italy's Gabriella Manara has lost her spectacles and she desperately needs them, particularly if play resumes today. She last had them at a function at the Mayor's office yesterday morning. This is what they look like →



Regular readers of this feature will perhaps recall that at quiet moments during an event I sometimes check up on what is happening in the chess world at the wonderful Chessbase website.

My workload having been (hopefully only temporarily) reduced by yesterday's events, I paid a visit to the site and discovered this was one of the lead stories:

Chess broadcast to include players' heart rate determined by AI

March 30, 2022 — BERLIN, Germany — The official broadcast of the final rounds of the FIDE Grand Prix Series, an important part of the World Chess Championship cycle, will feature players' heart rate indicator, according to World Chess, the Series organizer.

This is the first time when the players' heart rate is measured and displayed in the broadcast of the World Chess Championship cycle event. It will allow spectators to better understand players' emotions and true feelings (as far as they are reflected in the heart rate) — a rare insight into the psychology of the elite chess players who are trained and especially good at keeping a poker face.

By adding a heart rate indicator, World Chess brings a new dimension into chess broadcasting and opens a new page of the way fans follow chess. Until now, the only way to learn about players' emotions in a specifically tense moment was to ask them about it in a post-game press conference, and players rarely talk about emotions. With a heart rate tracker in the broadcast, spectators can sense players emotions while the game is going on.

To accurately measure the heart rate without disturbing the players, World Chess is deploying a bespoke AI technology similar to that used by hospitals to track patients' vitals over video. It's the first time such technology is used in sports broadcasting. AI has been trained to read almost invisible changes in reflections of the skin color that change based on a person's heart rate.

"Chess games are thrilling, full of emotions and often rage or disappointment, but you don't get to see it during the broadcast because the players are conditioned to hide it. We are happy to add a layer of human sensitivity so spectators can have some insight into the state of mind of their favorite players," — says Ilya Merenzon, World Chess CEO.

The official broadcast of the FIDE Grand Prix is available for free on worldchess.com and on World Chess Youtube and Twitch channels. In addition to the heart rate indicator, it includes live video from the playing area, expert commentary, as well as players' and spectators' interviews and more. World Chess will continue developing and using the video heart rate reading technology in future events and broadcasting.

Assuming this is not an article published two days earlier than intended(!) I could see that this might be a useful addition to the vast array of technology we employ at major championships. Coincidentally in the Bulletin office we have a box installed by *Security Engineering Solutions*. It beeps every ten seconds. Is it possible that it is monitoring our vital signs?

We were discussing something which Barry described as a '*deus ex machina*'. When I suggested '*force majeure*' might be more appropriate he disagreed — '*that's a Jacoby 2NT response*'.




Herman De wael, Wuhan Cup, ROUND 23
BELGIUM vs AUSTRALIA

Belgium is not a major country in the sport of Bridge, and this is only the third time in history that a Belgian team has qualified for the World Team Championships. We have been lucky, this year, to have two other teams that were invited to fill up the numbers, but our Mixed team is here on merit, having finished second in the European Qualifiers last year.

At both the previous occasions, twice with the senior team, the Belgian teams easily finished in the top-eight of the round robin, only to fall in the quarterfinals.

The whole of Belgium was convinced that our mixed team would do no less.

Early in the week, our team was in the top three, but after three days, they settled in sixth place and nothing they did seemed to move them in either direction. At the start of the final Sunday, they were still in sixth position, with a 12 VP-lead over ninth-placed Australia. Facing the teams in 12th and 14th place, however, was no guarantee that that position would be maintained, and the last opponent would then be that same 9th placed Australia.

The first two matches were successful though, yielding 19 and 18 VP, and so the last match saw Belgium in fifth place, and with a safe lead.

And for the first time during the week, a Belgian

team would be on VuGraph. I could not fail to watch.

Playing for Belgium are two married couples, Valérie and Alain Labaere and Isabelle Dewasme - Bernard Dehaye, who have both already appeared as pairs on the Belgian Open team. The third pair consists of Tine Dobbels, wife of Belgian top player Steven De Donder (our open team did not make it here), who plays with the captain of her team in the Belgian top division (and president of my club), Gunther Dauwe.

Appearing for Australia were Jodi Tutty and David Beauchamp, Pele Rankin and Stephen Fischer.

The first six boards yielded a score of 1-2, with all results being par for the course.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Beauchamp</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	Dble	Rdbl
2♠	All Pass		

Redouble: 16+

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>S. Fischer</i>	<i>Dauwe</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

That East hand has my favourite distribution (4711, also called Eau-de-Cologne) and like me, Gunther cannot fail to bid on it. Over 3♦, no-one moved and 10 tricks were easily made.





In the Open Room, Jodi Tutty tried presenting her hand as a two-suiter, and Alain redoubled (showing the majority of the points) West showed a second suit and only now did East present her seven-carder. Alain showed he was not afraid of the spades and so Valérie bid game in NT. I did not see it at first, but it turns out that contract cannot be defeated. Tutty led a spade and Valérie immediately led a heart from the table, taking the jack with the king. She then attacked diamonds, to queen, king and ace. West cashed the ♣Q and continued the spade attack (I'm sure Valérie uttered a sigh of relief at the 7-1 break). Valérie successfully finessed the ♦10 and cashed three more diamond tricks and two aces.

