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TIME RUNNING OUT FOR MANY HOPEFULS

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 16

VC	USA I - Poland	VG/BBO I
BB	Netherlands - China	BBO 2
BB	Australia - Chile	BBO 3
BB	England - Poland	BBO 4
BB	Russia - Israel	BBO 5
VC	Chinese Taipei - China	BBO 6
SD	Sweden - Indonesia	BBO 7
MX	USA I - England	BBO 8
VC	Norway - Russia	BBO 9
SD	China - Chinese Taipei	BBO 10
MX	Latvia - Russia	BBO 11
SD	India - Norway	BBO 12

13.30 Round 17

BB	England - USA I	VG/BBO I
BB	Italy - Norway	BBO 2
BB	Australia - China	BBO 3
BB	China HK - Netherlands	BBO 4
VC	Japan - USA I	BBO 5
SD	England - USA2	BBO 6
MX	Australia - New Zealand	BBO 7
VC	England - China	BBO 8
SD	Turkey - France	BBO 9
MX	England - Denmark	BBO 10
MX	Poland - USA2	BBO 11
VC	Denmark - Norway	BBO 12

16.30 Round 18

SD	India - Denmark	VG/BBO I
BB	Norway - Netherlands	BBO 2
MX	Latvia - Romania	BBO 3
BB	USA2 - Chile	BBO 4
MX	France - England	BBO 5
BB	India - Australia	BBO 6
VC	Poland - Russia	BBO 7
BB	Canada - USA I	BBO 8
VC	Denmark - China	BBO 9
SD	France - USA I	BBO 10
MX	Denmark - China	BBO 11
SD	Sweden - China	BBO 12



The WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and the WBF President Emeritus José Damiani awarded Mazhar Jafri a salver, 'for his outstanding services to Bridge'.

With only three days of round robin play remaining in the four main events, teams not currently in the top eight of their respective contests might well be feeling non-qualification anxiety at this point.

Even the leaders might be thinking along the lines of a quote from the legendary American baseball player Satchel Paige, who said famously, "Don't look back - something might be gaining on you."

Of the round robin leaders going into play today, **USA I** in the *Bermuda Bowl* and **China** in the *Venice Cup* have comfortable leads. **China** is ahead of second-place **Poland** in the women's championship by over 18 victory points – better than most but not an impregnable lead.

In the *Bermuda Bowl*, **USA I** – the Nick Nickell powerhouse – is ahead of second-place **Netherlands** by 12.77 VPs.

India, the team currently at the top in the round robin standings in the *d'Orsi Seniors Trophy*, has a lead of 5.23 VPs over **England**, sitting close to the top in second place.

Finally, in the *Mixed Teams*, **England**, with 220.52, is ahead of **France** at the top of the rankings by 24.1 VPs. Play continues through Sunday, after which qualifiers – the top eight in each bracket – begin knockout play.

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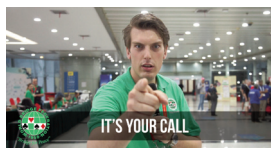
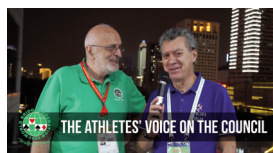
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Bermuda Bowl
After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 USA 1	224.64
2 NETHERLANDS	211.87
3 SWEDEN	199.34
4 CHINA	195.04
5 ENGLAND	193.61
6 POLAND	191.19
7 ISRAEL	182.92
8 ITALY	182.03
9 NORWAY	177.15
10 AUSTRALIA	162.39
11 NEW ZEALAND	153.95
12 USA 2	149.93
13 CHINA HONG KONG	145.27
14 CHILE	140.93
15 CANADA	140.60
16 INDIA	137.91
17 INDONESIA	136.21
18 RUSSIA	131.44
19 SINGAPORE	129.60
20 ARGENTINA	116.66
21 EGYPT	106.31
22 BANGLADESH	102.34
23 GUADELOUPE	50.30
24 MOROCCO	26.37

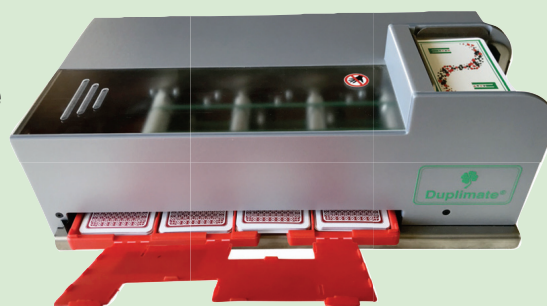
IBPA
Annual General Meeting
Monday September 23rd

The IBPA annual general meeting will be at
9.00 on Monday September 23rd.
Meeting room is the WBF Meeting Room near the VuGraph theater



