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# **ENGLISH EXPRESS**

Today's Programme Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Mixed 10.00 - 12.20 13.30 - 15.50 16.30 - 18.50

#### 10.00 Round 7

SD	USA2 - Canada	VG/BB	С
BB	Argentina - Chile	BBO	2
BB	England - Canada	BBO	3
VC	China HK - China	BBO	4
MX	Italy - Australia	BBO	5
BB	Russia - China	BBO	6
SD	Bulgaria - Indonesia	BBO	7
MX	England - USA2	BBO	8
MX	Russia - New Zealand	BBO	9
BB	Israel - Australia	BBO	0
VC	England - Scotland	BBO	
BB	New Zealand - Guadeloupe	BBO	12

#### 13.30 Round 8

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BB	Norway - Sweden	VG/BB	OI
٧C	Tunisia - Denmark	BBO	2
MX	Chinese Taipei - France	BBO	3
BB	Canada - Italy	BBO	4
MX	China - India	BBO	5
BB	Poland - Netherlands	BBO	6
MX	USA2 - Latvia	BBO	7
SD	France - Canada	BBO	8
٧C	Chinese Taipei - New Zealand	BBO	9
BB	New Zealand - China	BBO	10
SD	India - Netherlands	BBO	
VC	Pakistan - Canada	BBO	12
	16.30 Round 9		
BB	Italy- China	VG/BB	OI
VC	USÁ2 - USA I	BBO	2
BB	Argentina - Sweden	BBO	3
BB	Australia - Poland	BBO	4
VC	France - China	BBO	5
SD	India - Japan	BBO	6
BB	USA2 - Norway	BBO	7
VC	Russia - Canada	BBO	8
MX	USA2 - USAT	BBO	9
SD	Poland - Chinese Taipei	BBO	10
MX	China - Romania	BBO	Ш
SD	USA2 - USAT	BBO	12
	BBO		

### ATTENTION !!!

From today onward, all sessions will start one hour earlier than previously announced. New starting times are as you can see on the left.



In a day of wild matches and unexpected scores England top the Bermuda Bowl, just ahead of the Scandanavian duo, Sweden and Norway. These three are surely the betting favorites for at least the top three when all is said and done. Teams from the two Scandinavian nations have Bermuda Bowl wins on their respective resumes, as do some of the other contenders.

After the finish of play on Monday, England's 92.37 gives them a narrow edge in the standings, ahead of Sweden's 90.46 and Norway's 85.83. These three are followed by USA1 and Australia. USA2, 2017 Bermuda Bowl winners are well back in the field in 20th place, but cannot be counted out with so much of the tournament left to play. In the Venice Cup, England also top the table, with 90.65 VP. Leading the hopefuls in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy is Chinese Taipei, while China are on top of the Mixed Teams.

#### WBF Systems Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the WBF Systems Committee in the WBF Meeting Room (4th floor of the Convention Centre) at 10.15 am on Thursday 19th September.

Members who are unable to be present may be represented by proxy. The meeting is expected to take about one hour. John Wignall, Chairman



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## Bermuda Bowl After Round 6

	TEAM	VP
1	ENGLAND	92.37
2	SWEDEN	90.46
3	NORWAY	85.83
4	USA I	79.63
5	AUSTRALIA	78.38
6	CHILE	77.43
7	CHINA	75.55
8	ITALY	74.60
9	NETHERLANDS	73.95
10	CHINA HONG KONG	71.26
[ ] ]	INDONESIA	66.49
12	ISRAEL	64.16
13	BANGLADESH	60.71
14	CANADA	58.34
15	POLAND	56.57
16	RUSSIA	56.38
17	SINGAPORE	49.12
18	EGYPT	47.08
19	ARGENTINA	46.96
20	USA 2	43.68
21	INDIA	40.64
22	NEW ZEALAND	24.76
23	GUADELOUPE	13.28
24	MOROCCO	10.37

## Youth Bridge Updates

We have added some new things to the Youth Website that you might be interested in:

Youth Rankings and Masterpoints:

http://youth.worldbridge.org/new-youth-rankings-and-master-points/

Some boards played by young players participating here in China: http://youth.worldbridge.org/44th-world-team-championships-september-15th-some-boards/ Participant Certificates are now available for all the U-16 players who

participated in the World Open Youth Championships in Opatija, Croatia: http://youth.worldbridge.org/world-open-youth-championships-participation-certificates/

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Venice Cup		d'Orsi Trophy		Mixed	
After Round 6		After Round 6		After Round 6	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
I CHINA	82.73	I CHINESE TAIPEI	86.08	I ENGLAND	90.65
2 ENGLAND	81.14	2 INDIA	79.48	2 USA I	84.38
3 POLAND	77.46	3 DENMARK	78.60	3 LATVIA	78.18
4 JAPAN	75.91	4 AUSTRALIA	77.22	4 CHINA	76.38
5 NORWAY	73.26	5 ENGLAND	77.07	5 FRANCE	75.18
6 RUSSIA	73.00	6 USA I	75.84	6 USA 2	75.14
7 SCOTLAND	71.07	7 TURKEY	73.15	7 ROMANIA	70.68
8 USA 2	70.98	8 FRANCE	71.20	8 INDONESIA	70.41
9 FRANCE	69.62	9 POLAND	67.16	9 ITALY	67.05
10 CANADA	69.54	10 NETHERLANDS	66.43	10 CANADA	66.96
II SWEDEN	69.18	II NORWAY	63.64	I I RUSSIA	64.61
12 NEW ZEALAND	68.71	12 USA 2	63.53	12 NEW ZEALAND	63.21
13 NETHERLANDS	68.54	13 SWEDEN	62.10	13 DENMARK	61.52
14 DENMARK	66.12	14 CANADA	59.83	14 POLAND	60.88
15 USA I	62.23	15 CHINA HONG KONG	58.70	15 AUSTRALIA	60.79
16 CHINESE TAIPEI	58.73	16 JAPAN	53.92	16 SWEDEN	52.02
17 INDIA	54.26	17 CHINA	53.49	17 BRAZIL	51.24
18 BRAZIL	52.62	18 ITALY	49.46	18 EGYPT	48.50
19 PAKISTAN	43.93	19 INDONESIA	43.15	19 CHINESE TAIPEI	47.18
20 AUSTRALIA	41.92	20 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	41.51	20 INDIA	44.90
21 CHINA HONG KONG	33.53	21 BULGARIA	40.27	21 THAILAND	41.62
22 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	26.07	22 IRELAND	38.94	22 MOROCCO	39.43
23 SOUTH AFRICA	25.22	23 REUNION	34.47	23 BARBADOS	36.47
24 TUNISIA	24.23	24 NEW ZEALAND	21.76	24 PAKISTAN	11.62



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#### 44th World Team Championships

#### Wuhan, China

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Bermuda Bowl					
10.00	10.00 - 12.20 13.30 - 15.50 16.30 - 18.50				
ARGENTINA	CHILE	CHILE	INDIA	INDONESIA	CHILE
ENGLAND	CANADA	CANADA	ITALY	EGYPT	NETHERLANDS
RUSSIA	CHINA	SINGAPORE	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	POLAND
NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE	GUADELOUPE	RUSSIA	INDIA	GUADELOUPE
POLAND	SINGAPORE	ARGENTINA	USA 2	ITALY	CHINA
NORWAY	INDONESIA	ENGLAND	CHINA HONG KONG	USA 2	NORWAY
NETHERLANDS	MOROCCO	MOROCCO	USA I	RUSSIA	MOROCCO
SWEDEN	EGYPT	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
USA I	CHINA HONG KONG	NORWAY	SWEDEN	SINGAPORE	ENGLAND
ITALY	BANGLADESH	BANGLADESH	INDONESIA	USA I	BANGLADESH
ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA	ARGENTINA	SWEDEN
USA 2	INDIA	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	CHINA HONG KONG
		Venic	ce Cup		
10.00	-  2.20		- 15.50	16 30	- 18.50
TUNISIA	- 12.20 USA I	TUNISIA	- 15.50 DENMARK	POLAND	TUNISIA
POLAND	JAPAN	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND
ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	FRANCE	CHINA
CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	CHINESE TAIPEI	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI
	-			-	
FRANCE	DENMARK	JAPAN	USA 2	AUSTRALIA	
SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	SCOTLAND	BRAZIL	SOUTH AFRICA
BRAZIL	SWEDEN	CHINA		SWEDEN	DENMARK
	NORWAY	PAKISTAN		NEW ZEALAND	
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	RUSSIA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	POLAND	JAPAN	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
NEW ZEALAND	USA 2	USA I	BRAZIL	RUSSIA	CANADA
INDIA	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	USA 2	USA I
CHINA HONG KONG	CHINA	CHINA HONG KONG		INDIA	CHINA HONG KONG
		d'Orsi '	Trophy		
10.00	- 12.20	13.30	- 15.50	16.30	- 18.50
USA 2	CANADA	JAPAN	USA 2	USA 2	USA I
NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	INDIA	NETHERLANDS	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA
REUNION	CHINA HONG KONG	UAE	REUNION	REUNION	CANADA
DENMARK	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	DENMARK	NORWAY
UAE	INDIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA HONG KONG	UAE	CHINA HONG KONG
AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKEY	NORWAY	INDIA	JAPAN
USA I	TURKEY	FRANCE	CANADA	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
POLAND	FRANCE		AUSTRALIA	BULGARIA	TURKEY
BULGARIA	INDONESIA	ENGLAND	USA I	CHINA	FRANCE
CHINA	ENGLAND	SWEDEN		IRELAND	INDONESIA
IRELAND	SWEDEN	ITALY IRELAND	BULGARIA CHINA	ITALY	ENGLAND
ITALY	NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND
		Mi	xed		
	12.20				
	- 12.20		- 15.50		- 18.50
CHINESE TAIPEI	ROMANIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI	PAKISTAN
ENGLAND	USA 2	ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	EGYPT
SWEDEN	CHINA	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	POLAND
INDONESIA	BARBADOS	INDONESIA	THAILAND	INDONESIA	ITALY
MOROCCO	FRANCE	MOROCCO	PAKISTAN	MOROCCO	RUSSIA
RUSSIA	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA	EGYPT	THAILAND	DENMARK
ITALY	AUSTRALIA	ITALY	POLAND	AUSTRALIA	INDIA
POLAND	THAILAND	BARBADOS	DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	LATVIA
EGYPT	PAKISTAN	CHINA	INDIA	FRANCE	BRAZIL
CANADA	DENMARK	USA 2	LATVIA	BARBADOS	CANADA
BRAZIL	INDIA	ROMANIA	BRAZIL	CHINA	ROMANIA
LATVIA	USA I	CANADA	USA I	USA 2	USA I
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### Bermuda Bowl RR - RI Italy, USA clash again: Italy v USA 2