Those 10 IMPs were immediately returned:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A J 7 6 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ K 9 7 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 4 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ Q J 2	♠ Q 8 ♥ 8 7 6 5 ♦ A 8 7 3 ♣ A 10 4 ♠ 10 5 3 2 ♥ A J 10 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ 8 5
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Beauchamp and Tutty were the only mixed pair to bid 3NT, and like many pairs managed 9 tricks. 7 IMPs to Australia. But on the very next board, the same pair were one of only three NOT to bid 3NT, handing 11 IMPs back to Belgium.

Meanwhile, Italy were losing to Croatia and Romania to USA 2, and so Belgium had moved up to third place! Those results would last out the match, but let's continue to see what happened:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Beauchamp</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>S. Fischer</i>	<i>Dauwe</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Alain Labaere shoved his two-suiter (at least 5-5) and when Valérie asked for aces, he showed one key-card and a void in spades, thereby bidding the slam as indeed did 10 out of 24 mixed pairs. In the replay, South chose to stress his heart suit and, although the diamond fit should now look even more promising, Pele Rankin decided five was enough. Despite missing the trump ace, 12 tricks are easy. Belgium now 33-9 up.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Beauchamp</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>S. Fischer</i>	<i>Dauwe</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

In the closed room, no-one bid after Dobbels introduced het clubs. In the open room, Carcassonne bid one more and when West could bid again, East re-evaluated his high cards and bid game. David Beauchamp went after hearts from trick two and when they proved 3-3, he managed to garner 11 tricks and 10 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Beauchamp</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♦
5♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>S. Fischer</i>	<i>Dauwe</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When partner supports the heart suit, no need for West to reveal more to the opponents. Over 4♥, Valèrie Labaere chose to indicate that she also had some diamonds, much to Alain's joy.

Which is why David Beauchamp was playing one level higher than Tine Dobbels, and the ♠K made that it was one level too high. The Labaere's had bid accurately, it turned out, because 5♦ is made.

Not all different decisions went in Belgium's favor, though...

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Beauchamp</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Tutty</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>S. Fischer</i>	<i>Dauwe</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

Both Belgian women opened a Multi, intending it to show hearts. Alain considered his hand worthy of game in hearts, but he may have seen a glint in West's eye when he doubled, so he retreated to a safer strain, alas also doubled. With South playing in spades, the play at both tables was the same: four ruffs and two club tricks at the end. But the higher level and double meant this was a final 9 IMPs to Australia, who lost the match 49-28 or 15.19-4.81.

No qualification for the Australians, and a nice third place for Belgium, who were able to have a true choice at the captain's meeting and chose to confront Germany.

Championship offer

NEW dealing machines of the type used to duplicate the boards at these championships are sold for the occasional price **EUR 2700** during the championships. Contact the book stall or email anna@jannersten.com



David Stern, WUHAN CUP, QF 2

FRANCE vs ROMANIA

The qualifications saw the French Mixed Team (Reess-Sebbane, Schmidt-Zochowska) finish in 1st place, 15 VPs ahead of sixth place Romania (Balint-Moraru, Stegaroiu-Ionita) and saw them drawn to play each other in the quarter finals.

After sixteen of the ninety-six board quarter final, France led Romania by 50 IMPs to 32.

All pairs in this encounter play natural, mostly two over one game force.

The first two boards were flat with both tables reaching 'normal' game contracts - all making. Board nineteen saw the power of the pre-empt.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the open room, Zochowska, South for France, opened 2♦ showing a weak two in a major. Partner bid 2♥ pass or correct and there the auction ended.

In the closed room Moraru elected to open 3♥, likely based on his 2-6-4-1 shape. Partner raised, more in the expectation that the opponents could make something than that they would make game.

Both rooms managed to talk E/W out of a making four spades or even five clubs with a successful club guess. It isn't clear that either East or West had any

reasonable actions to place them in a position to reach game. It seems easier for East to balance than for West to take any action with the diamond shortage.

The open room went three down in 4♥ for -150 while the closed room went one down in 2♥ for -50 and 3 IMPs to Romania.

France 50 — Romania 35

The next board saw some more Romanian IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

The same auction saw both South's playing 2NT. In the open room West got off to the best lead, a low heart which saw the defence score a spade, three hearts and two clubs for one down and +100 for Romania.

In the closed room, Sebbane, West for France, started with a mildly helpful spade which ran to declarer's jack. West won South's ♣K and continued spades again ducked to declarer who won the king and then ducked a club ending up with two spades, a heart, three diamonds and two clubs for eight tricks and Romania +120 and six more IMPs.

France 50 — Romania 41.

On board 21, both tables reached a solid 4♥ on these hands...

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



♠ K Q 10 8 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ Q 7 6 3

only to find South holding ♥J 6 3 2 and the diamond king for one down and a flat board.

The wheels fell off for Romania on the next board.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
—	—	1♠	Double
Redbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
—	—	1♠	Double
Redbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
4♠	All Pass		

In the closed room, the French reached 4♠ which Deep Finesse says can be beaten on a heart lead but makes on any other lead. Declarer scored 10 tricks and +620 on the normal ♠K lead.

In the open room it feels like West's 4♠ bid was intended as a sign off and East's hand may have lacked a little substance to move onwards. Declarer failed by one trick and -100 for Romania and 12 IMPs to France.