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Venice Cup After Round 15		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 15		Mixed After Round 15	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 CHINA	211.97	1 INDIA	203.11	1 ENGLAND	220.52
2 POLAND	193.62	2 ENGLAND	197.88	2 FRANCE	196.42
3 JAPAN	191.97	3 DENMARK	194.47	3 ROMANIA	195.36
4 NORWAY	188.41	4 CHINESE TAIPEI	188.67	4 USA 2	191.69
5 USA 1	182.91	5 USA 2	183.09	5 LATVIA	184.88
6 NETHERLANDS	180.70	6 TURKEY	173.00	6 CHINA	180.61
7 ENGLAND	176.14	7 CHINA	170.60	7 RUSSIA	178.24
8 CANADA	172.31	8 NETHERLANDS	168.94	8 INDONESIA	176.51
9 FRANCE	171.95	9 SWEDEN	167.19	9 USA 1	172.31
10 RUSSIA	171.53	10 FRANCE	164.48	10 POLAND	172.19
11 DENMARK	169.10	11 USA 1	158.63	11 DENMARK	168.48
12 SWEDEN	167.07	12 AUSTRALIA	155.51	12 SWEDEN	164.94
13 USA 2	161.98	13 ITALY	149.45	13 CHINESE TAIPEI	156.49
14 NEW ZEALAND	158.03	14 CANADA	147.03	14 ITALY	153.75
15 SCOTLAND	154.75	15 JAPAN	146.78	15 BRAZIL	145.12
16 CHINESE TAIPEI	153.29	16 POLAND	146.64	16 AUSTRALIA	128.78
17 BRAZIL	142.19	17 INDONESIA	138.27	17 THAILAND	126.88
18 AUSTRALIA	126.12	18 CHINA HONG KONG	130.09	18 INDIA	113.63
19 PAKISTAN	109.13	19 NORWAY	129.24	19 NEW ZEALAND	113.37
20 CHINA HONG KONG	103.52	20 IRELAND	125.11	20 CANADA	112.82
21 INDIA	99.03	21 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	104.97	21 BARBADOS	103.82
22 TUNISIA	82.84	22 BULGARIA	91.93	22 MOROCCO	98.18
23 SOUTH AFRICA	68.76	23 REUNION	84.85	23 EGYPT	97.57
24 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	56.93	24 NEW ZEALAND	74.57	24 PAKISTAN	44.19



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M16

M17

M18

Bermuda Bowl

10.00 - 12.20

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

13.30 - 15.50

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

16.30 - 18.50

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

Venice Cup

10.00 - 12.20

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

13.30 - 15.50

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

16.30 - 18.50

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

d'Orsi Trophy

10.00 - 12.20

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

13.30 - 15.50

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

16.30 - 18.50

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

Mixed

10.00 - 12.20


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

13.30 - 15.50

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


16.30 - 18.50

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



Bermuda Bowl RR - R11

China v Indonesia



Jos Jacobs

Halfway Tuesday afternoon, China, the host country, was cruising at a constant speed in the lower regions of the qualification zone whereas Indonesia were trying not to lose connection with these top eight. Recent losses to Chile and England had not done their chances any good whereas China also had much to play for, after their heavy defeat at the hands of Israel in Wednesday morning's first match. So, the direct match between the two eternal Far East (or Asia Pacific, in modern bridge terms) rivals might well give a clear indication of what we could expect from them later this week.

After a warming-up overtrick to China, this was board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 6 5 3

♥ 9 5

♦ Q 9 6 5 2

♣ J

♠ —

♥ A Q 10 7 6 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ K Q 4 2

♠ A K 8 7 2

♥ K 4

♦ J 8

♣ 10 8 6 5

N

W E

S

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K 3

♣ A 9 7 3

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gang Chen	J Bojoh	Zhuang	Karwur
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the Chinese quickly reached the normal contract. South led a top diamond and, upon seeing the dummy (and also partner's ♦6), was tempted to shift to a trump. Curtains: declarer lost only to the ♣A. The diamonds went on the spades, trumps could be drawn in between and the clubs played themselves. China +450.

In the other room, North played a more significant ♦2 to the first trick of the same contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
George	Yi Liu	Tobing	L Hu
—	—	1♥	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's INT showed five spades but that did not matter, this time. Upon seeing partner's ♦2, South continued a low diamond to partner's queen. For North, it was not too

difficult to try a club and thus beat the contract with a ruff. China another +50 and 11 more IMPs.

The next Board

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 6

♥ A 10 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ J 9 6 3

♠ A 10 8 4 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 4 3

♦ 10

♣ 4

N

W E

S

♠ 5 3

♥ K J 9

♦ K 9 4 3 2

♣ K 8 5

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ A Q 10 7 2

Once again, I will report about the proceedings in the Closed Room first, this time because they were so simple.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gang Chen	J Bojoh	Zhuang	Karwur
—	—	—	Pass
2♥	All Pass		



Jemmy Bojoh, Indonesia

Whether or not the defence would play trumps, there was no legitimate road to eight tricks, so Indonesia scored +100 when the contract went the expected one down.

In the Open Room, it was a different story because South as dealer found an opening bid.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
George	Yi Liu	Tobing	L Hu
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Precision style with 2♠ natural and 4♥ pinpointing the singleton. When declarer immediately called for dummy's ♦A on the singleton ♦10 lead by West, the contract was never in danger once the trump finesse worked. China a fine +400 and 7 more IMPs to them.

