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There were dramatic finishes aplenty as the quarterfinals reached their climax. In the Bermuda Bowl USAI enjoyed a relatively easy passage against Hungary and Switzerland and Norway eventually brushed aside England and USA2. Italy and Netherlands went down to the wire, the Netherlands asserting themselves at the end.

In the Venice Cup, Turkey continued its demolition of USA2, and England pulled away from France, while Denmark's hopes were dashed when Poland produced a devastating last set as Sweden removed our hosts interest in the event.

The d'Orsi Trophy saw Sweden and Bulgaria concede against France and Poland and Denmark proved too good for USA2. The USAI-India match was a humdinger, the Indians pulling the match out of the fire on the final deal to record a famous victory.

The Wuhan Cup saw Belgium-Germany and USAI-Latvia start the last set separated by a hair's breadth while Italy led Poland by just 4 IMPs. Italy pulled away from Poland, as did USAI against Latvia. France had a dreadful last set but managed to hold on to 8 IMPs of their lead against Romania. Meanwhile Germany came from behind to overcome Belgium.

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Mark Horton

The Lost Chord

*Seated one day at the computer
I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys.
(With apologies to Sir Arthur Sullivan)*

By the time I finally had a moment to tune in to BBO yesterday some teams had already finished play. Only the match between Italy and the Netherlands was still in play and this was the deal on screen:

Board 30. Dealer South. Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2NT	Spade support
4♣	Splinter
4♦	Cue
4♥	Cue
4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 key cards + ♠Q

I can't tell from the convention card if 4♣ indicated a void, but that is consistent with the auction and the response to 4NT.

West led the ♠3 and South had a long think, long enough for me to see if there was a winning line.

Suppose declarer plays low, and after winning in

hand plays a low heart. West takes the king and exits with a heart to dummy's queen. Now declarer must ruff a club high and play a top spade. If that holds declarer plays a spade to the nine, ruffs a club, crosses to dummy with a diamond and cashes the ♠A. That draws the last trump, at the same time squeezing East, who is down to ♥J7 ♦J76.

That would for sure be a candidate (I hesitate to use the word certainty) for hand of the tournament and I was all set to claim an IPBA award when declarer emerged from his deliberations and called for dummy's ♠A. When East discarded there was no way to engineer 12 tricks, - 50. Declarer would have been in a strong position had the king fallen under the ace, but he also has chances if the spades are 2-2 with the king offside, as he can play on crossruff lines, eventually scoring his twelfth trick with a coup en passant. That also works if trumps are 3-1 with the king offside as long as declarer guesses East's red suit distribution correctly. Finally, if West leads a club, declarer ruffs, runs the ♠Q and must then play a low heart, transposing to the line considered previously.

6♠ was bid and made in the Wuhan Cup match between Poland and Italy, West leading the ♦4. The same thing happened in USA 2 v Norway after the lead of the ♦9.

However, I consoled myself with the thought that Augustin Madala would be declarer at the other table – if Italy bid the slam he might find the winning line.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West led a diamond and declarer won with the queen and ran the ♠Q, finishing with 11 tricks and 7 IMPs.

If declarer is set upon playing a spade at trick two then low to the nine is the only way to have a shot at 12 tricks – I'll leave you to work out why!

**Barry Rigal**

LAST BOARD HEROICS

In round 16, the last match on Friday, England in 5th place played Switzerland, the leaders of the round-robin. Switzerland gained 12 IMPs on the fifth board when England's two-suited 2♥ opening steered them away from hearts, breaking 5-0, and into 3NT. They retained an 11-IMP lead going into the last board, which turned out to be a tricky slam hand. The analysis comes from Paul Barden.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	7♥
Pass	7NT	All Pass	



Michael Bell

Bas Drijver, North, opened 2♣, and Sjoert Brink's 2♥ response promised two top honours. Brink's 4♣ bid showed a singleton diamond by agreement, contrary to his intentions, after which the players had different views of the auction, until they agreed that 7NT was to play. This contract needed the spade suit regardless of whether the hearts were breaking. Tom Townsend led the jack of diamonds, and since Drijver couldn't see through the backs, play proceeded ♦A, ♥A, ♥K, ♠A, ♦Q, spade finesse for one off.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bell</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

In the replay, Ben Norton, England's young star, also opened 2♣, but Mike Bell responded 2♦, letting Ben show his hand type. The auction continued 2♥, hearts or balanced, 2♠ by South, relay, 2NT 24+ balanced by North, then 3♣ Stayman by South, which Michał Klukowski, West, elected to double. North redoubled to show club control, and South introduced his five-card heart suit, implying spades also or he would have transferred to hearts.