France 62 — Romania 41.

The next hand saw Romania contract to make sixteen tricks in notrumps – unfortunately that was the

combined total in both rooms.

Board 24. Dealer West. Nil Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

In the closed room, Balint, North for Romania, opened 1♠ which is in keeping with the modern style as was her partner's minimal response of 1NT. Declarer scrambled to make five tricks and -100.

In the open room, Schmidt's choice to pass the North hand allowed E/W the freedom to stretch to reach 3NT on their combined twenty-three count. Declarer lost four spades and a diamond to make eight tricks and -50. 4 IMPs to France.

France 66 — Romania 41.





France might consider themselves lucky on the next board. It could have turned out very differently.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

In a sense, North who was declarer in the open room, was extremely unlucky to find his partner with three hearts in the five cards outside his spade suit. But then again, he was extremely lucky that one of those three cards turned out to be the jack because, without that, there would be zero play for the contract. As we can all see the contract depends solely on the heart finesse which luckily for France worked – twenty-five IMPs swung on the location of that card. I suspect that Schmidt would have preferred to have been playing against his teammate Sebbane on this hand, as he chose to lead his singleton heart from the West hand and that would have prevented any stress after seeing dummy.

France 77 — Romania 41.

After an IMP to Romania and a flat board, Romania stemmed the tide.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

* Weak two in spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
2♦	2NT	All Pass	

France might consider themselves unlucky on this hand. Sure, 3NT was bid on minimal values but but but, the spade finesse looked likely and there were nine tricks if that was the case except when the defence has five cashing heart tricks and equally importantly have the insight to lead hearts ahead of spades – which was the case here. In the open room they did indeed cash their heart tricks against 3NT and that was France -50.




In the closed room, defending 2NT, the defence cashed one heart and switched to a spade allowing declarer to take nine tricks and that was +150 and 6 IMPs to Romania.

France 77 — Romania 48.

A flat board and it was some time for Romanian good fortune.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stegaroiu chowska	Schmidt	Ionita	Zo-
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sebbane	Balint	Reess	Moraru
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redbl
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

In the open room it appears that Zochowska, South for France, confirmed that the partnership held all the aces and the trump queen and expressed some interest in grand slam. If we are reading that correctly, then North could have upgraded the doubleton heart king and expressed his own interest. But then again, he is missing a lot of honour cards in the minor suit even if the hearts do provide five tricks it isn't certain where that elusive thirteenth trick will come from. Partner could have held ♠ J 8 6 ♥ A Q J 10 9 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ A 7 and that would have been consistent with the bidding. Anyway, the fall of the doubleton queen of hearts leads to 13 tricks which was scored in both rooms and 13 IMPs to Romania.

France 77 — Romania 61.

A few small scores in the last three boards left the final score France 82 and Romania 62, a pickup of two IMPs for France on the set. With another 64 boards, the match is one third completed and there is a lot more bridge to come to decide who wins this encounter and advances to the semi finals starting Wednesday.



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The official book of these World Championships in Salsomaggiore will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series 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. Please order from your local bridge supplier, and not from MPP, which will not be handling individual orders.

**Murat Molva**

A t(winkle) in the Tale

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 7 4 3 ♥ K Q 10 6 5 ♦ J ♣ Q 6 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 6 ♥ J 2 ♦ K Q 7 5 3 ♣ A 10 8	♠ 5 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ K 9 3 2
N						
W E						
S						

Board 10 from Round 3 in the Venice Cup quarterfinal was interesting in that there was a 12 or 13 IMP swing in all four matches. In every match, 3NT was made at one room and defeated at the other. (The same contract was played at all 16 tables, it was made 7 times in the Bermuda Bowl, 6 times in the d'Orsi Trophy and 3 times in the Wuhan Cup – Ed.)

Turkish declarer Hatice Özgür found a nice way to come to 9 tricks in the match between Turkey and USA 2.

After a routine Stayman auction to 3NT, South, Lynn Baker, led the ♦9. Özgür won with dummy's ace, noting the fall of the diamond jack from North. She elected to cross to her ♦Q while North, Karen McCallum, discarded the ♥5. Now, declarer exited with the ♦5, South winning her ♦6 while both dummy and North discarded small clubs.

South pressed on with the ♦8 which Özgür ducked again, discarding a heart from dummy, North also coming down to three hearts. South exited with the ♥8 which was ducked to North's ♥Q. Feeling the pressure of trying to guard 3 suits, North returned her remaining small club, South winning the ♣K while declarer unblocked the ♣J from dummy.

South exited with her second heart. But Özgür went up with dummy's ♥A and tested the spades ending in dummy. Then she turned her attention to clubs; when the ♣Q appeared from North, declarer

had her 9 tricks.

Had North exited with the second top heart instead of shifting to clubs, declarer would have had to work harder. She must win and cash her two top spades and the diamond winner, pitching the heart from dummy. North is obliged also to discard her heart. This is the ending:

♠ J 7 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A 10 8	♠ A 10 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ J 7
N						
W E						
S						
♠ — ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K 9 3 2						

When declarer plays the ♣A and a second club South is caught in a winkle.