Brent Manley

In the world of high-level bridge, the rivalry between the USA and Italy goes back decades. Along the way, there have been many epic battles between the two bridge powerhouses.

In the opening round of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying in Wuhan, the Italian and American teams met again.

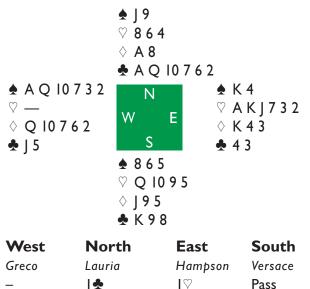
The competitors were the team led by Martin Fleisher, playing as USA2. Fleisher and company won a tight contest against a French team in Lyon, France, two years ago, so in Wuhan he is shooting for a second straight win in the event.

Fleisher's team includes some new faces, notably Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson and Justin Lall. Brad Moss and Chip Martel round out the squad. Joe Grue is the team's coach. Jan Martel is npc.

Standing in the way on Saturday was the Italian team of Norberto Bocchi, Antonio Sementa, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace and Agustin Madala. The non-playing captain is Maria Teresa Lavazza. Massimo Ortensi is coach.

The match started quietly with a push, and Italy scored an overtrick IMP on the second board,

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



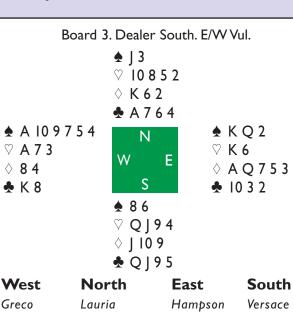
Hampson lost two club tricks, two heart tricks and a diamond for one down. At the other table, Bocchi and Sementa got to 4 by West. That contract was also one down (the record of the play was not available). Italy scored an overtrick IMP on the second board, which was followed by a big swing to USA 2.

3♡

All Pass

2





Greco	Lauria	Hampson	Versace
_	_	_	Pass
l.♠	Pass	2 <b>♣</b> *	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3◇	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	<b>4</b> $\diamond$	Pass
<b>4</b> ♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Hampson's  $2\clubsuit$  was an artificial game force. The  $3\clubsuit$  bid agreed spades. Cuebids were followed by Blackwood, and when Greco showed two key cards without the queen, Hampson bid the small slam.

Lauria started the defense with a low diamond. After some thought, Greco played the  $\Diamond Q$ , and it was easy from there with the 2-2 trump split and 3-3 diamond break. Greco was soon claiming all the tricks for plus 1460 and a 13-IMP gain because Bocchi and Sementa did not get past  $4 \diamondsuit$ .

Halfway through the match, USA 2 held a 22-7 lead, but it did not hold up. Over the final eight deals, Italy outscored the Americans 20-0 to win 27-22. This deal near the end helped Italy to the win.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	<ul> <li>▲ A Q 6</li> <li>♡ Q 8 6 4</li> <li>◇ A 7 3 2</li> <li>♣ Q 7</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ 9872</li> <li>♡ K5</li> <li>◇ K 1085</li> <li>▲ J95</li> </ul>	N W E S ▲ K 10 4 ♡ A 9 ◊ Q J 6 4 ♣ K 10 6 4	<ul> <li>▲ J 5 3</li> <li>♡ J 10 7 3 2</li> <li>◊ 9</li> <li>♣ A 8 3 2</li> </ul>

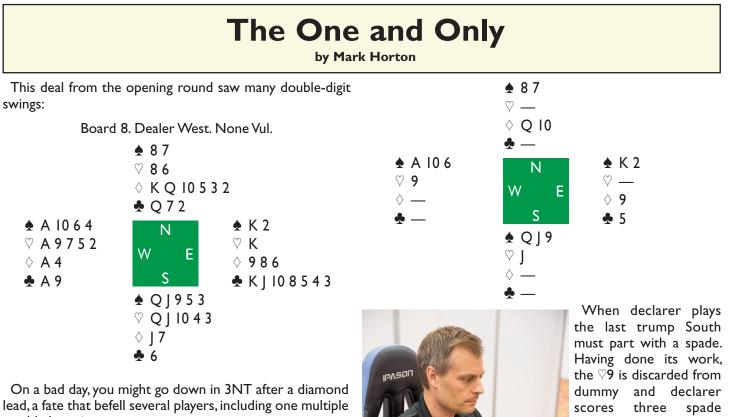
West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Fleisher	Sementa	Martel
_	_	Pass	٠
Pass	$ \diamond$	Pass	$\square$
Pass	<b>2</b> ◇	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bocchi started with the  $\diamond$ 5 to the 2, 9 and queen. Martel continued with the  $\diamond$ 4 and he played low when Bocchi followed with the 8. Bocchi shifted to a low spade, taken in dummy with the ace. Martel then played the  $\clubsuit$ Q to Sementa's ace. On the club continuation, Martel played the 10, won by Bocchi with the jack. Now the  $\clubsuit$ 9 forced out declarer's king. Martel played the  $\pounds$ 10 to dummy's queen to play the  $\heartsuit$ 4 to the 2, ace and 5. At that point, Martel conceded one down for -50 and a 10-IMP swing to Italy, because in the other room Lauria declared 3NT as North on a low club lead to the 4, 9, Q.He returned the  $\pounds$ 7 and



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

let it run to the jack. A spade shift might still have left declarer with work to do, but Greco returned a diamond. Lauria ran this to the jack, set up his long club and the  $\heartsuit Q$  was declarer's ninth trick eventually.



lead, a fate that befell several players, including one multiple world champion.
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 $6\Phi$  was attempted several times, but when a diamond was led no-one had enough information to get the trumps right.

A couple of declarers were favoured by the lead of the  $\oint Q$ , after which only the overtrick was at issue.

At two tables, one in the Venice Cup, the other in the Bermuda Bowl, the opening lead was a heart. Declarer wins with the king and cashes the top trumps. When the  $\mathbf{A}Q$  declines to put in an appearance you play a third round pitching a diamond, win the likely diamond exit, cash the  $\heartsuit A$ , ruff a heart and continue with two more rounds of trumps to reach this position:



Fredrik Nyström, Sweden

the last trump South must part with a spade. Having done its work, the  $\heartsuit$ 9 is discarded from dummy and declarer scores three spade tricks. In the match between Sweden and Israel the latter made 12 tricks after a diamond lead but they were only in 5, and Sweden's Fredrik Nystrom (partnering Johan Upmark) followed this line to pick up a big swing.

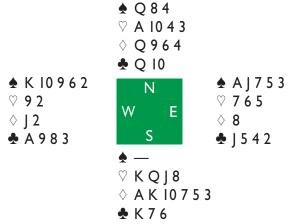
Alas, the other declarer could not find the winning line.

### Bermuda Bowl RR - R2 Netherlands v USA 1



My selection from this round is the potential slugfest between two of the pre-tournament favourites, NETHERLANDS and USA1. Both had started unconvincingly, the Dutch with a 17-IMP loss to ENGLAND (giving them just 5.61 VPs), whilst the Americans sneaked a 4-IMP win (11.20 VPs) against EGYPT in their opening match. With a further 21 matches to be played in the Round Robin stage, one can read little into the early standings, but the first meeting of these two highly-rated teams may provide some indication of form. Of course, we also get to watch eight players who have all previously won world championships, some of them many times. We kick off with the first deal of the match:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Weinstein	Muller
_	Pass	Pass	$ \diamond$
♠	Dble	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5◇	All Pass	



**Bauke Muller, Netherlands** 



#### Bobby Levin, USA I

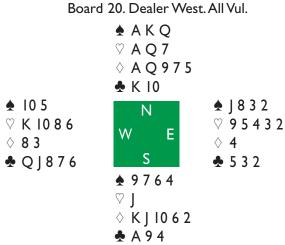
The first surprise was Bauke Muller's decision to open this South hand with a nebulous (11-15 HCP,  $2+\diamond$ ) One Diamond rather than with a Tarzan Precision strong One Club. Bobby Levin overcalled One Spade, Simon De Wijs made a negative double, and Steve Weinstein jumped to Four Spades. Correctly judging that the penalty would be insufficient (only +300), Muller now advanced with 4NT, showing two places to play. De Wijs chose diamonds (in case his partner held both minors), but slam was never really in the picture for either Dutchman.

