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Today's Programme
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Mixed
 11.00 - 13.20
 14.30 - 16.50
 17.30 - 19.50

11.00 Round 4

BB	Poland - Argentina	VG/BBO 1
BB	Israel - Italy	BBO 2
BB	Netherlands - USA2	BBO 3
VC	Sweden - Russia	BBO 4
SD	France - USA2	BBO 5
MX	Australia - Romania	BBO 6
VC	USA1 - Netherlands	BBO 7
BB	India - Bangladesh	BBO 8
MX	Pakistan - Brasil	BBO 9
VC	Scotland - Poland	BBO 10
BB	Norway - Egypt	BBO 11
SD	USA1 - Canada	BBO 12

14.30 Round 5

BB	Sweden - Italy	VG/BBO 1
VC	England - Norway	BBO 2
BB	USA1 - Poland	BBO 3
VC	Japan - Australia	BBO 4
BB	Israel - USA2	BBO 5
SD	France - Ireland	BBO 6
BB	Argentina - England	BBO 7
SD	England - Sweden	BBO 8
MX	Barbados - USA2	BBO 9
VC	USA2 - South Africa	BBO 10
MX	England - Italy	BBO 11
BB	China HK - Guadaloupe	BBO 12

17.30 Round 6

SD	China - USA2	VG/BBO 1
BB	Sweden - Poland	BBO 2
MX	Romania - Russia	BBO 3
BB	USA1 - USA2	BBO 4
BB	Israel - Norway	BBO 5
MX	Latvia - Sweden	BBO 6
BB	England - Russia	BBO 7
MX	USA2 - Italy	BBO 8
SD	USA1 - Denmark	BBO 9
SD	Chinese Taipei - Ireland	BBO 10
VC	Poland - England	BBO 11
BB	Egypt - Singapore	BBO 12



One of the highlights of the Opening Ceremony was the presentation by the President of the WBF, Gianarrigo Rona to the President Emeritus of the WBF, José Damiani of an award to commemorate one of the most significant moments in the history of the WBF.

The inscription reads:
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 20th anniversary of the recognition by the IOC of the WBF as
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 With gratitude to President José Damiani who achieved this prestigious milestone.


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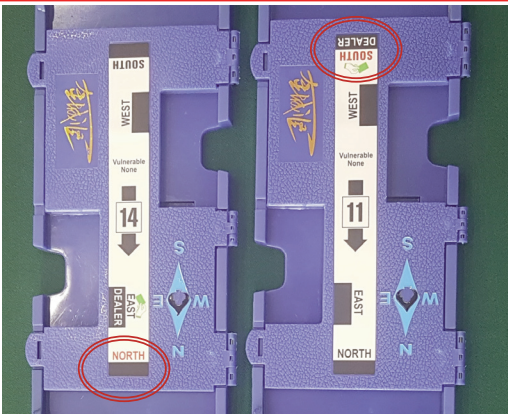
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For this tournament, please be advised that sets of boards starting with 1 and ending in 16 have two boards - 11 and 14 - that are mislabeled with colors indicating vulnerability where there is none. Sets starting with 17 and ending with 32 also have two boards mislabeled in the same way. The WBF staff is working to correct this problem as soon as possible.

Maurizio Di Sacco,
Operations Director





The boards in question: 11, 14, 27 and 30. The words North or South are in red when the color bar is correctly in black.





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M4

M5

M6

Bermuda Bowl

11.00 - 13.20

RUSSIA	CHILE
POLAND	ARGENTINA
NORWAY	EGYPT
USA 1	GUADELOUPE
NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND
SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
INDONESIA	MOROCCO
ISRAEL	ITALY
CHINA HONG KONG	CHINA
INDIA	BANGLADESH
NETHERLANDS	USA 2
CANADA	SINGAPORE

14.30 - 16.50

NORWAY	CHILE
NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA
SWEDEN	ITALY
CHINA HONG KONG	GUADELOUPE
USA 1	POLAND
ISRAEL	USA 2
AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO
NETHERLANDS	INDIA
CHINA	EGYPT
SINGAPORE	BANGLADESH
INDONESIA	CANADA
ARGENTINA	ENGLAND

17.30 - 19.50

CHILE	NEW ZEALAND
SWEDEN	POLAND
USA 1	USA 2
GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS
ISRAEL	NORWAY
CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA
MOROCCO	ITALY
CHINA	CANADA
INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA
BANGLADESH	ARGENTINA
EGYPT	SINGAPORE
ENGLAND	RUSSIA

Venice Cup

11.00 - 13.20

ENGLAND	TUNISIA
FRANCE	INDIA
BRAZIL	USA 2
AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
SWEDEN	RUSSIA
DENMARK	SOUTH AFRICA
NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND
JAPAN	PAKISTAN
CHINA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
SCOTLAND	POLAND
USA 1	NETHERLANDS
CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG

14.30 - 16.50

RUSSIA	TUNISIA
JAPAN	AUSTRALIA
CHINA	BRAZIL
SCOTLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
INDIA	POLAND
USA 2	SOUTH AFRICA
CANADA	USA 1
NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN
FRANCE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
ENGLAND	NORWAY
DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND
SWEDEN	CHINA HONG KONG

17.30 - 19.50

TUNISIA	FRANCE
AUSTRALIA	USA 2
SWEDEN	CANADA
CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL
DENMARK	JAPAN
SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY
NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA
PAKISTAN	SCOTLAND
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	INDIA
CHINA	NETHERLANDS
POLAND	ENGLAND
CHINA HONG KONG	USA 1

d'Orsi Trophy

11.00 - 13.20

FRANCE	USA 2
INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS
ENGLAND	REUNION
SWEDEN	DENMARK
ITALY	UAE
IRELAND	INDIA
CHINA	JAPAN
BULGARIA	CHINA HONG KONG
POLAND	NORWAY
USA 1	CANADA
NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKEY

14.30 - 16.50

POLAND	USA 2
USA 1	NETHERLANDS
AUSTRALIA	REUNION
CANADA	DENMARK
NORWAY	UAE
CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA
NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN
CHINESE TAIPEI	BULGARIA
TURKEY	CHINA
FRANCE	IRELAND
INDONESIA	ITALY
ENGLAND	SWEDEN

17.30 - 19.50

CHINA	USA 2
BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS
POLAND	REUNION
USA 1	DENMARK
AUSTRALIA	UAE
CANADA	INDIA
NORWAY	JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND	CHINA HONG KONG
CHINESE TAIPEI	IRELAND
TURKEY	ITALY
FRANCE	SWEDEN
INDONESIA	ENGLAND

Mixed

11.00 - 13:20

CHINESE TAIPEI	RUSSIA
ENGLAND	MOROCCO
SWEDEN	INDONESIA
ITALY	DENMARK
POLAND	INDIA
EGYPT	LATVIA
PAKISTAN	BRAZIL
THAILAND	CANADA
AUSTRALIA	ROMANIA
NEW ZEALAND	USA 2
FRANCE	CHINA
BARBADOS	USA 1

14.30 - 16.50

CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND
ENGLAND	ITALY
SWEDEN	RUSSIA
INDONESIA	MOROCCO
EGYPT	DENMARK
PAKISTAN	INDIA
THAILAND	LATVIA
AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL
NEW ZEALAND	CANADA
FRANCE	ROMANIA
BARBADOS	USA 2
CHINA	USA 1

17.30- 19.50

DENMARK	CHINESE TAIPEI
INDIA	ENGLAND
LATVIA	SWEDEN
BRAZIL	INDONESIA
CANADA	MOROCCO
ROMANIA	RUSSIA
USA 2	ITALY
CHINA	POLAND
BARBADOS	EGYPT
FRANCE	PAKISTAN
NEW ZEALAND	THAILAND
USA 1	AUSTRALIA

Bermuda Bowl After Round 3		Venice Cup After Round 3		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 3	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 SWEDEN	50.73	1 ENGLAND	42.97	1 CHINESE TAIPEI	49.38
2 NORWAY	47.45	2 CANADA	42.49	2 INDIA	43.42
3 ENGLAND	44.96	3 NORWAY	41.91	3 CANADA	43.04
4 AUSTRALIA	43.66	4 NEW ZEALAND	40.78	4 USA 1	42.70
5 ITALY	40.00	5 CHINA	40.53	5 DENMARK	41.03
6 POLAND	37.26	6 JAPAN	39.69	6 ENGLAND	40.03
7 CHILE	36.66	7 RUSSIA	36.64	7 USA 2	39.03
8 ISRAEL	35.84	8 SCOTLAND	35.74	8 CHINA	36.37
9 CHINA HONG KONG	34.22	9 POLAND	35.42	9 SWEDEN	36.10
10 USA 1	33.04	10 USA 2	33.16	10 POLAND	35.96
11 CANADA	32.85	11 INDIA	32.90	11 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	32.34
12 CHINA	32.35	12 CHINESE TAIPEI	31.54	12 NORWAY	31.31
13 NETHERLANDS	30.18	13 SWEDEN	29.97	13 AUSTRALIA	30.24
14 BANGLADESH	30.10	14 USA 1	29.29	14 FRANCE	26.99
15 SINGAPORE	29.26	15 DENMARK	28.32	15 TURKEY	25.01
16 RUSSIA	28.52	16 BRAZIL	25.92	16 BULGARIA	24.97
17 USA 2	23.25	17 FRANCE	25.73	17 NETHERLANDS	23.79
18 ARGENTINA	22.71	18 PAKISTAN	24.50	18 ITALY	22.20
19 INDIA	22.49	19 AUSTRALIA	23.81	19 IRELAND	21.90
20 EGYPT	20.87	20 CHINA HONG KONG	20.84	20 CHINA HONG KONG	20.02
21 INDONESIA	18.62	21 NETHERLANDS	20.38	21 INDONESIA	19.25
22 NEW ZEALAND	15.52	22 TUNISIA	17.68	22 JAPAN	13.07
23 MOROCCO	5.43	23 SOUTH AFRICA	10.28	23 REUNION	12.25
24 GUADELOUPE	1.03	24 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	8.51	24 NEW ZEALAND	7.60

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After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 USA 1	51.13
2 AUSTRALIA	46.57
3 ENGLAND	44.73
4 RUSSIA	41.14
5 USA 2	40.54
6 ITALY	39.77
7 CHINA	37.86
8 ROMANIA	35.03
9 EGYPT	34.83
10 FRANCE	33.59
11 NEW ZEALAND	32.58
12 DENMARK	31.52
13 MOROCCO	30.43
14 CANADA	30.03
15 LATVIA	29.10
16 INDONESIA	25.85
17 POLAND	23.35
18 THAILAND	21.69
19 SWEDEN	21.45
20 CHINESE TAIPEI	21.16
21 INDIA	17.87
22 BARBADOS	11.71
23 BRAZIL	11.45
24 PAKISTAN	6.62

Rosenblum Cup – Orlando 2018

Following a positive drug test of Geir Helgemo in the final of the Rosenblum Cup held in Orlando in 2018, a hearing of the WBF Anti-Doping Tribunal took place in February of this year; Geir Helgemo accepted that he was guilty of the violation and was suspended for a period of 12 months. In applying the relevant consequences that follow a violation of the Code, the Panel automatically disqualified the result of Team Zimmermann and the Team was therefore considered to have lost the final. The Anti-Doping Tribunal found that the doping violation had not influenced the performance of the player and that his Team Members were unaware of and bore no negligence or fault in respect of the violation.