At the other table, the declarer, Janice Seamon-Molson took the ♦6 lead with dummy's ♦A and decided to run the ♣J at the second trick. When North covered with the ♣Q, there was no route to 9 tricks and the contract drifted 1 off. 12 IMPS to Turkey.




Barry Rigal, d'Orsi Trophy, ROUND 22

USA2 vs BULGARIA


With both teams in desperate need of a win to solidify their qualifying chances (and in each case with the knowledge that a big loss might significantly impact their chances), the match started with a quiet game, no swing; then Bulgaria broke on top.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dble	1♥	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
Dble*	1NT	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT on the lead of ♥J looks a decent spot. Simeonov won the ♥A and cleared diamonds via the finesse then won the next heart to cash diamonds. Bramley pitched hearts. Declarer cashed his hearts and played clubs and had ten tricks.

Weichsel won the heart lead but after taking the diamond finesse and cashing ♦A (West leaving himself with the ♦K) he played off both of his heart winners before trying to endplay West. That player exited in clubs and East had a club and two hearts to go with the ♠A for the defence. One down. I'm

not sure I understand this line; it seems to me that if the ♠A is inside declarer can virtually ensure his contract by playing clubs before the heart honors are dislodged.

In any event Bulgaria had 12 IMPs.

Two boards later Weichsel took another action that surprised me – but maybe I should have worked out the reason.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠*
3♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I assumed Weichsel is not a follower of Meckstroth's Law (bid game whenever you have six trumps and partner supports you). When I saw his pass of 3♠ it occurred to me that perhaps he was worried about defending 4♠? Mind you he would probably have bought the contract in 4♥ had he bid, and gone one down, as opposed to conceding -170. But no; Hamman's call of 2♠ was apparently forcing. A good moment for a systemic issue!

Nedelchev bullied Woolsey into bidding 4♠, then doubled it, led the ♥A and shifted to the ♣7 – clearly not a singleton so it would have been relatively easy for North to duck the ace? Alas, that wasn't the lie




of the cards today. Bramley won the ♣Q and led a spade to the ♠10, cashed the ace, dropped the ♦J and wrapped up 790.

Had North made the 'rookie mistake' of covering the ♣Q, best defence will beat 4♠x.

USAII took the lead after some 'no-prisoners' bidding at both tables.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♥	All Pass	


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
—	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

There were some very hungry players at the two tables. Hamman's discreet pass over the double of 1♥ (or did he perhaps bid 1NT or redouble missed by the operator?) saw Weichsel compete to 2♥ over 2♦. West did not back in again to show the minors, and declarer had no trouble taking nine tricks for +140.

In the other room North's unilateral approach landed his side in the inferior major, and Woolsey led the ♣7. Declarer took this in dummy to lead a diamond to the queen and ace for a club return. Again declarer took this in dummy and played a club. Bramley ruffed in to play ace and another spade. Declarer guessed to play the queen and play ace and another heart. Bramley won to lead ♦K and repromoted his ♠J to the setting trick. 6 IMPs to USAII, leading 18-12.

Board 22. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Simeonov was able to balance over Bramley's no-trump, and Woolsey could bid 2♠ to suggest four and unsuitability for a reopening double. 2♠ suited Bramley down to the ground; after a diamond lead to the queen and king and a shift to the ♣J to the king, Woolsey led a low spade from hand. North won and played a second diamond. Woolsey won the ace, played the ♠Q to find the bad news, then unblocked diamonds, drew trump and cashed the ♥A for +110.

Weichsel led a heart against 3♠ and declarer won the ♥A and ruffed a heart to lead a diamond to the queen. Back came a diamond to the ten. Then declarer ruffed a second heart as South pitched a diamond, and led a third diamond. North ruffed in and played the ♥Q for South to pitch a club as declarer ruffed yet again. when West led a fourth diamond to pitch a club South could ruff and had the ♣A and a trump to come for down one. 5 IMPs to USA leading 23-12; but not for long.

Board 23. Dealer South. All 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 2
		♠ K 10 2 ♥ A J 8 ♦ A K ♣ K J 10 5 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stoyanov	Weichsel	Hristov	Hamman
—	—	—	2NT
3♣*	6NT	All Pass	
3♣	Majors		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Simeonov	Bramley	Nedelchev
—	—	—	1♣*
1♦*	Dble	1♥	1NT
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ Majors or minors



In the Closed Room Simeonov presumably had no way to show a diamond positive but to double then bid diamonds. South suggested a balanced minimum strong club and NS were in no danger of going overboard. 11 tricks made after the heart lead.

In the Open Room Hamman's 2NT opener persuaded Weichsel that if a diamond honor was missing it rated to be onside. So it was but... unluckily it wasn't finessable. Hamman got a heart lead and tested diamonds then guessed spades of course for down one. Bulgaria had 13 IMPs to lead 25-23. The scoreboard progressed to 28-24 before we saw the next real swing.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stoyanov	Weichsel	Hristov	Hamman
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

1♣ 16+

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Simeonov	Bramley	Nedelchev
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	3♣	3♦	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

1♣ 16+

In the open room I believe East's 2♦ call showed semi-positive values and a non-forcing auction developed. Neither player had any reason to go past a partscore.

In the Closed Room a far more aggressive competition from NS saw them in real danger of a



penalty in 3♥x (a trump lead ducked leaves them poorly placed) but when Woolsey competed to 3♠ Bramley no doubt expected a little more.