There were an easy twelve tricks available in either red suit, so N/S +420 looked like a poor start for the Dutch. Could the legendary Meckwell, apparently playing together for the final time as part of the NICKELL team, capitalize? Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Rodwell	Drijver	Meckstroth
_	Pass	2♠	Dble
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♢
All Pass			

If the pre-emptive efforts at the other table had made things difficult for the Dutch N/S pair, Bob Drijver's opening Two Spades (weak with spades and a minor) made things even tougher for Meckwell. N/S +420 here too and the scorecard remained blank. But both E/W pairs perhaps may anticipated that they might already be ahead.

We did not have to wait long for the next slam deal, and this time the respective N/S pairs both had the auction to themselves.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Rodwell	Drijver	Meckstroth
Pass	♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♡
Pass	40	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6�
All Pass			

Eric Rodwell began with a Strong (15+ HCP) One Club, and Jeff Meckstroth's Two Clubs was game-forcing with at least five diamonds. Alas, even the great Al Hollander was at a loss to explain the subsequent auction: we both thought Four Hearts would be RKCB for diamonds, but then the Four Spade response suggested not. Whatever happened, though, they failed to diagnose the true extent of the fit and stopped in the small slam with an easy thirteen tricks available: N/S +1390. Would Tarzan Precision fare better?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Weinstein	Muller
Pass	♣	Pass	$ \heartsuit$
Pass	<b>≜</b> *	Pass	2♡*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3⊘*
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	<b>7</b> ◇	All Pass	

You bet! After his initial Strong One Club opening, North simply relayed every time it was his turn. Muller showed a positive response with at least four spades  $(1\heartsuit)$ , four spades and 5+ diamonds  $(2\heartsuit)$ , short hearts (2NT) and precisely 4-1-5-3 shape  $(3\diamondsuit)$ . North now asked for controls, and 3NT showed three (ace=two and king=one). As the partnership does not count a singleton king as a control, South was marked with the  $\clubsuit$ A and the  $\diamondsuit$ K, so Simon De Wijs was able to jump all the way from Three Notrump to Seven Diamonds. Most impressive! N/S +2140 and first blood to the Dutch, ahead 13-0.

The Americans clawed their way back into the match with a series of small gains, and with five boards left they had

nudged ahead, 16-14. Then came another bidding test for N/S:

Board 2	28. Dealer W ▲ A Q J 4 ♡ K J 10 ◇ K 6 5 ♣ K J 5	/est. N/S Vul.
<ul> <li>▲ 8 3</li> <li>♡ Q</li> <li>◊ 10 9 8 7 3</li> <li>▲ Q 8 6 4 2</li> </ul>	N W E S ▲ K 9 6 2 ♡ A 9 8 6 ◇ A Q 3 ♣ 10 3	<ul> <li>▲ 10 7 5</li> <li>♡ 7 5 3 2</li> <li>◇ J 4 2</li> <li>▲ A 9 7</li> </ul>

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Weinstein	Muller
Pass	♣	Pass	$\square$
Pass	♠*	Pass	INT*
Pass	<b>2♣</b> *	Pass	2♡*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♡*	Pass	<b>4♣</b> *
Pass	<b>4</b> \0*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Another Tarzan relay auction from De Wijs/Muller: South showed four or more spades (1 $\heartsuit$ ), longer hearts (1NT), exactly  $4\frac{4}{5}$  (2 $\heartsuit$ ) and 4-5-2-2 shape (3 $\clubsuit$ ). De Wijs now showed a minimum with Three Hearts, asking partner if he had extra values. Four Clubs said "Yes, at least 13 HCP and exactly five controls".

De Wijs now knew that they were off an ace and his Four Diamond was an 'honour scan', Muller bypassing each suit



Eric Rodwell, USA I

in which he held an honour. Five Clubs therefore confirmed honours in every suit except clubs. So, what did De Wijs know?  $Kxxx \forall Axxxx \diamond Ax & x$  for a start, but also that his partner must hold at least one of the red queens to make up his 13+ HCP. He could have asked again and passed Five Hearts when Muller denied holding the  $\forall Q$ , but he knew that Six Spades would be no worse than a club guess (if partner held the  $\forall Q$ ) or a heart guess (opposite the  $\diamond Q$ ), and would be cold opposite both. With the actual heart position, of course, there was no guessing to be done: N/S +1430.

Of course, Meckwell's famed constructive bidding is just as efficient, except...

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Rodwell	Drijver	Meckstroth
2♣*	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Once again, the aggressive Dutch pre-emptive style put the cat seriously amongst the Meckwell pigeons. Bart Nab's Two Club opening was either strong and artificial or a weak two in diamonds. Perhaps Americans reading this are waiting for a third possibility, something that actually describes this West hand. Well, I have to tell them that this is the type of hand that passes for a first seat nonvulnerable weak two in parts of Europe, where weak twos are viewed as destructive rather than constructive weapons, and it is a style of which David Bird, my BBO VuGraph co-commentator, knows I wholly approve. It had certainly earned the Dutch two excellent boards in this match: N/S +710 and 12 IMPs to NETHERLANDS, back ahead, 26-16.

The very next deal had plenty of potential too:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	<ul> <li>▲ 10 8 7 4 3</li> <li>♡ K Q 10 9 3</li> <li>◇ —</li> </ul>	73
<ul> <li>▲ K J 9 2</li> <li>♡ 5</li> <li>◊ 10 8 7 6</li> <li>♣ Q 10 9 6</li> </ul>	▲ J 4 W E S	<ul> <li>▲ Q 6 5</li> <li>♡ J 6</li> <li>◊ A J 4 3 2</li> <li>▲ A K 7</li> </ul>
	▲ A ♡ A 8 4 2 ◊ K Q 9 5	
	♦ R Q 7 3 ♣ 8 5 3 2	

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Rodwell	Drijver	Meckstroth
_	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	<b>2</b> ◇	Dble
3♢	<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass	



Bob Drijver, Netherlands

Eric Rodwell passed as dealer, but backed in over East's One Notrump with a double, showing either a singlesuited hand with a minor or both majors. Drijver took the opportunity to introduce his five-card suit, allowing Meckstroth to show values via a double. West competed in diamonds but now Rodwell liked his hand enough to jump to game in his good six-card suit.

The defense began with three rounds of clubs. Declarer could have ensured ten tricks as long as trumps were 2-1 by drawing trumps and conceding a diamond to the ace, setting up his tenth trick in the process. However, as the Dutch bidding had made it certain that spades would break 4-3 (who could possibly hold five?), Rodwell simply unblocked the A and crossruffed spades and diamonds. Ruffing the fourth round of spades with the  $\heartsuit$ A established the 10 as a winner, and he finally drew trumps by playing dummy's last small trump to his remaining K-Q. N/S +650 could hardly be a poor result for the Americans on their combined 19-count, could it?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	De Wijs	Weinstein	Muller
_	3♡	Dble	<b>4</b> ♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♡
Dble	All Pass		

Of course, there was no question of the Dutch North passing in first seat: De Wijs opened with the 'obvious' Three Hearts and Muller raised to game over East's takeout double. Getting into the spirit of things, Bobby Levin ventured a somewhat adventurous Four Spades that was booked for -800 on any lead. No doubt happy to have cajoled the opponents into a contract that they probably couldn't make, De Wijs passed quietly on the North cards. He need not have worried that the opponents might have escaped to somewhere safer, though: Five Diamonds doubled costs the same 800 as long as South opens with his singleton ace of spades.

Of course, Muller had no clue that spades were lying so disastrously for E/W, so his decision to press on to the fivelevel is quite understandable. Who knew who could make what? It is not obvious that Levin has quite the hand to express an opinion about the viability of his opponents' five-level venture, but had he not done so then surely Weinstein would have doubled it anyway.

After the same three rounds of clubs, it was possible on this auction that spades might be splitting 5-2. However, since it would be West who held the length declarer could still safely play on a crossruff, ruffing all four spade losers in dummy if necessary. Of course, then a trump switch at trick three would have beaten the contract, but with the spades 4-3 there was no winning defense. N/S +850 and another 5 IMPs to NETHERLANDS.

With three deals left, the Great Dealer still had time for one more devilish concoction:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	<ul> <li>▲ J 10 9 6</li> <li>♡ Q 8 4 3</li> <li>◊ A K 8 5</li> <li>♣ A</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>★ 7 4 3 2</li> <li>♡ A J 10 7 2</li> <li>◊ Q 6 2</li> <li>★ 6</li> </ul>	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ K Q</li> <li>♡ K 5</li> <li>◊ 9 7 4 3</li> <li>▲ J 10 9 4 3</li> </ul>
	🛧 A 8 6	-
	♡ <b>9</b> 6	
	♦ J I0	
	♣ K O 8 7 5 2	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Rodwell	Drijver	Meckstroth
_	_	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◊*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Jeff Meckstroth opened a Precision-style, natural and limited (11-15 HCP) Two Clubs, and showed a minimum without a four-card major in response to his partner's Two Diamond inquiry. Despite the lack of fit, Rodwell was never going to pass Three Clubs and thus the unappetizing 3NT was duly reached.