Representations were made by Team Zimmermann in respect of the disqualification and the matter was considered by the WBF. The views of Team Lavazza (the losing finalist) were sought. The members of Team Lavazza expressed the view that the sporting result of the final was not influenced

by the doping violation and would not wish to see the winning Team deprived of its success in the final; further the Lavazza Team believes the result was achieved fairly and that the sporting result should prevail.

In light of the above the WBF has determined that Team Zimmermann shall be reinstated as victor of the Final together with all resulting titles, medals, awards and master points save that the Helgemo Sanction, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the disqualification of his individual result in the Final, be maintained in full. The decision has been endorsed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Team Zimmermann applauds Team Lavazza for its sporting and acknowledges the importance of keeping all drugs out of sport and the necessary work undertaken by the World Anti-Doping Agency in this regard.

14th September 2019





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At the end of 2019 the leading three players in the 2019 overall ranking, determined on their best results achieved over a minimum of 100 tournaments will be invited to participate in the 2020 World Championships with a partner of their choice.



Venice Cup RR - R1



Brazil v Trinidad & Tobago

Brian Senior

In the first day or two of a championship I like to cover matches featuring at least one team which I don't expect to see make it to the second week, so that they get their 15 minutes of fame. So my first offering features the Trinidad & Tobago Venice Cup squad, who kicked off their campaign against Brazil. I promise that I would be delighted to be proved wrong and to see them storm into the knockout stages.

The match began with a normal spade game for the E/W pairs, bid and made at both tables, but we didn't have to wait long for the first swing to come along.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 5 4 ♥ Q J 6 5 2 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ 8 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 9 8 ♥ 10 7 ♦ K J 10 6 ♣ J 10 6 3
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ A Q 3 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ A 4 2										
	♠ K 7 6 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ A 5 ♣ K Q 9 5										

West	North	East	South
<i>Josa</i>	<i>Meireles</i>	<i>P Howard</i>	<i>Pacheco</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Menezes</i>	<i>K Howard</i>	<i>Vidigal</i>	<i>Parmanan</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

For Brazil, Juliana Pacheco and Jaqueline Meireles had what looks to be the normal auction to 3NT. After a heart lead, Pacheco took her ten top tricks for a quick and painless +630.

For Trinidad & Tobago, Sharon Parmanan opened 1♣ and Kalifa Howard responded 2NT, presumably natural and invitational. I don't see any reason to upgrade the flat ten-count, and also no reason to want to become declarer, so I prefer the 1♦ response made at the other table. However, assuming that 2NT is just invitational, Parmanan's jump to 6NT is also a serious overbid, so I think they can share the blame for reaching the hopeless slam. Ana Vidigal led the jack of diamonds and continued with the ♦6 when that was ducked. Howard also made 10 tricks so was down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to Brazil.

The next two deals saw 12 tricks available for N/S but neither was anything like a good slam and both pairs played game, T&T scoring two overtrick IMPs and Brazil one. The next swing was also a small one.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 3 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 9 5 3 ♣ J 6 4 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 7 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ Q J ♣ K 10 8 7
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	S										
	♠ K Q 10 4 ♥ J 8 7 4 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ A 2										
	♠ 8 6 5 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ Q 9 5										

West	North	East	South
<i>Josa</i>	<i>Meireles</i>	<i>P Howard</i>	<i>Pacheco</i>
–	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Menezes</i>	<i>K Howard</i>	<i>Vidigal</i>	<i>Parmanan</i>
–	1NT	All Pass	

Kalifa opened a weak no trump ((11)12-14) and was left to play there on a club lead. She played low from dummy so the jack forced the ace and Kalifa led a heart to the ten and queen. Back came a club. Vidigal won the king and played a third round to dummy's queen and now Kalifa played a spade to the queen and ace. Vidigal cashed the ten of clubs then switched to a heart to dummy's ace. Kalifa played a spade to the jack and king and had seven tricks for +90.

Playing a stronger no trump, Meireles had to open 1♦ in the other room, so the Brazilian N/S found the spade fit. Denise Josa made a balancing double when 2♠ came round to her and Pat Howard chose to bid hearts rather than clubs – would 2NT have been an option to show two places to play, getting to the four-four club fit? Three Hearts was going to be an uphill struggle – Deep Finesse tells us that N/S can make 1♥ – but Meireles took the push to 3♠ on the North cards. That looked a very dubious action, when holding heart length. Surely, South might have competed already with a fifth spade and heart shortage?

Indeed, Deep Finesse also tells us that N/S can be held to eight tricks in a spade contract, but that was not how things panned out. Josa led a low heart and Howard put in

the five, allowing declarer to scoop in the ten. Pacheco played a spade to the king, ducked, followed by dummy's low club – a nice play to keep control of the suit. Howard won the king and returned a heart, so Pacheco won the ace and played a second spade to the jack, queen and ace. It looks best for East to return her remaining spade now, but she actually chose a low heart, ruffed by declarer. Pacheco crossed to the ace of clubs, ruffed the last heart, and took a diamond discard on the queen of clubs. A diamond to the ace allowed her to cash the ♠10 and claim ten tricks for +170 and 2 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Josa	Meireles	P Howard	Pacheco
–	–	1♦	1♠
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Menezes	K Howard	Vidigal	Parmanan
–	–	1♦	1♠
2♣	3♣	All Pass	

Howard/Josa were playing Precision, with Howard's 1♦ opening promising only one card in the suit. Why Josa had to start with a negative double I cannot say but, when Meireles leapt to 4♣, Josa now felt obliged to bid her diamonds as either 4♣ or 5♦ could have been cold. Pacheco doubled 5♦ to complete the auction. With the club offside there were three unavoidable losers; down one for –100.