After a heart lead in both rooms, declarer managed trumps for two losers and Bulgaria had 5 IMPs to lead 34-23.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
1♦	2♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
1NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Looking at the NS hands it feels like Bulgaria won the battle; but it was USA2 who won the war. Declaring 2♥ Weichsel won the club lead and followed the simple line of hoping for a trump break and if necessary the ♦A onside. He advanced the ♥K at trick two and the defenders won to play diamonds, simplifying his life. He came to hand in spades to play ♥Q and another heart and had eight tricks when they broke.

Woolsey found the deadly trump lead against 4♠. Declarer won in dummy to take the ruffing finesse in hearts and when it lost and a trump came back he played on clubs, whereupon a third trump sank him. Had declarer played on diamonds he could certainly have come to nine tricks but 10 looks impossible.

Anyway, those 7 IMPs narrowed the gap and made it 33-31 to Bulgaria.

The last four deals all went Bulgaria's way in driblets and drabs, this being the most curious swing.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Simeonov</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Nedelchev</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Weichsel's club lead was unfortunate. The ♦Q was headed by the ace and Hamman had no idea that a heart shift was necessary, his low club return going to dummy's nine. Weichsel took the ♦K with the ace and completed the unfortunate sequence of plays by cashing the ♣K. Now declarer could use the heart entry to cash clubs for +150.

In the other room the heart lead saw the defenders come to three hearts and two clubs off the top and when declarer's first move in diamonds was a logical low to the nine, NS had seven winners and Bulgaria had 5 IMPs. The match finished 42-31 to Bulgaria.




Ron Tacchi, VENICE CUP, QF2

SWEDEN vs ITALY


After the first of six sessions Sweden had the advantage from a high-scoring first session 48-36. There were some 'swingy' boards in that first set. It is marginally interesting to note that Italy won the game/slam swings by 35-23 but Sweden picked up enormously on the part-score battles 25-1. Maybe both teams should address those results.

For the Italian Team Aghemo and Buratti play five card majors without 2/1 GF, whilst Piscitelli and Saccavini use five-card majors 2/1 and transfers over an opening One Club. In the Swedish camp the Larsson and Bertheau system is based around five-card majors and Clementsson and Övelius also use five-card majors with 2/1 and some transfers over an opening of One Club.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Aghemo</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
—	—	—	4♥
All Pass			

South's bold pre-empt bought the pot and she lost a trick in each suit for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Saccavini</i>
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the 'good old days' South's hand would have been a regulation weak two bid but nowadays it came as a bit of surprise to find South has merely placed the Two Hearts card on the table. North continued the barrage, and this was passed round to West who made a daring late entry into the auction with a four-card suit at the three-level. East believed her and raised to game. When the trumps came in for the loss of only one trick the contract was never in doubt. Ten IMPs to Sweden. As an aside if North had passed Two Hearts would East have entered the auction? One to think about.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Aghemo</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

A very convoluted set of relays to announce an 18-20 balanced hand. A small heart was led and declarer ducked the first two rounds, but West having seen the ♥9 fall, overtook the ♥Q with the ♥K and cleared the suit. Being very much stuck in hand, declarer tried the king of spades which East took with her ace, to switch to a small diamond. Declarer inserted the ♦10 which held the trick, and tried a small club towards dummy's queen, which won. On the lead of a small spade from dummy East went up with the queen and switched to a club. West taking two clubs and the master heart to defeat the contract by two tricks.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Piscitelli	Bertheau	Saccavini
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	Pass!	Pass	

2♣ was 18-20 balanced. North knew South had a 18-20 NT hand and took the view that Two Clubs was probably not going to be worse than 2NT. West led a small spade which East took with her ace and switched to the jack of hearts taken by South. Three rounds of diamonds followed with a spade being discarded from dummy. The fourth round was ruffed in dummy. A spade to the king allowed a spade ruff in dummy. Declarer could now make a trump trick by force and bring home her unlikely contract. Seven IMPs to Italy. Well done North!

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buratti	Clementsson	Aghemo	Övelius
—	—	1♠	Dble
2♦*	All Pass		

I suspect that 2♦ was a transfer, and on successive deals in our report we have the joy of seeing a player pass an artificial call (but this time the shock on West was to have to declarer 2♦ in her two-card suit.). Declarer lost three trumps and a couple of clubs so brought home an unusual contract. Would it be costly though, as it looks as if there is the possibility of Four Spades coming home?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Piscitelli	Bertheau	Saccavini
—	—	1♠	Dble
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Sweden quickly reached the spade game contract.