Drijver led a diamond, covered by ten, queen and king. Rodwell unblocked the  $\clubsuit$ A, crossed to dummy with the  $\Diamond$ J, and cashed the  $\clubsuit$ K to get the bad news in that suit. Now he decided that his only chance was subterfuge: he pitched a spade on the second club and played a heart to the queen. Winning with the  $\heartsuit$ K, Drijver had an easy club exit now, and when Rodwell won and then returned to the well by playing a second heart, the roof fell in. That was three down: N/S -300.

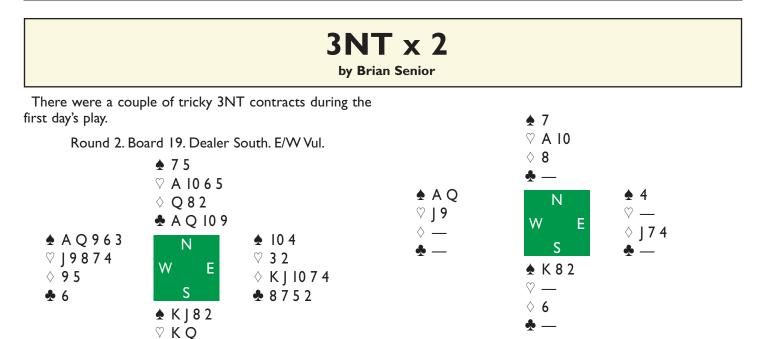
Could the Dutch see through the Great Dealer's evil intentions? No, they reached the same game after an identical auction, and here too East led a diamond, covered all round. If declarer plays a spade at trick two, then things become much easier but, like Rodwell, De Wijs also unblocked the club, crossed in diamonds, and cashed a big club. Seeing the one remaining chance, though, De Wijs pitched a heart on the second round of clubs and played a low spade from dummy.

East won with the  $\bigstar$ K but he knew the spade position, so he switched desperately to king and another heart. West won with the  $\heartsuit$ A and shifted back to diamonds but, remarkably, declarer had enough tricks now. N/S +600 and another 11 IMPs to NETHERLANDS.

NETHERLANDS won the match 42-20 (14.88-4.12 VPs) to move back into a mid-table position. More importantly, though, was the manner of their victory today. Many top teams will take note that here lies a very dangerous opponent, and one whom no team will relish facing when the pointy end of the competition rolls around.



West



and declarer can take his pick whether to play ace and another heart or a spade, as either will endplay West to give the ninth trick in the other major. The problem with the original line of play was that North had no spade left to lead in the ending so West could afford to keep heart winners and bare the  $\bigstar A$ .

Across the four championships, a heart lead saw 3NT made six times and defeated 12 times. Of course, not every declarer will necessarily have had the same information from the auction as above.

Round 3. Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	<ul> <li>▲ 3</li> <li>◇ A 10 6 3</li> <li>◇ 10 8 7 2</li> <li>▲ A Q J 8</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ K 8 5 4</li> <li>♡ K 8</li> <li>◇ Q 6 5</li> <li>◆ 10 7 5 3</li> </ul>	N W E S ▲ A Q 10 ♡ 9 4 ◇ A K J 9 4 ♣ 6 4 2	<ul> <li>▲ J 9 7 6 2</li> <li>♡ Q J 7 5 2</li> <li>◊ 3</li> <li>◆ K 9</li> </ul>

South was usually declarer in 3NT, often after opening INT and via a Stayman sequence. Far more often than not, 3NT succeeded after a spade lead to the jack and queen. Declarer plays three rounds of diamonds,West winning the queen and, unless West now finds a challenging defence and declarer gets the position wrong, declarer comes to a ninth trick easily enough.

Trinidad and Tobago were well beaten in their Venice Cup match with England, but they picked up a 10 IMP swing on this deal when their West player, Alana Xavier, won the third diamond and switched to the eight of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy so East, Deborah

East

South

INT

♦ A 6 3

📥 K | 4 3

North

double of that contract also being take-out, North settled instead for a jump to 3NT. Several declarers had an easy ride after a spade lead from

West. At some tables, however, the lead was a heart.

One declarer won the heart, crossed to a club and played a spade to the jack, hoping to find the queen or ace onside. The  $\bigstar$ J lost to the queen and back came the nine of diamonds to the queen and king. Declarer ducked but East could see no future in diamonds so returned the  $\bigstar$ 10 and, when that held the trick, exited with a diamond. Declarer could cash the winners but West was under no pressure. If declarer ended up in hand, West would bare the  $\heartsuit$ J and keep  $\bigstar$ A9 over the  $\bigstar$ K8, while if declarer ended up in dummy West would keep the  $\heartsuit$ J9 and  $\bigstar$ A and come to one trick in each major. Either way, the contract would be down one.

The bidding suggests that West is five-five – he surely cannot be only four-four at this vulnerability, and if so perhaps he can be put under pressure in the endgame. But not if declarer plays spades prematurely. See the difference if declarer tries diamonds before touching spades.

Win the heart lead and cash the second heart then cash a club just to check that they are not five-zero. Next lead a diamond to the queen. That loses to the king and East returns the ten of spades to the jack and queen. West gets out with a diamond, as anything else gives the ninth trick, and declarer wins the  $\Diamond A$ . Now he cashes the clubs, ending in dummy. This is the ending: Fletcher, won and switched to a spade. The spades were established before the  $\clubsuit K$  could be knocked out. So down the contract went.

From the opening lead declarer can see that spades should be five-four, one-way round or the other, in which case the defence should always be able to both establish and cash out the suit. Declarer cannot afford to allow East to gain the lead, so has to hope that, if the club finesse loses, the heart position is one which does not permit the defence to cash three heart tricks. Declarer should rise with the ace of hearts and take the club finesse. On the actual layout the hearts are blocked so the contract is made. Lucky, maybe, but ducking the heart should never succeed if the club is offside.



### World Championship Book 2019 Pre-ordering

The official book of these World Championships in Wuhan will be out around April or May next year. It will comprise approximately 400 full colour large pages as in previous years.

Principal contributors will be Ron Klinger, Maurizio Di Sacco, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and GeO Tislevoll.

The book will include many photographs, a full results service, and extensive coverage of the major championship events.

The official retail price will be US\$35 plus postage but you can pre-order while in Wuhan at the special price of US\$30/200 Yuan post free (surface mail). The books will be posted from England before your local retailer has a supply. The pre-order can be done in either of two ways:

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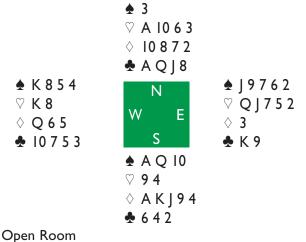


The Venice Cup team from Trinidad and Tobago



There are many wonderful bridge championships around the world, but who can doubt that the greatest of them all is now underway in Wuhan? Marc Smith and I took our seats to watch two of the world's finest women's teams face each other. As always, I will be concentrating on the big swings that arose. These are the deals where most can be learnt, also usually the ones with the best entertainment value.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Zuo	Levitina	Nan Wang
_	_	_	INT
Pass	2 🙅	Pass	<b>2</b> ◇
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Nan Wang opened with a 13-15 point INT and ended in 3NT, Kerri Sanborn leading the  $\bigstar$ 4. Declarer won East's jack of spades with the queen and now needed to develop extra tricks from the minor suits. With an easy entry to dummy, she might have crossed for a finesse of the jack of diamonds. This would be an avoidance play to keep East, who could play spades effectively, off lead.

With no safe entry to dummy, Wang decided to play diamonds from the top. West won the third round (East discarding the  $\heartsuit 5$  and  $\heartsuit 2$ ) and switched to the  $\heartsuit 8$ . Declarer rose with the heart ace and played the ace and queen of clubs. East was in and the hearts were blocked. After a spade shift, declarer settled for the nine top tricks, not risking a finesse of the  $\clubsuit 8$ .

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Stansby	W F Wang	Shi
_	_	_	INT
Pass	2 🛧	Pass	<b>2</b> ◇
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢
Pass All Pass	3♡	Dble	3NT

JoAnna Stansby decided to investigate some game other than 3NT. This might well have been a good idea if competing in a Bridge World bidding challenge. It did not work out so well here. Wen Fei Wang was able to double  $3\heartsuit$  and her partner then led the king of hearts against 3NT. Sylvia Shi won with dummy's ace and led the  $\diamondsuit$  10 to her ace.

King and another diamond put West on lead and she continued with her last heart, after the  $\heartsuit 5$  discard from East. Wang won with the heart jack and switched to a spade. The queen of spades lost to the king and the next trick mirrored this action in clubs. That was one down and 9 IMPs to China.

No IMPs were exchanged on my next deal, but the bidding was worthy of note:

-	-	
Boa	ard 6. Dealer East. E	E/VV Vul.
	🛦 A K 1094	
	♡ Q 8 6	
	♦ 8 3	
	<b>•</b> 942	
▲ Q J 7 3 ♡ K 5 3 ◊ K Q 9 ♣ Q 8 7	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ 8 6 5</li> <li>♡ A J 9 7 4 2</li> <li>◊ 6 4</li> <li>♣ K 5</li> </ul>
÷ ( 0 /	<ul> <li>▲ 2</li> <li>♡ 10</li> <li>◇ A J 10 7 5 2</li> <li>▲ A J 10 6 3</li> </ul>	
Dan Paam		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Zuo	Levitina	N Wang
_	_	2♡	3♢
3♡	3♠	Pass	4 🌺
Pass	<b>4</b> ◇	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
Pass All Pass	4 <b>≜</b>	Pass	5◊

Even at favourable vulnerability, it would have been wild to overcall 4NT on the South cards. The defensive values outweigh the playing strength of the hand. Wang bid  $3\diamond$  instead. West's  $3\heartsuit$  was not invitational and North was just about worth her  $3\clubsuit$  bid. How should South interpret partner's return to  $4\diamond$  over  $4\clubsuit$ ?