Vidigal's 1♦ opening promised three cards (usually four unless 4-4-3-2), and Lucia Menezes made a cuebid raise. When Kalifa Howard raised the spades only to the three level that came back to Menezes and, surprisingly to me, Menezes let it go. Wouldn't you compete with 4♦ when holding six good diamonds and spade shortage? Menezes led the queen of clubs, ducked to declarer's king. Parmanan led the king of spades, Vidigal winning the ace and playing ace and another club. Menezes won that and there was still one trick to be lost in each red suit, so down one for –50 and 6 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Josa	Meireles	P Howard	Pacheco
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Menezes	K Howard	Vidigal	Parmanan
–	–	–	1♠
Dble	2♣	3♥	3♣
4♥	All Pass		

Would you come in over 1♠ with the West hand? I can think of some who would stretch to overcall INT, but I would think the majority vote would go to the take-out double selected by Menezes despite the lack of diamond support. When Vidigal bid 3♥ over the simple spade raise and Parmanan competed to 3♣, Menezes raised to 4♥, ending the auction. Parmanan led the ace of spades. Vidigal ruffed and played ace of hearts followed by a heart to the jack and ace. Now she switched her attention to clubs,



Sharon Parmanan, Trinidad & Tobago

cashing the ace. When the queen appeared on her left, she continued with the king, and Parmanan ruffed with the ♠Q. But that was all for the defence, Dummy's diamond loser went away on the fifth club, while the ♠10 could be ruffed; 12 tricks for +680.

Josa passed with the West cards and her opponents bid to 4♠ so that she had no second chance to get involved. She led the king then ace of clubs against 4♠, the latter being ruffed by Pacheco, who played the jack of hearts. Josa won the king and led the ten of diamonds to her partner's ace, Pat Howard continuing with a second diamond to the jack and queen. Pacheco ran the jack of spades to Josa's king and she returned a heart to Howard's ace. Now a diamond ruff meant that the contract was down three for -300 but 9 IMPs to Brazil.

Could East have doubled at any point? I'm sure there are those who would double 2♠ and others who would double 4♠. Either would be likely to see South declare 4♠ doubled, though West would have to lead a diamond to trick one or two to get the maximum penalty as declarer would surely play on trumps as soon as she got in with the king almost certain to be offside.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Josa	Meireles	P Howard	Pacheco
INT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Menezes	K Howard	Vidigal	Parmanan
1♥	2♦	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Menezes opened 1♥ and Kalifa Howard made a simple overcall. Vidigal bid her long club suit and repeated it when Menezes cuebid in search of a second diamond stopper. Now Vidigal might have cuebid again, this time as a slam try, as partner was unlikely to bid a bad slam when missing all four aces. However, she settled for raising to 5♣ and that was that. Parmanan led the jack of diamonds and Vidigal had no good reason to get the trumps right so lost a trick in each minor; +400.

Josa opened INT, getting across the all-round strength of her hand immediately. When Pat Howard made a forcing jump in clubs then repeated the suit, Josa made a practical jump to the club slam. With hearts bid on her left, Pacheco led the queen of spades. Howard won the king and played a club to the ace then back to the king. She unblocked the ♥K then played a third club to Meireles' queen and back came the king of diamonds. Howard won the ace, played ace of hearts then ruffed one, and cashed all but one of her trumps before leading a spade to the ten. When that held she had 12 tricks for +920 and 11 IMPs to T&T.

Superficially, the spade lead was a disaster for the defence, but in truth South was always going to be squeezed in the majors so that a heart lead would have been no better. Only a diamond lead gives the defence a chance, and even then declarer can succeed by guessing the trump suit successfully.

On Board 9 the Brazilian N/S made INT for +90 while T&T played 2♠-1 for -50 and 4 IMPs to Brazil, but the next swing was back to T&T.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Josa	Meireles	P Howard	Pacheco
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♣	2♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Menezes	K Howard	Vidigal	Parmanan
—	—	Pass	INT
2♣	3♣	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	


Pacheco opened 1♣ and Josa made a two-suited overcall. Meireles showed the diamonds then, when Pat Howard's jump to 4♥ came round to her, repeated the suit. That was a two-way shot, with either 4♥ or 5♦ a possible make, but of course she could hardly not bid again facing an opening hand. Howard's singleton spade lead quickly put paid to 5♦. Josa won the ace and, though Meireles followed with a desperate queen, Josa duly gave her partner the ruff, and there was no way to avoid a club loser; down one for -100.

At the other table, Parmanan opened a weak no trump and Menezes overcalled to show the majors. Now I'm not

sure what Kalifa Howard's 3♣ meant but the strength of her hand strongly suggests that she intended the 4♦ follow-up to be forcing. Clearly, Parmanan saw things differently, as she passed it out. Vidigal too led the singleton. Kalifa played low from both hands and Menezes won the ace and gave her partner the ruff; ten tricks for +130 and 6 IMPs to T&T.