Now North cued clubs, and South used keycard to check for aces and kings. North's 6♣ showed either the king of clubs or the kings of spades and diamonds. South had done enough and signed off in 6♥. North gave this some thought but passed picturing a hand like ♠Qxxx ♥KQxxx ♦xx ♣xx where 6♥ could sometimes be made on a 4-1 heart break with 6NT failing, by playing to ruff the fourth spade. So North-South played the third-best slam.

The vugraph commentators were berating Ben's failure to correct to 6NT, but he was concentrating on the play. He won the club lead with the queen, got the bad news in hearts, and ducked the third round. He won the spade exit, ruffed a club to hand, and drew the last trump...

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

*Ben Norton*

Now he had to commit himself. West had four hearts and, if the carding was to be believed, 5 clubs, consistent with this double of 3♣. It seemed likely that East would have length in spades and diamonds. So, declarer discarded his small spade on the queen of hearts, and crossed to the king of spades, planning to cash the ace of clubs to squeeze East whenever he was 3-5 or 4-4 in spades and diamonds.

Unluckily for him, in a sense, East was 2-6, but luckily his spade doubleton included the queen, so Ben made his contract to win 14 IMPs on the board, and the match by three. Seven declarers in the Bermuda Bowl played 6♥, and Ben was the only one to make it.

Two days later, Switzerland had won the round robin, with England in fifth. The Swiss exercised their right to choose England as their quarter-final opponents, hoping for revenge...



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.



David Bird, BERMUDA BOWL, QF - SESSION 4

SWITZERLAND vs ENGLAND

After a 24-hour break, while COVID reared its ugly head, play resumed in the quarter finals. England led Switzerland 92-86, with three out of six sessions played. We will move to the action immediately.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

I cannot decode the middle bids, sorry, but 5NT was 'pick a slam' and 6♣ was very much the right place to be. They had reached a playable club slam with 3 of the 6 key-cards missing. Declarer won the heart lead and played a trump to the king and ace. After a second trump to East's queen and a trump return, declarer established the diamonds. That was a fine +1370 on the Swiss card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠*
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

It seemed that the teachers' mantra of 'bid the longer suit first when you are strong' might make reaching the club slam easier. Mike Bell's 3♠ was a splinter bid and (I assume) 3NT a suggestion to play there. England supporters at this table may have looked a bit worried. But, no, the bidding continued on a glorious upward path towards 6♣. Well done, lads! (I am instructed not to be biased when commentating, but presumably this does not extend to my writing in the bulletin.)

Highlight of the session alert! Michael Byrne will now play another 3NT contract.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣*	2♦	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bas Drijver, who had little hope of winning the auction, entered with a splendid lead-directing 2♦. Byrne reached 3NT and was then faced with a ♦2 opening lead to North's 9. He won with the queen and ran the ♥J to North's ace. Back came the ♦J to declarer's king, retaining communications for the defenders.

Declarer had eight top tricks and could place the ♣K with South. since North had not opened the bidding. Byrne cashed the ♥J and exited with a diamond. North won and then had to cash his two diamond winners. Sjoert Brink (South) came down to ♠QJ87 ♣K2.

When Drijver returned a spade, Byrne rose with the king. He then cashed the two heart winners in dummy, bringing South down to ♠QJ ♣K. (He had to retain two spades to guard against the ♠A10 in dummy.) Byrne cashed dummy's ♠A and overtook the ♣Q with the ace, felling South's king. Finally, he scored the ♣8 for his ninth trick. It had been hard work after the well-judged 2♦ overcall.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Norton	Gawrys	Bell
—	1♥	1NT	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

Find a diamond lead after this auction! Mike Bell led the ♠Q, and declarer wrapped up an easy overtrick. It was just 1 IMP to Switzerland.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



Michal Klukowski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Drijver	Byrne	Brink
—	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

First in hand at favourable vulnerability, North/South play a 9-12 1NT. This worked well for them when West was shut out of the bidding and could not suggest a heart lead. Byrne led the ♠7, won with dummy's queen. Drijver played ace, king and another club, to West's queen. He ducked the ♥K return and won the switch back to spades. After cashing the club winners and playing a diamond to the jack and king, he was confident enough in his card reading to run the ♦8 to West's queen. The resultant third diamond trick then gave him an overtrick. "Didn't he just risk the contract?" asked some of the kibitzers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Norton	Gawrys	Bell
—	1♣	Pass	2♦*
2♥	3♣	3♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Mike Bell's 2♦ promised 5+ clubs. This was not quite high enough to shut out Klukowski's heart bid. With the clubs not coming in, the heart lead was lethal. Switzerland picked up 11 IMPs.