I don't see why it should be forcing. North might well have introduced spades, just in case there was a fit there (or South held a strong hand). Wang not only read 4 $\diamond$  as forcing, she looked for a slam with a control-bid in hearts! Sanborn was so impressed with this dazzling display of strength that she omitted to double 5 $\diamond$ . Surely she should have doubled. She was looking at two trump tricks and had honor cards in every side suit, with her partner's weak  $2 \bigtriangledown$ 

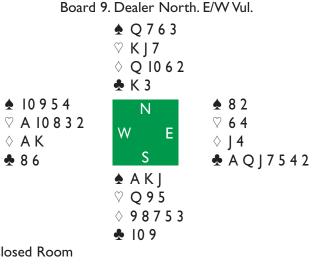
to come. The fortunate lie of the club suit allowed declarer to escape for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Stansby	W F Wang	Shi
_	_	2◊*	4NT
Pass	5秦	All Pass	

There was more cause to bid 4NT when East's multi had not revealed her major suit. Qi Shen did not hold a clearcut double on this auction. Wang led the ace of hearts to put the club game two down and no IMPs were exchanged. On Board 9, for reasons that I make clear later, we will

look only at the action from the Closed Room:



#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Shen	Stansby	W F Wang	Shi
_	I $\diamond$	3♣	3♢
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

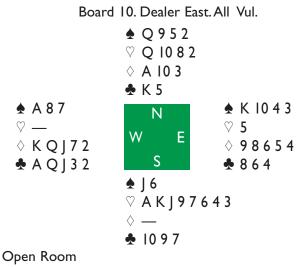
Shen bid a bold 3NT and South doubled, despite having no club stopper. Shen won the diamond lead, finessed the queen of clubs successfully and led a spade, South winning with the king. Diamonds were cleared and a second round



Xiaoxue Zuo, China

of clubs produced the glorious sight (Americans would choose a different adjective) of the club king from North. That was +950 to the China account.

What happened at the other table, you may wonder. Ah well, that causes me a slight problem. In a bulletin report for the World Junior championships recently, I expressed my dislike of low part-scores. I offered a reward of \$100 to any reader who ever found me reporting contracts of either INT or  $2\Diamond$ . I must therefore say merely that East did not overcall at the other table and North stopped in some part-score, going one down.



West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Zuo	Levitina	N Wang
_	_	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♡	All Pass	

West had an awkward decision whether to double or to bid 4NT. What action would you have taken? Marc Smith, my co-commentator, favoured 4NT. Probably that's right, but it's a close decision.

The heart game was cold and Irina Levitina did well to remove the double. The text-books claim 'A double of 4? should be prepared for spades.' It's easy to say that, but you also have to double on other very strong hands.

Four Spades on a 4-3 fit would not have played well, but Xiaoxue Zuo cannot be blamed for bidding  $5^{\circ}$ , which had three top losers. Indeed, why should anyone wish to blame her when the king of diamonds was led and one of the spade losers went away. It was +650 for China.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Stansby	W F Wang	Shi
_	_	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

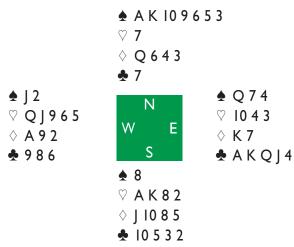
Shen's double looks an obvious move to me. As does her choice of lead, the king of diamonds. With dummy holding the diamond ace opposite declarer's void, Sanborn's second decision of the match not to double at the five-level

brought her a reward of 5 IMPs.

There has been precious little cardplay content in this report. Sorry about that, but I can't think that any reasonable reader will blame the poor writer for the boards that were dealt.

My last deal is... let me see.. ah, it's another bidding board.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Zuo	Levitina	N Wang
_	_	INT	Pass
<b>2</b> ◇	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

INT showed 15-17 points. Three Spades doubled cannot be beaten, since a diamond ruff will consume East's natural trump trick. Four Hearts would be only one down. So, who shall we blame for this awful minus 530?

West was arguably light for her double, it is true. However, it was East's decision to pass the double with three-card heart support that cost a barrel of IMPs. Her splendid club suit was likely to be useful in  $4^{\circ}$  and might be worth little in defense against a spade contract. If West had been a bit stronger,  $3^{\bullet}$  would have gone one down. Yes, but then  $4^{\circ}$  might well have been a make.

**Closed Room** 

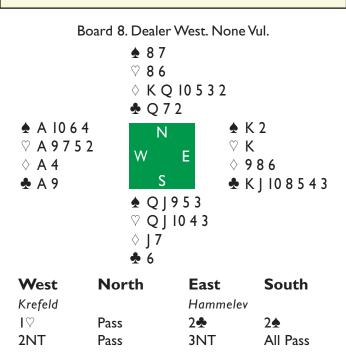
West	North	East	South
Shen	Stansby	W F Wang	Shi
_	_	INT	Pass
<b>2</b> ◇	3♠	All Pass	

The China East had no opportunity to display her excellent bidding judgement, because West did not re-open with a double. Does this imply that Shen showed better judgement than Sanborn at the other table? No, because the INT opening was two points lighter.

The match drew to a close with a score of China 38 - USA1 8. It was a very well played session for the China team, who conceded only 8 IMPs to one of the best women's teams in the world. Well done to them!

# How to read your opponents' cards

by Povl Sommer (captain of the Danish mixed team)



Whenever you make a bid, you 'write' a story for your opponents to 'read'. On this deal from the first round Denmark's Johan Hammelev sat West. His 2NT rebid showed around 15-17 HCP and partner, Camilla Bo Krefeld, duly raised to game.

North led the king of diamonds and South played the jack. Hammelev, of course, ducked, and North continued with the  $\Diamond Q$  declarer's ace. Hammelev cashed the ace of clubs then paused for a couple of minutes to 'read' the cards. It was important to keep the dangerous North out, so he then played the nine of clubs to dummy's ten and claimed 12 tricks shortly thereafter.

At the other table, Henrik Caspersen also led the  $\Diamond K$ , and Stense Farholt signalled with the seven. He continued with the  $\Diamond 2$  to declarer's ace. Declarer didn't see anything better than trusting the old 'nine never' and played  $\clubsuit A$  and  $\clubsuit 9$  to the king. That meant -2 and 11 IMPs to Denmark against Brazil.

In the Venice Cup, the Danish pair of Bilde/Rasmussen bid to the OK  $6\clubsuit$  in unopposed bidding and had no guideline to take the club finesse so were down. After any lead but a diamond, declarer might recover via a major-suit squeeze on South.





### Venice Cup RR - R3





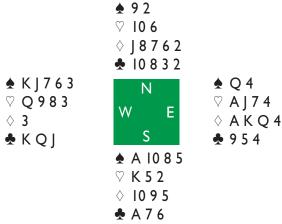
After two rounds, Scotland was exactly average with 20 VPs, Australia was less than half a victory point behind. Whilst the race is a marathon and not a sprint, a good start can deliver momentum and create self belief, whereas a poor beginning can sow the seeds of doubt and cause a loss of confidence. Thus, both teams would be eager to score well and launch themselves into the top half of the table.

The two Australian pairings are playing a strong no-trump with five-card majors and two-over-one.

For the Scottish, Liz McGowan and Fiona McQuaker play four-card majors with a weak no-trump, whereas Sam Punch and Paula Leslie favour five-card majors and a 14-16 no-trump.

I shall deviate from the standard of showing the Open Room action prior to that of the Closed as throughout the match the Open Room was always behind, as much as three boards at one point. So my report is based on the timeline I actually witnessed.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Ichilcik	McGowan	Kaplan
_	_	$\square$	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	Pass
<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass		

2NT GF four-card raise

With the Scottish pair playing a weak no-trump and fourcard majors East's normal opening was  $I\heartsuit$ . West showed her game going hand with four trumps and then had nothing further to say after East showed some extra strength.