For what it's worth, declarer's best combination of plays to avoid the ruff would be to put in dummy's jack then play low from hand, trying to look like someone with a small doubleton. It isn't very likely to be successful, however.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 6 4 2 ♥ A K Q 10 3 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ Q 2		♠ 9 ♥ 8 7 4 2 ♦ J 9 5 2 ♣ K J 6 4	♠ K Q J 7 3 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K ♣ A 9 7 5 ♠ A 10 8 5 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 8 7 6 3 ♣ 10 8 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Josa</i>	<i>Meireles</i>	<i>P Howard</i>	<i>Pacheco</i>
–	–	–	Pass
INT	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	


West	North	East	South
<i>Menezes</i>	<i>K Howard</i>	<i>Vidigal</i>	<i>Parmanan</i>
–	–	–	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Both Wests opened INT. Menezes was left to play there while Josa was not, Meireles showing spades and a minor then going on to game when that caught a raise from Pacheco.

One No Trump can be beaten, but it requires the defence to set up its diamond winner before cashing all the spades, otherwise there is no way to get at the queen of diamonds, which is the seventh defensive trick. In practice, Kalifa led the king of spades and they cashed all five spades. Parmanan threw an encouraging diamond on the fifth spade and Kalifa duly played the ♦K, but it was too late, declarer winning, cashing five heart tricks, then playing a club. North had to return a club at trick 13; seven tricks for +90.

Pat Howard led a heart against 4♠, Josa winning and switching to a spade. Meireles won in dummy and led a diamond but Josa rose with the ace and returned her low club to declarer's ace. Meireles could ruff her heart losers and take a club pitch on the ♦Q but there was nowhere to park the other clubs, so the contract failed by a trick; –50 but 1 IMP to Brazil.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 8 2 ♥ K J 7 5 4 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 8 6 4		♠ Q 9 7 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 5 ♠ A 5 ♥ 3 ♦ A K 5 4 ♣ K J 9 7 3 2	♠ K J 10 6 3 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 ♦ 6 ♣ A 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Josa</i>	<i>Meireles</i>	<i>P Howard</i>	<i>Pacheco</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Menezes</i>	<i>K Howard</i>	<i>Vidigal</i>	<i>Parmanan</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Six Clubs is where you would like to play this one, I think. On a trump lead you rate to have no loser in the suit, while on a non-trump lead you can play to take two diamond ruffs in the North hand and play trumps for one loser. (The fact that this line would go down to a trump promotion is just unlucky!)

Playing Acol, where the initial 2♣ response was only forcing as far as 2♠, Parmanan could not repeat the suit below the level of 3NT and felt obliged to jump to 3NT at her second turn. Kalifa bid out her own shape, but there was no room to explore clubs properly and Parmanan's preference to 4♠ ended the auction. Vidigal led the two of diamonds to dummy's ace, Kalifa continuing with the king of diamonds for a heart discard, then playing a heart to the ace and ruffing a heart. A diamond ruff was followed by a second heart ruff with the ♠A, then ace of clubs and a club to the king (East had discarded a diamond on the third heart). Now the last heart went away on the jack of clubs. Vidigal ruffed but had only one more trump trick to come so the contract was just made for +650 and no swing.

Playing two-over-one GF, Pacheco could bid and rebid her clubs then follow through with 3NT to show the diamond values. Given that she could have bid 2♣ followed by a forcing 2NT, that was a significant statement about clubs, and I think Meireles might have gone on with 4♣ over 3NT, having already bid out her major-suit shape. That would surely have seen them get to slam, but Meireles passed and an opportunity was missed. Josa led the eight of spades. Pacheco rose with the king and played ace then ten of

clubs, and the appearance of the queen meant six club tricks and 11 in all for +660 (yes, she could have made 12 even after the strange play to trick one).

Three pairs in the Venice Cup bid and made 6♣. In the Bermuda Bowl five pairs made 6♣ and one made 6♠, while one alighted in 6♥ – not a success and down three. In the d’Orsi Bowl one pair made 6♣, one went down in 6♣ (maybe on the unlucky line mentioned above), and two made 6♠. In the Mixed Teams there were three 6♣ made, one 6♠ made, and one 6♠ down two.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 9 6 4 ♥ K 8 7 3 ♦ Q ♣ Q 10 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		E		S		♠ J 3 ♥ Q 9 6 4 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ A 3 2
N		E									
W		E									
	S										
♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ J ♦ 9 8 6 4 ♣ K J 6 4	♠ K 7 ♥ A 10 5 2 ♦ 10 7 5 2 ♣ 9 7 5										

West	North	East	South
Josa	Meireles	P Howard	Pacheco
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Menezes	K Howard	Vidigal	Parmanan
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

Vidigal opened a strong no trump and was left to play there, Parmanan leading the two of hearts. Kalifa won the ♥K and returned the three, Vidigal putting in the nine and losing to the ten. Now the defence had a chance, because they could have collected four heart tricks, but Parmanan cashed the ♥A at trick three then played a fourth round. Vidigal won the ♥Q and cashed a top diamond, dropping the bare queen, then led a club to the jack. That lost to the queen and Kalifa returned a low spade. Parmanan won the king and switched to a low diamond, imagining that her partner held the jack along with the previously played queen. That allowed declarer to win what was by now dummy’s bare nine – declarer had pitched two diamonds and a spade on the hearts – and she could now come back to hand with the ace of clubs, cash the king and jack of diamonds, then split the clubs; eight tricks for +120.

The auction was a little more complicated in the other room, where Meireles opened 1♠ in third seat in front of Pat Howard’s balanced 15-count. Howard doubled then doubled again when Pacheco’s simple spade raise came back to her. Josa responded 3♣ and that was that. Incidentally, don’t you like the raise on king-doubleton spade? True, it cut out the N/S heart fit, but it caused problems for E/W, and ones they failed to solve.