Bas Drijver



Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

What would you lead from the North hand? A trump lead will put the game three down! Drijver placed the ♣Q on the table. Kieran Dyke won with the king and cashed the ♣A for a heart discard from dummy. Ace of hearts and a heart ruff were followed by a diamond to the ace and another heart ruff.

Dyke discarded a club on the ♦K and called for the ♦J, ruffed by South with the ♠A. The ♥K return was ruffed with the 3, 6 and 7 in turn. A diamond ruff with the ♠8 was followed by the trump queen to South's king. South's remaining heart was ruffed with the 9 and the ♠J then drew the last trump at trick 13. It was +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bell</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♦	All Pass

How is this extraordinary auction explained? Klukowski's 1♣ is the anchor of the Polish Club system. It is most often a weak no-trump, but may also be 15+ with 5(4) clubs, some rare 4-4-4-1 types, or any 18+ hand.

The rebid of 1♠ can normally be made on a weak no-trump type, but West may have thought that he had shown a strong hand when it was a free bid (over 1♥). He must have judged that he had shown his hand and partner wanted to play in 2♦. Ten tricks were made for +130 and it was 8 IMPs to England.

If you are not a fan of 'rather silly contracts', look away now as we study the penultimate board of the match.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	2♠
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

What would you lead from the South hand? Brink could place strong clubs in the dummy and at least one spade stopper at declarer's disposal. He tested his luck with the ♥10 opening lead and found it in abundance. The game was two down,

England supporters were looking glum since the club game is there after a spade discard on the 13th diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

How is this extraordinary auction explained? (Does that sentence ring a bell?)

Mike Bell opened with a Multi 2♦. It was suggested that East may have read his partner for 5-6 in the black suits, although some pairs use a Leaping Michaels 4♣ with that shape. Klukowski may have intended 3♠ as a control bid, with clubs agreed. With no heart control present, East may then have opted for what he hoped was a Moysian 4-3 fit in spades. The defence slipped a trick, and it was two down for a push board.

My congratulations go to the England team. In this session, two relatively inexperienced pairs at this level had held the world-class opponents to a 1-IMP nibble at their 6-IMP lead. The scores stood at Switzerland 104 – England 109.

**Herman De wael**

IT WAS THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY

I wrote this article 30 years ago and copy it here unaltered. It is interesting to see that some of the predictions have come true far sooner than I then expected (we did not even use the word Internet yet), while other predictions clearly need another 25 years to materialize. I have changed one thing, several of the names of the teams that are mentioned contained sponsors that were relevant in 1992. Other than that, here is, again ...

The Bulletin Prospects

Disaster in the Daily Bulletin Office: the retro-temporal computer virus has invaded Marco's computer. So, this page has been replaced by part of the Daily Bulletin nr 736, 27th October 2047.

Current Leaders:

The following teams all have more than 65% of the available victory points to date:

Huawei Wuhan, Louis Vuitton Paris, Coca Cola Network News Atlanta and Jannersten Stockholm.

The biggest jump during the last week was made by Lippobank Jakarta who scored 24 victories out of 26, including a 45-0 blitz against Città del Vaticano. They jumped from 347th to 123rd place and are now well in the running for qualifying in next year's play-offs.

Arbitral decisions:

The team of QTC Lima was excluded from taking further part in these championships when it was discovered that the player registered as Jaime Muñoz was none other than their star player Albert Jackson. They thus tried to have him play more than the allowed 1/3 of the matches. He cleverly sent his TC-signal from London via Perth and Lima, but the new NEC Bridge Analyzer discovered a more than usual similarity in bidding and playing tempo.

QTC have not denied the allegations and will not participate in further Olympiads. The WBFOOC have decided not to exclude further participation from the UNSR of Western Peru, but Albert Jackson will be barred from playing in the '49-'52 Olympiad.