South led the ten of diamonds, which declarer took with the ace. She played the ace of trumps and another, ensuring a maximum of one loser if the suit broke 4-1. South took the second round with her king and exited with her last trump. A small club towards dummy was ducked by South. Now a small spade from the table towards the queen lost to the ace. South continued with a diamond, which allowed declarer to discard dummy's two clubs and thus bring home the contract with an overtrick. Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zets	Leslie	Mundell	Punch
_	_	INT	Pass
2♣*	pass	2♡	Pass
<b>4♣</b> *	Pass	<b>4</b> �*	Pass
<b>4</b> ♠*	Pass	5◇	Pass
5♡	All Pass		

West made a Stayman response to the 15-17 no-trump opening bid and when she learnt of the four-card heart suit opposite made a forward move by cue-bidding her club control, and naturally East showed her diamond control. Was West justified in pushing her side to the five-level? After all, it is an aceless collection and you will need a very special hand opposite to make a slam a good proposition. If partner has such a hand she might continue after a simple  $4\heartsuit$  over her  $4\diamondsuit$ . South was not going to go bed with one of her aces and the contract failed. 11 IMPs to Scotland.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	<ul> <li>▲ K 6 5</li> <li>♡ 8 5 4 2</li> <li>◇ A 4 3 2</li> <li>♣ 6 3</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ A 4</li> <li>♡ Q J 10 9</li> <li>◊ K Q 6</li> <li>♣ K 9 8 2</li> </ul>	N W E S ▲ 10 9 7 ♡ K 7 3 ◊ J 10 8 7 5 ♣ J 7	<ul> <li>▲ Q J 8 3 2</li> <li>◇ A 6</li> <li>◇ 9</li> <li>▲ A Q 10 5 4</li> </ul>

Closed Room

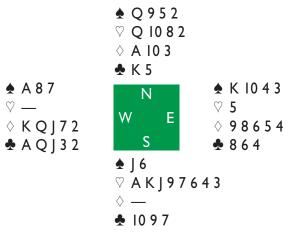
West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Ichilcik	McGowan	Kaplan
_	Pass	♣	Pass
$\heartsuit$	Pass	♠	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5◊*	Pass	6 🛧	All Pass

There is always debate as to which suit to open when 5-5 in the black suits. It is very much a matter of partnership agreement; here the club suit (always natural, at least four cards) was the choice. By using a fourth-suit forcing bid and then showing her club support West showed a strong hand. A cue-bidding/Blackwood sequence saw the slam bid. Not the world's finest but if the spade finesse works then it becomes odds on. As you can see the spade king was not well-placed for declarer and she failed by a trick. Open Room

West North East South Mundell Punch Zets Leslie Pass Pass \_ 2♣\* 3⊘ Pass Pass Pass 4 Pass 3♠ 4♠ All Pass 2 🜩 GF, maybe artificial

In this room East elected to start with  $I \clubsuit$ . After the gameforcing  $2 \clubsuit$  response I am as ignorant as you as to the meaning of the  $3 \diamond$  bid, the convention cards describes ongoing bids as 'mainly natural', I am confident that  $3 \diamond$  is not natural (so probably splinter). The club fit was not located and the auction subsided into the major-suit game. After a diamond lead declarer was able to discard her losing heart and with the favourable lie of the trump suit made an overtrick. II IMPs to Australia.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



**Closed Room** 

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	lchilcik	McGowan	Kaplan
_	_	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Dble	<b>5</b> $\diamond$	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

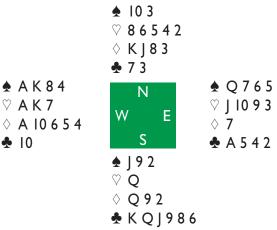
Here we have a relative of the Biltcliff coup. If you are an avid reader of one of the other contributing journalists who writes regularly about the monks of St Titus in A New Bridge Magazine you will know he is a great fan of the Biltcliff coup. Basically, this is when a part-score could have been passed out but a protective bid propels the opposition into game which is doubled and then made. On this hand, North, who had obviously got a very good deal on a job lot of red cards, declined to leave the opponents in a failing contract but doubled, allowing them to escape into a making contract, but doubled that as well. As to what relative this is, I am not sure but a great aunt seems to me to be a fitting suggestion. Open Room

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zets	Leslie	Mundell	Punch
_	_	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
4NT*	Pass	<b>5</b> $\diamond$	All Pass

Notice in this room that West decided to treat her hand as two-suited; if partner decides to bid spades it will almost certainly be at least a five-card suit. For this deal, however, it was a simple case of showing the diamond suit. The same eleven tricks were taken but 4 IMPs were lost.





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Ichilcik	McGowan	Kaplan
_	_	_	📥
Dble	$\square$	♠	2 📥
<b>4♣</b> *	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 splinter agreeing spades

After West doubled the opening I & bid, North with her powerhouse showed her heart suit. This allowed East to freely admit to a spade suit. West had hopes of bigger things but East applied the brakes and the spade game became the final contract. With the spades breaking kindly and the queen of hearts dropping, declarer was not pushed to take II tricks.

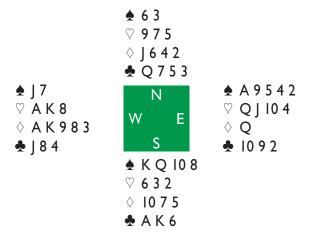
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zets	Leslie	Mundell	Punch
_	_	_	♣*
Dble	Pass	$\square$	2♣
3 🛧	Pass	3NT	Pass
<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass		
l♣ at leas	t 2🙅		

Here North did not value her hand as highly as in the other room and quietly passed. Now East showed her heart suit and when South competed by repeating her clubs West decided on a forcing 3 $\clubsuit$  bid. It would not have been my choice; perhaps another double would have got across that she held diamonds and spades as she obviously could support hearts if she had them. The upshot was that East, with a club stopper, elected to try 3NT but West, not realising ten tricks were available in the NT game took out to 4%.

South led the king of clubs taken in hand by the ace and the  $\heartsuit$ J was covered by the queen and king. When East now took another round of trumps she was without resource. A simple count of tricks would have revealed that if two rounds of spades stand up and North has two clubs then a cross ruff will bring home ten tricks. Any other approach is doomed by the unkind trump split. A fortunate 11 IMPs to Scotland.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.





Avril Zets, Australia



Fiona Mc Quaker, Scotland

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Ichilcik	McGowan	Kaplan
_	Pass	Pass	♣
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

One of those hands with a combined 25-count and no game makes. Notice that E/W do not play Smolen and when they bid their NT game I went away to watch the other table. I knew the contract must fail as not only there were just eight tricks but the lead was a club. Imagine my surprise when I came back and found that the contract had succeeded. North led her  $\clubsuit3$ . South won with the king and then switched to the king of spades. Declarer took the ace, cashed three rounds of diamonds and took her remaining heart tricks. On the fourth round, South discarded a club and now either a small spade or a club from dummy would give West her contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zets	Leslie	Mundell	Punch
_	Pass	Pass	📥
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◇*	Pass	3♡*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The auction started in a similar fashion but here Smolen was available. A fatally flawed contract was reached where it would take a monumental effort to fail to defeat the contract. The defence did go slightly awry and only took it two off. An expensive error in the other room gave another 13 IMPs to Scotland.

On Board 15 both teams managed to bid a slam missing the ace and king of the trump suit. It will not surprise you to know that neither of them succeeded in their contract.

At the end of the match Scotland had won by 47-23 or 15.74-4.26 VPs. Scotland would sleep sounder in their beds and might enjoy a Tsingtao before retiring (other brands of Chinese beer are also available).

## **American Nightmare**

by Brian Senior

Two USA teams have reason to have nightmares about Board 22 of Round 4. To them, the action on the board reads like some kind of weird horror story, while to most neutrals it appears to be more a form of slapstick comedy.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul. 108 ♡ | 86 ◇ — 10987642 A K 9 5 4 ♦ O 7 6 3 N ♡ 1052 ♡ **K 9 7 4 3** W Е ◊ | 9 3 0 10 7 5 S 🛧 A 3 🔶 O ▲ | 2 ♡ A O AKQ8642 🔶 K 5

First, let's look at the action from USA1 v Canada in the d'Orsi Bowl.

For the Americans, Gaylor Kasle opened the South hand with 3NT. That concluded the auction and E/W cashed the first six tricks for down two and -100. OK, that's not the best result in the world, but a lot of N/Ss went minus on the deal so no worries.

This was the auction from the other table:

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Kirr	Bramley	Carruthers
_	_	Pass	♣
♠	Pass	3♠	<b>4</b> ◇
Pass	5秦	Pass	<b>5</b> ◇
Pass	6 🙅	All Pass	

For Canada, John Carruthers opened with a strong club and Kit Woolsey overcalled  $1 \bigstar$ . The pre-emptive raise bullied Carruthers into introducing his diamonds at the four level and Martin Kirr tried 5 \bigstar. Looking at what could well prove to be a solid suit, Carruthers repeated the diamonds and, looking at his own eight-card suit and a diamond void, Kirr 'corrected' to 6 \bigstar, at which point Carruthers gave up.

Now you or I or next door's cat would lead a top spade and down would go the contract, but Woolsey read something into the oppositions' auction which convinced him that something more imaginative was required. He led the three of clubs! And Carruthers wrote +920 on his scoresheet; I4 IMPs to Canada.

And so we move on to the Bermuda Bowl match between USA2 and the Netherlands. Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson must have been pretty happy with their result:

West	North	East	South
Hampson	v Prooijen	Greco	Verhees
_	_	Pass	♣
I. <b>≜</b>	Dble	30	<b>4</b> $\diamond$
Pass	5秦	Pass	5◇
Dble	All Pass		

One Club was strong and I believe that Verhees/van Prooijen reverse the normal meanings of Pass and Double such that the Double of  $I \clubsuit$  showed a bad hand, Pass showing some values. Three Hearts was a fit jump and forced Louk Verhees to introduce his suit at the four level. Ricco van Prooijen tried 5 \clubsuit, Verhees went back to diamonds, and Hampson doubled.

Hampson cashed the top spades then switched to ace and another club. Greco ruffed and played back the riangle Q, and Verhees could ruff and draw trumps but then had to concede a heart for down three and -500. It would have been good to be a fly on the wall during the American scoring up: 'Plus 500!'. 'Fourteen away.' 'What!'