South led the king of diamonds, ducked by declarer. South now tried a small heart and declarer took two rounds discarding two clubs and correctly continued with a diamond to the ace. Declarer now fell from grace when she played a round of trumps. It is a natural reaction to want to draw trumps, but it is a bit of a mirage on this hand. Six trumps, an established diamond and three top tricks will give you the game. So, play another diamond and ruff it. North may overruff but you do not care, you will be able to ruff the next one with the queen and your hand is now good – even with the 5-0 trump break. As the Rabbit might say the best way to cope with a 5-0 break is not to cater for it at all. 5 IMPs to Italy

Board 25. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buratti	Clementsson	Aghemo	Övelius
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Surely there are better bids than the final Six Spades as you know partner has some spades and two aces so you only need a side-suit king or a third round control in hearts. 5NT will answer the first question and Six Hearts will answer the second. As luck would have it North had neither of those extras and so there was no cold grand slam. Declarer came to thirteen tricks when the heart finesse proved to be onside.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Piscitelli	Bertheau	Saccavini
—	Pass	Pass	2♦*
3♣	Dble	4♣	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

As is frequently the way, convention cards do not disclose much about contested auctions. Obviously North's Double showed values. I think South meant 4NT to be an old-fashioned Blackwood whereas North thought otherwise and chose to show a club control. South had still not yet had the opportunity to show her suit and took what she perhaps thought was her best guess and plumped for Six Spades. North took a severe gamble when bidding the grand slam, but she probably believed the undisclosed ace was worth an extra trick. Declarer won the opening club lead and took one round of trumps successfully dealing with those of the defence. The ace of diamonds was cashed, and a small spade went to dummy's ♠6 and a diamond ruffed high. Another small trump to dummy's ♠9 allowed another diamond to be ruffed. Declarer cashed another three rounds of trumps coming down to a three-card ending where the opponents had four hearts, a diamond and a club. Declarer had to choose as to whether there had been a genuine squeeze or would the finesse work. Declarer went for the squeeze option and sadly failed. I believe one of the great Italian Blue team had the expression 'play for the squeeze, then take the finesse' (It was Belladonna – Ed.). A fortunate 14 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buratti	Clementsson	Aghemo	Övelius
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

A great scientific auction to reach the excellent grand slam. Two Hearts was game-forcing and the redouble showed a first-round club control. Once South knew

that all five keycards and the trump queen were present, she asked for a third-round control in hearts. North having ♥Kx duly bid the grand slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Piscitelli	Bertheau	Saccavini
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Again the Two Clubs bid was artificially game-forcing. I cannot decide what the Six Spades response to 5NT was supposed to mean but as ever, all's well that ends well. A push, both teams probably relieved after the previous Seven Spades debacle. At the end of the match Sweden had won the session 25-19 and so led 73-55 after two of the six sessions.



Italian Women



Marc Smith, Bermuda Bowl, QF2



NORWAY vs USA2



Norway held a 3-IMP lead going into this stanza, having won the opening segment 18-15. After that start, I settled in for what was sure to be an exciting set with Boye Brogeland and John Kranyak (described to me yesterday as ‘crazy at the best of times’ by one pundit) at the same table. However, it soon became clear that there had been a misunderstanding and I had been given a set of boards that should have been reserved for Mr Bird. What I did not realize was that we were going to have to wait until the third session of this match to get the first double-digit swing. Still, I’m sure it will be possible to make silk purses out of what pigs’ ears are available.

The Americans started brightly, picking up 6 IMPs when they bid a very thin game whilst the Norwegians stopped in 2♥. Who knew that would be the last IMP they would gain until they collected an extra overtrick on the penultimate deal of the set? Then came the first promising chance, when a Brogeland weak two opening shut the Americans out of the auction:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ A J ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K Q 8 7 2 ♣ J 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 6 5 4 ♥ 3 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ A 8 6 5	♠ 8 2 ♥ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♦ J 6 4 3 ♣ Q
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W E						
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Bakke	Demuy	Brogeland
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In these days of featherweight weak two openings in first seat non-vulnerable, it was something of a surprise to see Boye Brogeland open only at the two-level on this relative monster. John Kranyak had no sensible way in on that West hand, and Christian Bakke inquired with 2NT. Brogeland’s 3♣ presumably

showed a shortage and Bakke jumped to game.

Looking at all four hands, E/W are cold for 4♠, but who is supposed to bid in this auction? Perhaps Kranyak could have doubled 3♣? Even 5♣ will make if declarer gets the trumps right, which is not hard after South has shown a shortage.

The defense to 4♥ started with a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff, a club to the ace and a second diamond ruff. Kranyak now exited with the ♣K, so Brogeland ruffed, crossed to the ♠A and discarded his spade loser on the ♣J. However, when he then ran the ♥J, losing to West’s now-singleton king, declarer was back to the same eight tricks he could have made if West had instead played a spade after getting his second ruff: N/S -100.

Could the Norwegians find their way to game?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Wolpert	Livgard	Spector
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Christian Bakke

No chance. In fact, they were given even less opportunity at this table.

The defence here started with a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff and then the ♠K, Terje Aa making sure of the four tricks staring up at him. When declarer then ran the ♥J to West's king, he was able to score a spade trick in addition to the ♣A and a second diamond ruff. N/S -150 and 2 IMPs to Norway.

The Norwegians picked up another 5 IMPs when Brogeland chose to open 1♣ on a 3-3-4-3 20-count. Dummy was a flat 2-count including ♣Q-x-x-x, so he managed to make eight tricks whilst the American declarer toiled away unsuccessfully in 2NT. After a string of flat boards, though, came something that looked much more exciting.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
3♣	3♥	4♣	6♠
All Pass			

“No respect, I don't get no respect!” as the late Rodney Dangerfield often observed. Have you noticed how little respect 2♣ and even 2NT openings are getting at these championships? The next player here seems to be quite willing to get in at the three-level, even vulnerable, on very moderate hands. How much did the aggressive American bidding have on Brogeland's decision to give up attempting to bid the hand, and instead just punt what he thought he could make?