Rule 258, stating that no match should be played using only purple and orange systems, has finally caught up with us. As pointed out in DB nr 12 (2045-01-16), it could clash with the need that a team should be able to play only 9 of the 16 colours. In fact, Beerschot (UNSR Flanders) and Prosiutto di Parma (UNSR Central Italy) have at this moment registered

only both HUS colours in common. Their match, scheduled for next Sunday, will now be postponed for three weeks during which both teams will have to study the other systems. The match will then be played using both these colours.

Team news:

Mention should be made of the team of Bairiki (UNSR Kiribati) which has so far competed in these championships using only 10 players. Moreover, they all reside on the same atoll in the Pacific. It is rumoured moreover that they still use real plastic cards. "It helps us keep in touch with the Great Spriti", they say. The fact that three extra STDs must be sent to the Pacific should not discourage us from allowing entry from teams who decide not to take part in the "global TC village".

Lavazza have announced that they will discontinue their policy of sponsoring all teams willing to play under their name. From the next Olympiad, only a maximum of 200 teams, and only one per UNSR (Italy excepted) will be allowed to play under the Lavazza name. Lavazza say they will thus try to improve the performance of their teams which never seem to come up to the level of the famous Lavazzuri who won the last Bermuda Bowl to be staged in one venue in Salsomaggiore in 2022.

Anna Fedorova and Peter Nyström have finally met! The stars of numerous past Olympics, for Banco Nacional de Buenos Aires, and five-times mixed pairs world champions, have met one another in the flesh this week. They were the first partnership to be formed using the BNBA Compatibility Program and the last pair to be allowed to play for a team not located in at least one of their home teams. Having never travelled from their respective home teams of Smolensk and Des Moines, the trip to Mombasa was arranged by BNBA. Rumours concerning a possible marriage have been dismissed vigorously by both players, but it can hardly be a coincidence that the venue of their meeting should be Mombasa, when Kenyan Marital Laws do not demand the 5-year trial period for Legal Marriage.

A special tournament will be organized at 1500 GMT this afternoon of 65-card bridge (Lithuanian system – Greens rank middle). Entry through co...

(translated from 21st Century Interlingua by Herman De wael)

**Mark Horton**

A Near Run Thing

How best to while away the afternoon? I plumped for India v USAI in the d'Orsi Trophy, as did a huge number of spectators.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Saha</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

I have lost count of the number of times I have written that if your partner opens the bidding and you have an opening bid yourself it is incumbent upon you to ensure that your side reaches game. However, West had chosen a good moment to be conservative.

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ace and played a heart, soon claiming ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Dalal</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠3 and declarer took North's king with the ace, slipped a heart past South's ace and then no doubt offered up a small prayer when he set about the clubs. When that did not materialize,

he could only muster eight tricks and India added 5 IMPs to their lead.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Saha</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

West led a trump and when dummy's ten held, declarer unblocked the queen, came to hand with the ♠K and drew the outstanding trump, soon claiming, +920. The Indian captain was watching on BBO and was hoping for a small pick up if his team could reach 6NT.

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





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Padhye	Lair	Dalal
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

East led the ♣2 and it was not long before declarer was claiming 12 tricks, +490. That gave 10 IMPs and a 3 IMP lead for the USA.

2 IMPs on a part score brought India to within an IMP and they immediately picked up an overtrick IMP to level the scores.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	♠ A Q J 8 7	
	♥ J 9 8 7 6 4	
	♦ —	
	♣ 10 8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saha	Meckstroth	Das	Zia
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

How best to deal with the South hand? Zia's approach of passing and hoping to contribute on the next round was stymied when his partner opened 3♦.

East led the ♠6 and declarer won with the ten and played the ♦J, East winning and playing a second spade. Declarer won and played the ♦10 followed by the nine. East took that one and when his partner discarded the ♣4 he switched to the ♣2, the defenders playing three rounds of the suit. Declarer ruffed and played a heart to the jack but West could win and play a club, declarer finishing with 7 tricks, -100.

With NS having an excellent play for 4♥ it was an opening for India – could they take it?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Padhye	Lair	Dalal
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	Pass	2NT	3♥
4♣	4♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♥ Both majors
(not on the card, but an educated guess)

Saving in 5♣ was the best EW could do in theory, although several players found a losing line in 4♥. North led the ♥K and declarer won, pitching a spade from dummy and played a diamond to the ace. South ruffed and played two rounds of spades, North winning and returning the ♦J, South's ruff ensuring two down, -300 and 9 precious IMPs.





Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saha	Meckstroth	Das	Zia
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥*	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing

Declarer was not hard pressed to score 12 tricks, +680. Would missing the slam be a killer?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Padhye	Lair	Dalal
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
Pass	7NT	Dble	All Pass

2♣ 4+♣, game forcing

East cashed his ace and continued the suit, -200 and a gift of 13 IMPs. Had India snatched defeat from the jaws of victory?

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saha	Meckstroth	Das	Zia
1NT	Pass	3NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

According to the Indian captain East's redouble expressed doubt and West agreed with him.

Declarer had to lose four tricks so that was -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Padhye	Lair	Dalal
1NT	Pass	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠10 and moments later the defenders had amassed eight tricks, -400 and 7 IMPs to record a famous victory.



QUARTERFINALS

BERMUDA BOWL

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
SWITZERLAND	20	23	43	18	41	37	182	USA2	15	7	27	31	19	17	116
ENGLAND	49	21	22	17	18	12	139	NORWAY	18	11	37	47	17	45	175
HUNGARY	19	33	29	16	2	45	144	NETHERLANDS	51	6	28	31	11	57	184
USA1	19	25	26	46	54	21	191	ITALY	21	35	29	25	23	18	151

VENICE CUP

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
POLAND	29	32	34	9	37	61	202	USA2	18	34	9	43	12	0	116
DENMARK	32	31	29	30	45	2	169	TURKEY	61	44	58	27	51	0	241
SWEDEN	48	25	31	37	51	29	221	ENGLAND	46	32	32	63	20	26	219
ITALY	36	19	19	58	29	20	181	FRANCE	33	37	58	5	11	26	170

D'ORSI TROPHY

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
USA1	9	27	44	29	14	23	146	POLAND	34	32	19	0	0	0	85
INDIA	9	34	30	25	27	25	150	BULGARIA	22	11	29	0	0	0	62
FRANCE	29	62	76	0	0	0	167	DENMARK	52	7	42	31	42	10	183
SWEDEN	11	12	28	0	0	0	51	USA2	22	33	17	26	9	45	152

WUHAN CUP

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
FRANCE	50	32	15	56	23	13	189	POLAND	34	56	17	39	20	21	187
ROMANIA	32	30	28	5	36	50	181	ITALY	32	36	28	39	34	49	218
BELGIUM	27	34	33	31	18	21	164	USA1	29	32	68	2	30	51	212
GERMANY	13	40	33	18	44	32	180	LATVIA	55	24	18	25	32	31	185

SEMIFINALS

BERMUDA BOWL

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
SWITZERLAND	6						6	NETHERLANDS	32						32
USA1	42						42	NORWAY	12						12

VENICE CUP

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
POLAND	24						24	ENGLAND	30						30
SWEDEN	15						15	TURKEY	34						34

D'ORSI TROPHY

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
INDIA	16						16	DENMARK	30						30
FRANCE	21						21	POLAND	38						38

WUHAN CUP

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
FRANCE	52						52	USA1	13						13
GERMANY	20						20	ITALY	13						13

52. INTERNATIONAL WACHAUER BRIDGE- WEEK

2022

Sunday 7th to
Saturday 13th of August

Venue:
Römerhalle
A-3512 Mautern
Austria

Sunday	7 th of August	12:30 p.m.	Opening Pairs Tournament - 2x18 boards, 30 €/player
Monday	8 th of August	12:00 p.m./noon	Mini Team - 6x8 boards, 120 €/Team
Tuesday	9 th of August	2:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Individual Tournament - 26 boards, 15 €/player Barometer Tournament - 32 boards, 25 €/player
Wednesday	10 th of August	4:30 p.m.	Team Tournament - session1, 6x8 boards, 240 €/Team
Thursday	11 th of August	12:00 p.m./noon	Team Tournament - session2, 6x8 boards
Friday	12 th of August	1:30 p.m.	Main Pairs Tournament - session1, 30 boards, 50 €
Saturday	13 th of August	1:30 p.m.	Main Pairs Tournament - session2, 30 boards
Saturday	13 th of August	appr. from 9:30 p.m.	Closing event with music, dance and awards ceremony

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without giving reasons.

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Organization:
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