Meireles led the queen of diamonds to dummy’s ace and Josa played a low heart. Pacheco rose with the ace and gave her partner a diamond ruff. Meireles played ace and another spade to the king and was dealt a second diamond ruff. A third spade was ruffed by Pacheco who now gave her partner a third diamond ruff, and that was down three for –150 and 7 IMPs to Brazil.

That helped Brazil to a 43-20 IMP, 15.56-4.44 VP victory, after an interesting set of boards.



	Bermuda Bowl RR - R2	
Jos Jacobs	Indonesia v Israel	

For the second round of the first day, I selected the match between two teams who, to my surprise, did not make it too often into worldwide bridge publicity over recent years. Indonesia have been regular qualifiers for the Bermuda Bowl for many years and Israel were runners-up at the 2018 European Team Championships, a qualifying event considered by many to be even tougher than the Bermuda Bowl itself.

Whatever the merit of this little introduction, neither team had done well in the first match. Indonesia had lost 8-12 to New Zealand and Israel had lost 1-19 to Sweden. (Please, don't ask where those 0.03 VPs have gone) so both sides were on the lookout for VPs.

The first board of the match was an apparently easy slam but on the second board, it was all about bidding game or not.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 5 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ K Q J 9 8 6 ♣ Q	<table border="1" style="width:100%; height:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ A 7 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ K 10 8 6 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ J 9 6 4 ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ — ♣ J 9 5 4 3		♠ Q 8 3 2 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ A 10 7 4 ♣ A 7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Levin</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>George</i>
—	—	INT	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	All Pass

East's INT was 11-14 according to the CC so over West's Lebensohl 3♣ game was avoided easily enough. Israel +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gontha</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Suhendro</i>	<i>Lengy</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Suhendro did not open as East, E/W were soon in game, only to find out that the defence would take at least five tricks on the actual spade lead. Two down, Israel another +100 and 6 IMPs.

A few boards later, Indonesia seemed to have missed a game:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 5 ♥ K ♦ Q J 10 9 4 3 ♣ 10 7 6 4	<table border="1" style="width:100%; height:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ Q 9 4 ♥ A J 10 7 5 ♦ 8 7 6 5 ♣ Q
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ A J 10 6 3 2 ♥ Q 8 4 3 ♦ — ♣ K J 3			
		♠ K 8 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A K 2 ♣ A 9 8 5 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Levin</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>George</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

East has to lead something and his choice of the ♠A made life easy for declarer. One overtrick, Indonesia +170.

In the other room, Israel missed the contract, however:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gontha</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Suhendro</i>	<i>Lengy</i>
—	Pass	1♠	All Pass

Even an early club ruff does not sink 1♠. One overtrick when declarer correctly played clubs from the top, later on. Indonesia another +110 and 7 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Indonesian N/S pair apparently did not want to miss anything.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 6 5 2 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ 7	<table border="1" style="width:100%; height:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ A J 5 ♦ J 10 7 6 2 ♣ 9
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ 7 ♥ K Q 8 2 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ J 10 6 4 2			
		♠ A J ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ A K Q 8 5 3			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
A Levin	Tobing	Roll	George
–	–	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

With the clubs a more normal 4-2, even 5♣ might have been problematic on a heart lead but 6♣ looks an exaggeration after North's 5♣ sign-off. Down four, undoubled, Israel +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gontha	Bareket	Suhendro	Lengy
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A quiet auction to an unimaginative, albeit correct contract. Israel another +430 and 12 IMPs when East led a low heart.

The main theme of this match seemed to be club contracts, it looked to me. After some quiet boards, this was Board 27:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
A Levin	Tobing	Roll	George
–	–	–	Pass
2♦	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

In the Open Room, N/S, with their limited bidding space after West's nuisance opening bid to show majors, correctly diagnosed that their combined spade stopper was not very substantial. They missed out, however, on the fact that together, they held enough cards in spades to

possibly prevent an adverse spade avalanche. Five Clubs went down two as there was no way for declarer to get rid of all his spades. Israel +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gontha	Bareket	Suhendro	Lengy
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Given a free road, the Israelis could bid spades as a natural suit and thus avoided the stopper problem before it arose. Nine easy top tricks, Israel another +400 and 11 IMPs.

More club problems on board 30:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
A Levin	Tobing	Roll	George
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Again, West produced a nuisance opening bid when South did not open. This time, it was a natural weak two and again, it was effective. North's pass over partner's 3♣ may look a little too careful but North apparently realised that his partner had a passed hand... On another 5-1 trump break, even this modest partscore went one down. Israel +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gontha	Bareket	Suhendro	Lengy
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
Pass	2♥	Dble	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Once South found an opening bid on his modest hand, N/S were no longer in danger of missing game. When East led the ♥K and another, declarer's job became even easier. Israel another +400 and 10 more IMPs on their way to winning the match 43-21 or 15.38 – 4.62 VPs.

RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHILE	SINGAPORE	35	22	13.52	6.48
ARGENTINA	INDIA	24	28	8.80	11.20
ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	41	24	14.39	5.61
GUADELOUPE	NORWAY	7	78	0.00	20.00
RUSSIA	CANADA	51	23	16.42	3.58
POLAND	CHINA	12	39	3.74	16.26
MOROCCO	CHINA HONG KONG	16	55	2.03	17.97
NEW ZEALAND	INDONESIA	36	29	12.03	7.97
SWEDEN	ISRAEL	60	12	18.97	1.03
BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA	23	43	5.00	15.00
USA 1	EGYPT	30	26	11.20	8.80
ITALY	USA 2	27	22	11.48	8.52

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHILE	CHINA HONG KONG	47	33	13.75	6.25
NETHERLANDS	USA 1	42	20	14.88	4.12
CHINA	ARGENTINA	32	6	16.09	3.91
GUADELOUPE	AUSTRALIA	19	67	1.03	18.97
INDONESIA	ISRAEL	21	43	4.62	15.38
EGYPT	ENGLAND	20	42	4.62	15.38
MOROCCO	SINGAPORE	25	58	2.83	17.17
ITALY	RUSSIA	68	27	18.21	1.79
USA 2	CANADA	8	58	0.84	19.16
BANGLADESH	NORWAY	47	38	12.55	7.45
INDIA	POLAND	27	40	6.48	13.52
NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	24	64	1.91	18.09

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CANADA	CHILE	15	13	10.61	9.39
SINGAPORE	USA 2	30	47	5.61	14.39
ARGENTINA	CHINA HONG KONG	20	20	10.00	10.00
POLAND	GUADELOUPE	75	3	20.00	0.00
ENGLAND	INDIA	42	21	15.19	4.81
RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	23	22	10.31	9.69
ISRAEL	MOROCCO	61	8	19.43	0.57
NORWAY	CHINA	72	11	20.00	0.00
NEW ZEALAND	USA 1	15	52	2.28	17.72
EGYPT	BANGLADESH	55	64	7.45	12.55
SWEDEN	INDONESIA	46	31	13.97	6.03
AUSTRALIA	ITALY	24	25	9.69	10.31

Venice Cup

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
SCOTLAND	TUNISIA	38	32	11.76	8.24
CHINA	SWEDEN	16	22	8.24	11.76
USA 2	DENMARK	37	18	14.80	5.20
INDIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	6	41	2.55	17.45
CANADA	ENGLAND	37	24	13.52	6.48
USA 1	SOUTH AFRICA	39	24	13.97	6.03
POLAND	NETHERLANDS	14	28	6.25	13.75
FRANCE	PAKISTAN	37	38	9.69	10.31
BRAZIL	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	43	20	15.56	4.44
AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA	17	32	6.03	13.97
NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	31	17	13.75	6.25
NORWAY	CHINA HONG KONG	48	6	18.33	1.67

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
TUNISIA	CHINA	31	54	4.44	15.56
INDIA	DENMARK	27	22	11.48	8.52
CANADA	NORWAY	35	7	16.42	3.58
CHINESE TAIPEI	USA 2	24	27	9.09	10.91
USA 1	FRANCE	30	21	12.05	6.95
SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND	25	56	3.12	16.88
NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	28	74	1.23	18.77
PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA	43	56	6.48	13.52
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	SWEDEN	13	54	1.79	18.21
BRAZIL	JAPAN	19	62	1.56	18.44
RUSSIA	SCOTLAND	43	37	11.76	8.24
CHINA HONG KONG	NEW ZEALAND	33	40	7.97	12.03

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
TUNISIA	NEW ZEALAND	22	42	5.00	15.00
RUSSIA	FRANCE	41	38	10.91	9.09
SCOTLAND	AUSTRALIA	47	23	15.74	4.26
CHINESE TAIPEI	JAPAN	14	34	5.00	15.00
CHINA	USA 1	38	8	16.73	3.27
SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA	19	66	1.13	18.87
USA 2	CANADA	31	40	7.45	12.55
PAKISTAN	POLAND	33	41	7.71	12.29
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	ENGLAND	15	52	2.28	17.72
NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	52	70	5.40	14.60
SWEDEN	NORWAY	21	87	0.00	20.00
CHINA HONG KONG	BRAZIL	38	34	11.20	8.80

RESULTS

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	CHINA HONG KONG	54	14	18.09	1.91
NETHERLANDS	JAPAN	62	13	19.07	0.93
REUNION	INDIA	20	44	2.26	15.74
DENMARK	UAE	26	37	6.96	13.04
NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI	12	38	3.91	16.09
CANADA	TURKEY	35	20	13.97	6.03
AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	24	20	11.20	8.80
USA 1	INDONESIA	34	37	9.09	10.91
POLAND	ENGLAND	27	7	15.00	5.00
BULGARIA	SWEDEN	50	47	10.91	9.09
CHINA	ITALY	29	21	12.29	7.71
IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND	50	24	16.09	3.91

Mixed

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CANADA	CHINESE TAIPEI	27	37	7.20	12.80
ROMANIA	ENGLAND	7	36	3.42	16.58
USA 2	SWEDEN	21	12	12.55	7.45
CHINA	INDONESIA	57	15	18.33	1.67
BARBADOS	MOROCCO	15	59	1.45	18.55
FRANCE	RUSSIA	34	16	14.60	5.40
NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	29	45	5.82	14.18
AUSTRALIA	POLAND	35	21	13.75	6.25
THAILAND	EGYPT	45	14	16.88	3.12
USA 1	PAKISTAN	54	14	18.09	1.91
DENMARK	BRAZIL	28	20	12.29	7.71
INDIA	LATVIA	29	33	8.80	11.20

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	NETHERLANDS	64	25	17.97	2.03
REUNION	CHINESE TAIPEI	24	51	3.74	16.26
DENMARK	TURKEY	69	27	18.33	1.67
UAE	FRANCE	41	18	15.56	4.44
INDIA	INDONESIA	52	27	15.92	4.08
JAPAN	ENGLAND	19	65	1.23	18.77
CHINA HONG KONG	SWEDEN	5	51	1.23	18.77
NORWAY	ITALY	60	42	14.60	5.40
CANADA	IRELAND	50	16	17.31	2.69
AUSTRALIA	CHINA	17	48	3.12	16.88
USA 1	BULGARIA	38	22	14.18	5.82
POLAND	NEW ZEALAND	66	35	16.88	3.12