You can understand Brogeland's thinking: “Surely the one card that partner is unlikely to hold is the ♣A, so let's bid 6♠ now and hope he has enough stuff in the red suits to make 12 tricks.”

Kranyak led the ♥2, so declarer claimed: N/S +1010.

In discussion in commentary on BBO VuGraph with Barent Shenkin and Al Graves, we all agreed that any

declarer who reached 7♠ was surely bound to make it. However, we were wrong: in the Venice Cup, the English declarer was persuaded that cashing the last trump had forced East (who had already thrown the ♦Q) to discard from the ♦K and three hearts. So, she chose the show-up squeeze line in the endgame, playing West to have started with a doubleton ♥Q, and went down. Isn't that always irritating, when every declarer at any local club would manage to make 13 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Spector</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Terje Aa is old enough to have learned respect, so he stayed silent in the replay, giving the Americans a free run. Spector set the suit with his jump to 3♠ and then the pair cue-bid their way to Blackwood. Spector's 6♥ bid asked for third-round control of that suit. Wolpert did not have it, so he signed off in 6♠.

Spector won the cub lead and drew trumps in one round. He then cashed the ♦A and used his trump entries to try to ruff down the ♦K-Q. When that failed, he simply took a heart finesse for the overtrick: N/S +1010 and a push.

We then started a run of 1NT-1, 2♦+1, 3♣-1 contacts, all producing flat boards too. Then came yet another deal on which neither side could make a game:

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
2♠	3NT	Dble	All Pass



Christian Bakke's jump to 3NT looks like a practical bid on that North hand. You have eight tricks and partner produces a dummy containing an ace. What more could you want? Ah, it would help, of course, if the opponents did not have a suit in which they could cash the first five. The saving grace for N/S is that, despite the 11-card diamond fit, you cannot make game in that suit either, as there are two top hearts and an unavoidable club loser too. N/S -100.

In the other room, there were even less alternatives for the American North:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Wolpert	Livgard	Spector
3♠	3NT	Dble	All Pass

N/S -100 and another flat board.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Bakke	Demuy	Brogeland
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

We began with a natural 2/1 auction, and trumps were agreed at the three-level. Bakke's 3NT presumably showed slam interest but nothing to cuebid. Boye knew what that meant and confirmed his suspicions with Blackwood before jumping to the grand slam.

The layout of the heart suit meant that there was nothing to the play and declarer was soon claiming 13 tricks: +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Wolpert	Livgard	Spector
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

The Americans wasted even less time on the bidding, which was a good job as, when the Open Room finished play, they were just starting the ninth board at the other table. With directors hovering, the players only just managed to complete the 16 boards in the allotted 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Perhaps the boards just didn't seem that exciting because there were no IMPs changing hands. The main reason for this is that there were few, if any, obvious errors by either side. The Norwegians added another 4 IMPs to their first-set lead, so they are now ahead 29-22 after 32 boards. One-third of the way through the match, it would be a brave man who would be willing to bet more than a couple of quickly-devaluing rubles on the outcome of this one.



John Kranyak



**Jos Jacobs,
Bermuda Bowl, QF3**



HUNGARY vs USA1 USA2 vs NORWAY NETHERLANDS vs ITALY



After two of the six segments in the quarterfinals, three of the four matches in progress were looking quite evenly poised. No team was enjoying a double-figure lead, there so this was a good reason to watch not only Hungary v. USA 1 as the main ingredient for this report but also to have a glance or two at these two other close matches.

The first board of the set was a spade slam, missed only by the Dutch, so Italy went into the lead straight away. Two boards later, remarkable things happened in our featured match:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Winkler	Greco	Dumbovich
—	—	—	3♣
Dble	3NT	Dble	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Two very aggressive doubles, one by each opponent, led Dumbovich completely astray. Hampson led a top spade, which Greco overtook to play the eight of trumps – a sort of standard trump lead that had been impossible for Hampson. Dummy won and played another spade but Greco won his jack and returned the ♣3. It would not have helped declarer to win dummy's ♣6 and play ♥A, ♥Q because East can cover this and then discard his last heart on the 3rd spade, ruffed in dummy. So declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and took a heart finesse. When this lost, he was down two rather than just one. USA 1 + 300.

In the Closed Room, they also reached 4♣ but there was no final double..

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szegedi	Levin	Hegedüs	Weinstein
—	—	—	3♣
Dble	Rdble	3♦	Dble
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♣
All Pass			

Here as well, West led the ♠K overtaken by East but when East first cashed his ♠J before playing a trump, declarer adopted a different line. He won the trump queen in hand, ruffed a spade and played ♥A, ♥Q shedding his diamond when East did not cover. This enabled him to ruff out the last spade as well and making his contract with an overtrick for another +150 and 10 IMPs to USA 1.

The next board was a perfect example of the effect of an opposing opening bid. N/S are close to a vulnerable diamond game or even slam on the actual layout but how should they ever reach it?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Winkler	Greco	Dumbovich
1♥	Pass	2♥	3♣
All Pass			



One down when declarer ruffed the heart lead and played the ♣Q taken by East's king. More hearts so weakened declarer's trump holding that the contract had to go down. USA 1 +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szegedi	Levin	Hegedüs	Weinstein
1NT	Pass	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Steve Weinstein had the same problem in the other room but when East ducked his ♣Q lead at trick 2, he suddenly was in control after cashing ♣A and playing a 3rd round of trumps, because West won his jack and attacked spades. After establishing the diamonds declarer just lost two trumps, a diamond and a spade for +110 and 5 more IMPs to USA 1.