This was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Fleisher	Muller	Martel
_	_	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5 🙅	Pass	<b>5</b> $\diamondsuit$
Pass	6 🙅	Pass	<b>7</b> ◇
Dble	<b>7</b> ♡	Dble	7NT
Dble	All Pass		

Chip Martel judged 2NT to be the least bad option with the South cards and Marty Fleisher responded  $3^{\circ}$ , either clubs or both minors. Martel rebid 3NT and Fleisher jumped to  $5^{\circ}$ . That looks to be to play, but there was a suggestion that Fleisher had shown both minors, and that Keycard was involved at some point – presumably  $5^{\circ}$ , and  $6^{\circ}$  would then have shown two with the trump queen, which would explain the jump to  $7^{\circ}$ . All rather weird anyway. A case of both being fluent, but in different languages.

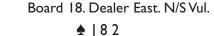
Simon de Wijs was pretty confident that  $7\diamond$  wasn't making so expressed that opinion via a double, and now Fleisher, assuming that to be based on trump tricks, ran to  $7\heartsuit$ . Bauke Muller knew what to do to that, and Martel ran to 7NT. De Wijs was even more confident that this grand slam was not making so doubled again, and there was nowhere left to run. That was a cool -1400 and 14 IMPs to the Netherlands.

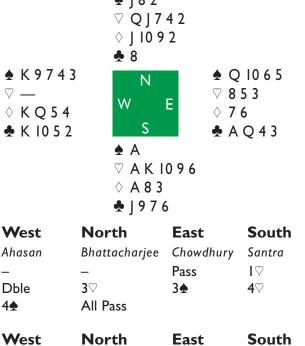
So, my question is, which of the featured American players will be having the worst nightmares tonight?



Matches between geographical neighbours always seem to have that little added spice, so for Monday's morning match I decided to watch the Bermuda Bowl match between Bangladesh and India, both of whom had had moderate opening days, lying 14th and 19th respectively.

India struck first, scoring 3 IMPs on the opening deal of the day by defeating partscores at both tables for a pair of +50s. The first major swing, however, went in favour of Bangladesh.





west	North	East	South
Tewari	Rahman	Anklesaria	Kamruzzaman
_	_	Pass	$\bigcirc$
	<b>4</b> ♡	4♠	All Pass

Do you double or overcall with the West cards? The different choices made by our two Wests led to the same contract being reached but from different sides of the table and, crucially, different opening leads.

For Bangladesh, Mohammed Ahasan doubled and Mohammad Chowdhury bid the spades over Aniruddha Bhattacharjee's pre-emptive heart raise so became declarer in  $4 \oplus$  from the East seat. Dipak Santra made the natural lead of a top heart but that was ruffed and Chowdhury led a spade to the queen and ace, won the club return in hand and played a second spade to the king.Next, he came back to hand with a club to lead a diamond up and Santra simplified things by rising with the ace. There was the  $\oplus$  to be lost but that was all; +420.

In the other room, Rajeshwar Tewari overcalled  $l \triangleq$  and Keyzad bid  $4 \triangleq$  over Mohammed Rahman'  $4 \heartsuit$  raise. With Tewari as declarer, the singleton club was on lead and Rahman duly led it. Tewari won with dummy's ace and led

a spade up. Though that caught the bare ace so that there was only one trump loser by force, Tewari was soon defeated as Kamruzzaman gave his partner a club ruff, was put back in with the ace of diamonds, and gave him a second ruff; down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Bangladesh. On Board 19, Santra treated:

▲ 8 5
♡ A J 10 8 5 4
◇ 5 4 2
♣ K 8

as a weak two bid while Kamruzzamma opened a level higher. The natural continuations from there saw Santra's opponents play in 3<sup>(h)</sup>, Kamruzzaman's a level higher, and both made eight tricks for down one and two respectively. Kamruzzaman's enterprising opening therefore gained 3 IMPs for Bangladesh, increasing the lead to 13-3.

Bangladesh picked up a couple of overtrick IMPs on Board 21 but India recouped those on the next deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<ul> <li>▲ A K 9 5 4</li> <li>♡ 10 5 2</li> <li>◊ J 9 3</li> <li>◆ A 3</li> </ul>	N	E	7 6 3 9 7 4 3 7 5
West	North	East	South
Ahasan	Bhattacharjee	Chowdhury	Santra
_	-	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Tewari	Rahman	Anklesaria	Kamruzzaman
_	-	Pass	2♣
Pass All Pass	<b>2</b> ◇	Pass	3NT

No doubt that South hand was dealt with in several different ways around the room. Kamruzzaman's choice was to open a strong and artificial 2<sup>th</sup> then punt 3NT and hope to have nine running tricks with just a little help from dummy. Rahman trusted his partner and did not attempt to play in his own eight-card suit, so 3NT it was. Alas, Tewari had an easy spade lead. He started with the ace, collecting and encouraging three from partner, so continued with

king and another, and the defence had the first six tricks; down two for -100.

Santra tried a 2NT opening. The  $3 \pm$  response showed a single-suited minor hand and Santra replied with  $4 \pm$ , when presumably he had the option of bidding 3NT, because he would have been worried about the spade situation. Bhattacharjee raised to  $5 \pm$  and, once again, the defence was not unduly challenged to take its winners. Here, however, there were just two top spades and the trump ace to lose, so Santra was down one for -50 and 2 IMPs to India, closing a little to 5-15.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

<ul> <li>▲ Q 6</li> <li>♡ A Q 10 5</li> <li>◊ Q 3 2</li> <li>◆ K 6 2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ A K I</li> <li>♡ K J</li> <li>◇ A 8 4</li> <li>◆ 5 4</li> <li>5 3</li> <li>W</li> <li>S</li> <li>▲ 3</li> <li>♡ 8 7 6</li> <li>◇ J 10 9</li> <li>▲ 10 8 7</li> </ul>	● J 9 ♡ 9 ◇ K ● A 2 6 5	4
West	North	East	South
Ahasan	Bhattacharjee	Chowdhury	Santra
I♡		2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Tewari	Rahman	Anklesaria	Kamruzzaman
$ \heartsuit$		Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Both Wests opened  $|\heartsuit$  and both Norths overcalled  $|\bigstar$ . Now, Keyzad Anklesaria doubled then raised Tewari's INT response to 2NT but Tewari declined the invitation. Rahman led the eight of spades, Tewari calling for dummy's nine, which held the trick. Tewari cashed five rounds of clubs then led a spade to the queen and king. Rahman played ace and another spade, establishing one extra winner for himself, won Tewari's next play of a diamond, and cashed the spade. Tewari had the last two tricks for nine in all and +150.

Chowdhury bid his clubs over the overcall and Ahasan supported him. When Bhattacharjee now rebid hid spades Chowdhury doubled, which looks as though it at least suggested taking a penalty, but if so it was not read that way by Ahasan, who removed it to 4♣, where he played.

Three Spades doubled would not have been much fun to play, while  $4^{\text{A}}_{\text{A}}$  appeared to have four unavoidable losers. However...

Bhattacharjee led three rounds of spades, Santra ruffing and being over-ruffed. Chowdhury drew trumps then played the  $\Diamond K$  and Bhattacharjee found a reason to duck it. I'm not sure what that reason could be, particularly as his partner's discard at trick two had been the  $\Diamond J$ , and his play came back to bite him. Chowdhury cashed the rest of the clubs then the jack of spades, and Bhattacharjee had to come down to  $\heartsuit KJ \Diamond A$ . Chowdhury played a diamond to the queen and ace, and the lead round to dummy's  $\heartsuit AQ$  gave the contract; +130 and just 1 IMP to India when it could have been five.

<ul> <li>▲ A Q 3</li> <li>♡ J 9 6 3</li> <li>◊ 9 8</li> <li>♣ J 10 8 6</li> </ul>	oard 29. Dealer	6 5 2 € 0 5 2 A 0 A 0 A 4 A	) 7 5 4 2 8 5 4 2 Q
West	North	East	South
Ahasan	Bhattacharjee	Chowdhury	Santra
_	Pass	♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Tewari	Rahman	Anklesaria	Kamruzzaman
_	Pass	♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass		
<b>—</b> · · ·			

Getting a simple raise from partner, both Easts made a  $3\heartsuit$  game try. Ahasan, with neither a top heart honour nor heart shortage, judged to sign off in  $3\clubsuit$ , while Tewari, with decent values and four-card heart support, raised to  $4\heartsuit$  to offer a choice of games.

Santra led the six of spades against  $3\clubsuit$ , costing his side a trump trick as Chowdhury could play low from dummy, losing to the king. Back came the ten of hearts. Chowdhury won the ace, cashed the ace and queen of spades, then played a second heart. Santra won that and led a diamond round to declarer's ace-queen so that was 11 tricks for +200.

Kamruzzaman led a club against 4°. That went to the two, nine and ace. Anklesaria played ace and another heart to Kamruzzaman's king. To keep the defence in the game, Kamruzzaman needed to play another club, leaving declarer to take some losing finesses. In practice, however, he led away from the king of diamonds and that was the fourth defensive trick gone. Anklesaria lost two spades but that was all; +620 and 9 IMPs to India.