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINESE TAIPEI	INDONESIA	20	42	4.62	15.38
ENGLAND	SWEDEN	30	15	13.97	6.03
MOROCCO	DENMARK	51	58	7.97	12.03
RUSSIA	INDIA	44	20	15.74	4.26
ITALY	LATVIA	31	43	6.72	13.28
POLAND	BRAZIL	43	16	16.26	3.74
EGYPT	CANADA	34	25	12.55	7.45
PAKISTAN	ROMANIA	11	39	3.58	16.42
THAILAND	USA 2	40	61	4.81	15.19
AUSTRALIA	CHINA	41	11	16.73	3.27
NEW ZEALAND	BARBADOS	63	40	15.56	4.44
FRANCE	USA 1	19	30	6.96	13.04

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINESE TAIPEI	USA 2	48	16	17.03	2.97
TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	65	31	17.31	2.69
FRANCE	REUNION	53	39	13.75	6.25
INDONESIA	DENMARK	29	53	4.26	15.74
ENGLAND	UAE	41	14	16.26	3.74
SWEDEN	INDIA	25	31	8.24	11.76
ITALY	JAPAN	27	30	9.09	10.91
IRELAND	CHINA HONG KONG	12	43	3.12	16.88
CHINA	NORWAY	19	29	7.20	12.80
BULGARIA	CANADA	18	24	8.24	11.76
POLAND	AUSTRALIA	16	41	4.08	15.92
NEW ZEALAND	USA 1	11	64	0.57	19.43

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	3	30	3.74	16.26
ENGLAND	BARBADOS	30	14	14.18	5.82
SWEDEN	FRANCE	35	42	7.97	12.03
INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND	22	26	8.80	11.20
MOROCCO	AUSTRALIA	29	55	3.91	16.09
RUSSIA	THAILAND	83	19	20.00	0.00
ITALY	PAKISTAN	66	19	18.87	1.13
POLAND	EGYPT	21	71	0.84	19.16
USA 2	DENMARK	33	23	12.80	7.20
ROMANIA	INDIA	30	9	15.19	4.81
CANADA	LATVIA	40	18	15.38	4.62
BRAZIL	USA 1	21	83	0.00	20.00

WBF visits the Wuhan n.14 Junior School



On 15th September the WBF, represented by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and by the WBF Secretary Simon Fellus, visited the Wuhan n.14 Junior School, meeting students, teachers and the school directors together with Mr. Yao Zhongkai, Acting President of Hubei Bridge Association, Mr. Yuan Shanla, Former President of Wuhan Bridge Association, Mrs. Gu Lin, Bridge Champion, Mr. Gan Derun, Former Vice President of Wuhan Bridge Association.



President Rona congratulated Mr. Liu Xiaojang, CCBA President and Mr. Guo Yujun, CCBA Vice President and Secretary General for the impressive organisation and the amazing work that the CCBA has done and is still doing for the development of youth bridge. Seeing how their work is projected towards the future is very encouraging. He remarked that youth bridge is the only guarantee of consolidation, success and future of our discipline.



Keep Bridge Alive

Bridge isn't just a great mind sport that alleviates boredom for players of any age, it also reduces the risk of social isolation, improving people's well-being and mental health. The innovative Keep Bridge Alive campaign, set up by the University of Stirling and Professor Samantha Punch, aims to increase participation globally, ensure the future sustainability of the game, and address its image problem (two assumptions prevail – only for old people or a gambling game).

Sam is building up a research team to promote the benefits of bridge (healthy ageing/social connectedness/brain fitness/skill development) with the goal of getting more people of all ages playing. As bridge players we know that bridge enhances mental and social well-being as well as providing a sense of community.

The Keep Bridge Alive team are working hard to communicate these positive messages beyond the bridge world and to develop new approaches to raising the profile and potential of bridge as an intergenerational game for young people and families. In particular they are keen to encourage people to spend less time immersed on their digital devices in order to engage more in social interaction and face-to-face communication at the bridge table.

Sam is planning to conduct interviews with bridge teachers, TDs and the CCBA whilst visiting China this September to participate in the Venice Cup. She is keen to find out how China is successful with so many young people playing bridge. For example, nine of the fifteen U16 teams competing in the World Youth Championships this summer were from China! She is likely to be lurking with her KBA frame to snap your photo at some point.



Heather Dhondy, who is also competing in the Venice Cup, says:

"In order to remain fit and healthy, people look after their body with such things as regular exercise, massage, physiotherapy etc. The benefits are visible and noticeable."

"It is harder to monitor the condition of the brain and this is where research and published evidence is essential to our understanding of its well-being. Bridge is one of those mentally stimulating activities that provides the necessary exercise for the brain to remain fit and healthy and it is important that research into this vital link is continued so that the health benefits of mind sports such as bridge is widely accepted and understood."

The KBA researchers are about to submit their first sociology of mind sport paper to the Annual Review of Sociology. Further donations will help them reach the next stage of the project, developing practical resources for the international bridge community based on the research findings with the aim of getting more bridge into schools, universities and work-places (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/u5c0e5e7810869>).

Your support will help raise the profile of bridge and mobilise the global Keep Bridge Alive network. Please do contact her with your views on what needs to be done to keep bridge alive and thriving (email: s.v.punch@stir.ac.uk), and read more about the project here:

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