On board 6 we saw another big swing when you have 15 tricks available but are missing the ♦AK.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Winkler	Greco	Dumbovich
—	—	3♣	4♠
5♣	5NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The question is: can you produce an auction that would make North the declarer, as to give East a nasty guess for his opening lead?

At the table, Hampson had no problem. USA 1 another +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szegedi	Levin	Hegedüs	Weinstein
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the other room, the Americans stayed on firm ground. When East led a logical ♣K, declarer made all the tricks for a 13-IMP gain to USA 1.

In the Netherlands v. Italy match, the Dutch found a solution to the earlier problem of letting North play the hand, however.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	V. Prooijen	Lauria	Verhees
—	—	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Dble	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Verhees' 3NT showed any good 4M opening and 4♣ then asked to show the suit in transfer fashion. It's easy once you think of it. Poor Lauria had no clue and tried his singleton heart...The Netherlands +1010.

The Italians produced a less sophisticated auction, though adopting the same 3NT opening style.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
V. Lankveld	Duboin	V.d. Bos	Madala
—	—	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West was on lead. Italy +450 but 11 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Back to Hungary – USA 1 again. On board 11, the former found a good sacrifice.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Winkler	Greco	Dumbovich
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT*	4♠
5♦	5♠	All Pass	



Maybe, West already thought he was sacrificing but North, sure of the spade fit now, had the last word. Down two as declarer lost two heart tricks when his ♥ A got ruffed. USA 1 +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szegedi</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hegedüs</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT*	4♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

In the other room, E/W also took the obvious enough sacrifice but here, N/S believed in it. One overtrick, Hungary +650 and 11 IMPs back to them.

Believe it or not, both these auctions were almost though not quite duplicated in the USA 2-Norway match, with the same outcome, of course. Here they are:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Spector</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT*	4♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Norway +650.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT	4♣
5♦	5♠	All Pass	

USA 2 +100 but 11 IMPs to Norway.

And next:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
Pass	1♣	4♥	Dble
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Winkler's "pick a slam" worked well. Hungary +1370 when Greco did not try a spectacular underlead, hoping for a ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szegedi</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hegedüs</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	1♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Americans ended up in the Moysian fit when Levin was not at all sure of his chances in any slam, upon hearing Weinstein's pass over 4♥. With trumps 6-0, the spade game only just rolled home. USA 1 +620 but 13 more IMPs to Hungary who were right back in the game now.

In USA 2 – Norway, the Americans duplicated the Hungarian N/S auction until Helgemo had the last word.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Spector</i>
Pass	1♣	4♥	Dble
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

Down five, a profitable save, USA 2 +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	1♣	4♥	Dble
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Norwegians, however, also duplicated the Hungarian N/S auction and were allowed to play there for an overtrick (yes: Demuy found the fine low heart led as East!), +1390 and a 7-IMP gain.

The scores in our three matches at the halfway point:

Hungary v USA 1: 81-70

USA 2 v Norway: 49-66

Netherlands v Italy: 85-85



SWISS TEAMS RESULTS

Round 6	Rank	Team	Points	Games	Score	Ratio
1	1	NEW ZEALAND BB	13	40	2.66	17.34
2	2	USA 1 Women	38	13	16.97	3.03
3	3	USA 2 Mixed	18	25	7.49	12.51
4	4	SOUTH AFRICA	30	0	15.84	2.16
5	5	INDIA MIXED	0	53	0.00	20.00
6	6	NORWAY Women	47	13	18.44	1.56
7	7	URUGUAY Open	18	28	6.57	13.43
8	8	DENMIX	32	14	15.52	4.48
9	9	GERMAN SENIORS	11	8	11.14	8.86
10	10	PORTUGAL Mixed	52	6	19.86	0.14
		ISRAEL Mixed				
		NORWAY SENIORS				
		MALAMBO				
		ICELAND Seniors				
		YYZYULYOW				
		ENGLAND Seniors				
		NETHERLANDS MIXED				
		SINGAPORE Mixed				
		SCOTLAND Women				
		INDIA WOMEN				

Ranking after Round 6

1	USA 1 Women	83.07
2	ISRAEL Mixed	81.13
3	SOUTH AFRICA	73.65
4	NEW ZEALAND BB	73.44
5	MALAMBO	71.62
6	YYZYULYOW	71.05
7	USA 2 Mixed	69.67
8	NORWAY Women	67.97
10	NORWAY SENIORS	62.83
11	ICELAND Seniors	59.66
12	DENMIX	59.27
13	NETHERLANDS MIXED	58.17
14	PORTUGAL Mixed	56.50
15	INDIA MIXED	56.30
17	URUGUAY Open	52.83
18	ENGLAND Seniors	50.96
20	GERMAN SENIORS	49.91
21	SINGAPORE Mixed	48.07
22	SCOTLAND Women	46.51
26	INDIA WOMEN	33.05

Play of the NBO Trophy is suspended after Round 6.

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