That levelled the match at 16-16. Bangladesh picked up two single-IMP swings for overtricks over the last three deals to sneak the win by 18-16 IMPs, converting to 10.61-9.39 VPs. Bangladesh moved up one place to 13th, while

# RESULTS

# Bermuda Bowl

Round 4						
Mato	:h	١N	1Ps	VPs		
RUSSIA	CHILE	42	45	9.09	10.91	
POLAND	ARGENTINA	25	26	9.69	8.3 I	
NORWAY	EGYPT	53	21	17.03	2.97	
USA I	GUADELOUPE	32	25	12.03	7.97	
NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	19	41	4.62	15.38	
SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	17	6	13.04	6.96	
INDONESIA	MOROCCO	70	36	17.31	2.69	
ISRAEL	ITALY	38	30	12.29	7.71	
CHINA HONG KONG	CHINA	29	67	2.15	17.85	
INDIA	BANGLADESH	16	18	9.39	10.61	
NETHERLANDS	USA 2	30	26	11.20	8.80	
CANADA	SINGAPORE	47	14	17.17	2.83	

Round 5						
Mato	:h	١٢	1Ps	VPs		
NORWAY	CHILE	49	59	7.20	12.80	
NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA	8	54	1.23	18.77	
SWEDEN	ITALY	40	35	11.48	8.52	
CHINA HONG KONG	GUADELOUPE	48	15	17.17	2.83	
USA I	POLAND	37	16	15.19	4.81	
ISRAEL	USA 2	37	37	10.00	10.00	
AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	66	12	19.52	0.48	
NETHERLANDS	INDIA	36	23	13.52	6.48	
CHINA	EGYPT	43	37	11.76	8.24	
SINGAPORE	BANGLADESH	36	29	12.03	7.97	
INDONESIA	CANADA	56	П	18.66	1.34	
ARGENTINA	ENGLAND	27	34	7.97	12.03	

Round 6						
Mate	ch	١٢	1Ps	VPs		
CHILE	NEW ZEALAND	58	24	17.31	2.69	
SWEDEN	POLAND	44	23	15.19	4.81	
USA I	USA 2	57	10	18.87	1.13	
GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS	18	62	1.45	18.55	
ISRAEL	NORWAY	28	43	6.03	13.97	
CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA	56	19	17.72	2.28	
MOROCCO	ITALY	8	48	1.91	18.09	
CHINA	CANADA	44	31	13.52	6.48	
INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA	17	П	11.76	8.24	
BANGLADESH	ARGENTINA	36	29	12.03	7.97	
EGYPT	SINGAPORE	42	22	15.00	5.00	
ENGLAND	RUSSIA	84	23	20.00	0.00	

# Venice Cup

Round 4					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
ENGLAND	TUNISIA	40	4	17.59	2.41
FRANCE	INDIA	29	35	8.24	11.76
BRAZIL	USA 2	17	25	7.71	12.29
AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	12	68	0.31	19.69
SWEDEN	RUSSIA	31	38	7.97	12.03
DENMARK	SOUTH AFRICA	45	44	10.31	9.69
NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND	32	31	10.31	9.69
JAPAN	PAKISTAN	35	14	15.19	4.81
CHINA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	66	П	19.61	0.39
scotland	POLAND	11	9	10.61	9.39
USA I	NETHERLANDS	14	43	3.42	16.58
CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG	53	7	18.77	1.23

Round 5							
	Match	١N	1Ps	٧	′Ps		
RUSSIA	TUNISIA	47	21	16.09	3.91		
JAPAN	AUSTRALIA	40	20	15.00	5.00		
CHINA	BRAZIL	49	13	17.59	2.41		
scotland	CHINESE TAIPEI	39	14	15.92	4.08		
INDIA	POLAND	9	47	2.15	17.85		
USA 2	SOUTH AFRICA	54	12	18.33	1.67		
CANADA	USA I	30	42	6.72	13.28		
NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN	43	14	16.58	3.42		
FRANCE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	42	20	15.38	4.62		
ENGLAND	NORWAY	43	21	15.38	4.62		
DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	46	33	13.52	6.48		
SWEDEN	CHINA HONG KONG	45	35	12.80	7.20		

Round 6						
Mato	Match		1Ps	VPs		
TUNISIA	FRANCE	18	75	0.23	19.77	
AUSTRALIA	USA 2	42	32	12.80	7.20	
SWEDEN	CANADA	66	23	18.44	1.56	
CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL	15	44	3.42	16.58	
DENMARK	JAPAN	51	36	13.97	6.03	
SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY	27	55	3.58	16.42	
NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA	34	28	11.76	8.24	
PAKISTAN	SCOTLAND	31	27	11.20	8.80	
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	INDIA	40	31	12.55	7.45	
CHINA	NETHERLANDS	12	32	5.00	15.00	
POLAND	ENGLAND	44	25	14.80	5.20	
CHINA HONG KONG	USA I	13	37	4.26	15.74	



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# d'Orsi Trophy

Round 4						
Match		IMPs		VPs		
FRANCE	USA 2	60	4	19.69	0.31	
INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS	12	84	0.00	20.00	
ENGLAND	REUNION	31	31	10.00	10.00	
SWEDEN	DENMARK	32	14	14.60	5.40	
ITALY	UAE	55	23	17.03	1.97	
IRELAND	INDIA	26	31	8.52	11.48	
CHINA	JAPAN	П	30	5.20	14.80	
BULGARIA	CHINA HONG KONG	22	39	5.61	14.39	
POLAND	NORWAY	33	21	13.28	6.72	
USA I	CANADA	42	28	13.75	6.25	
NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	17	30	6.48	13.52	
CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKEY	29	58	3.42	16.58	

Round 5						
Match		١N	1Ps	VPs		
POLAND	USA 2	17	29	6.72	13.28	
USA I	NETHERLANDS	31	14	14.39	5.61	
AUSTRALIA	REUNION	50	21	16.58	3.42	
CANADA	DENMARK	25	58	2.83	17.17	
NORWAY	UAE	46	21	15.92	4.08	
CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA	14	22	7.71	12.29	
NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	31	55	4.26	15.74	
CHINESE TAIPEI	BULGARIA	35	23	13.28	6.72	
TURKEY	CHINA	50	17	17.17	2.83	
FRANCE	IRELAND	31	26	11.48	8.52	
INDONESIA	ITALY	42	20	15.38	4.62	
ENGLAND	SWEDEN	45	22	15.56	4.44	

Round 6						
Ma	itch	١N	1Ps	V	/Ps	
CHINA	USA 2	24	27	9.09	10.91	
BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	15	47	2.97	17.03	
POLAND	REUNION	31	27	11.20	8.80	
USA I	DENMARK	17	37	5.00	15.00	
AUSTRALIA	UAE	60	29	16.88	3.12	
CANADA	INDIA	39	47	7.71	12.29	
NORWAY	JAPAN	33	34	9.69	10.31	
NEW ZEALAND	CHINA HONG KONG	26	55	3.42	16.58	
CHINESE TAIPEI	IRELAND	66	5	20.00	0.00	
TURKEY	ITALY	50	33	14.39	5.61	
FRANCE	SWEDEN	39	28	13.04	6.96	
INDONESIA	ENGLAND	13	18	8.52	11.48	

# Mixed

Round 4							
Match		١N	1Ps	VPs			
CHINESE TAIPEI	RUSSIA	29	23	11.76	8.24		
ENGLAND	MOROCCO	82	Ι	20.00	0.00		
SWEDEN	INDONESIA	21	45	4.26	15.74		
ITALY	DENMARK	16	13	10.91	9.09		
POLAND	INDIA	62	Ι	20.00	0.00		
EGYPT	LATVIA	19	58	2.03	17.97		
PAKISTAN	BRAZIL	I	63	0.00	19.00		
THAILAND	CANADA	18	33	6.03	13.97		
AUSTRALIA	ROMANIA	13	51	2.15	17.85		
NEW ZEALAND	USA 2	38	34	11.20	8.80		
FRANCE	CHINA	45	17	16.42	3.58		
BARBADOS	USA I	20	38	5.40	14.60		

Round 5							
Match		١١	1Ps	VPs			
CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND	18	42	4.26	15.74		
ENGLAND	ITALY	44	19	15.92	4.08		
SWEDEN	RUSSIA	69	12	19.77	0.23		
INDONESIA	MOROCCO	60	6	19.52	0.48		
EGYPT	DENMARK	39	42	9.09	10.91		
PAKISTAN	INDIA	17	49	2.97	17.03		
THAILAND	LATVIA	22	42	5.00	15.00		
AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	25	34	7.45	12.55		
NEW ZEALAND	CANADA	21	26	8.52	11.48		
FRANCE	ROMANIA	25	35	7.20	12.80		
BARBADOS	USA 2	16	56	1.91	18.09		
CHINA	USA I	43	12	16.88	3.12		

Round 6								
Match		١٢	IMPs		VPs			
DENMARK	CHINESE TAIPEI	41	41	10.00	10.00			
INDIA	ENGLAND	23	23	10.00	10.00			
LATVIA	SWEDEN	53	28	15.92	4.08			
BRAZIL	INDONESIA	22	28	8.24	11.76			
CANADA	MOROCCO	18	13	11.48	8.52			
ROMANIA	RUSSIA	17	37	5.00	15.00			
USA 2	ITALY	28	36	7.71	12.29			
CHINA	POLAND	59	18	18.21	1.79			
BARBADOS	EGYPT	52	17	17.45	2.55			
FRANCE	PAKISTAN	47	8	17.97	2.03			
NEW ZEALAND	THAILAND	36	33	10.91	9.09			
USA I	AUSTRALIA	28	6	15.38	4.62			