Two flat boards and then a more substantial one.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
George	Yi Liu	Tobing	L Hu
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Tobing had no room to show his relatively good hand over the pre-empt. He could not at all be sure that the ♦K would be just what partner was waiting for. Indonesia +1460. Would a 5♠ call over the Double have been possible? Or might East have risked a 6♦ bid over 5♥?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gang Chen	J Bojoh	Zhuang	Karwur
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		



Franky Steven Karwur, Indonesia

As we can see now, the real issue of this hand was whether to open the bidding or not. Zhuang opened an aggressive Multi and North made it easy for the Chinese by not overcalling – mind you, he might have run into East's suit over West's 2NT...

China +2210 and 13 IMPs more to them. The score was 33-0 now; it was beginning to look a little one-sided.

Two boards later, Indonesia managed to get off the mark and with the score at 39-3, this was board 10.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Both Easts were in 4♥ after East opened 1♥ and South overcalled 1♠. Both Souths led a top spade. Whatever the defence do next, the contract is basically cold, as declarer can win even a club shift and play a spade to establish dummy's ♠Q for a club discard. After that, the heart finesse is all declarer has to take.

When the Indonesian East, for reasons only known to himself (state of the match, maybe?), decided to refrain from the trump finesse but to put up the ♥A in hand when North followed low to dummy's ♥9, he was one down. Needless to say, his Chinese counterpart easily wrapped up ten tricks for another 12 IMPs to China.

Two more flat boards and then a gambling one:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
George	Yi Liu	Tobing	L Hu
—	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass
1♣	11+ 2+♣, any 18-19 balanced		
1♦	Hearts		

E/W did well to stop in 3♠ and N/S did equally well not to go beyond 3♠, having already escaped a double of 3♣ for one down and -200 had it been converted.

After losing two top clubs, declarer won North's diamond shift, drew trumps ending in dummy and ran the ♥8 to South's ♥Q. Later on, South was first squeezed in the reds and then endplayed with his last diamond to lead away from his ♥K. Curiously enough, leading the ♥J from hand at the second round of the suit would also have seen declarer home. Indonesia +140.

In the replay, North immediately stole E/W's maximum contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gang Chen	J Bojoh	Zhuang	Karwur
—	3♠*	Pass	4♣
Dble	All Pass		

North showed his solid clubs in amusing fashion (when you take the Open Room into account) but South was not interested. West, however, was and East had nowhere to go. Down two for another +500 and 8 IMPs to China.

After all this, it should not come as a surprise to our readers that China won the match 20-0 VPs...the final score being 67-3. They had well and truly consolidated their place in the lower regions of the qualification zone.

The Substitute's Tale

by Mark Horton

You will recall having read about David Kendrick joining the English Senior team at the eleventh hour. He reported a couple of good stories about this deal from Round 9:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Comella	Ward	Sabbatini
—	—	—	1♥
INT	Pass	2♥*	3♥
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led a heart and when dummy's queen was allowed to hold, declarer played a diamond. If he puts in the ten, North will win and play a second heart enabling South to clear the suit, after which there are only eight tricks. Knowing that South must hold the ♦A, declarer avoided this trap by playing the king. When it held, he was up to eight tricks. It looks tempting to play the diamond jack at this point, but South will win and switch to the ♠Q, after which declarer will have no way to generate a ninth trick. Appreciating the danger, declarer crossed to dummy with a club and played a diamond. That meant South's ace hit thin air and whatever the defenders did, declarer could establish a ninth trick in diamonds.

When E/W stopped in 3♠ at the other table, England gained 10 IMPs.

This is from the BB match between England and Singapore. In the Open Room Forrester/Robson made 5♣ for +600.

In the replay, Kien Hoong Fong was at the helm in 3NT and Allerton led the ♥8, Jagger winning with the ace and switching to the ♠Q. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond and South went up with the ace to play a second spade. Declarer won perforce with the king, cashed three top clubs and the ♥K before crossing to dummy with a club to exit with a spade. North could take two tricks in the suit, but then had to lead into the ♦KJ. Well defended and beautifully played.





Bermuda Bowl RR - R12

USA I v Italy



Martin Cantor

First against fifth at the start of play, and the open room saw a clash of bridge giants with Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth against Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace - not to disrespect the four world class players in the other room, where Norberto Bocchi and Antonio Sementa faced Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein. The deals were a long way from the most exciting set we've seen, with just one double digit swing and only 40 IMPs exchanged. Mind you, the first board looked like we might be in for a wild ride.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

When Versace picked up the West hand on the first board of a tough match, he would have had some hopes of playing a contract, quite possibly game or more. He would have been disappointed that by the time the bidding reached him it had already escalated to 4♠.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
—	1♣*	2♦*	4♠
?			
1♣	16+ unbalanced or 17+ balanced		
2♦	Weak, disruptive		

After considerable thought, he passed, and so did everyone else. The defence cashed their four tricks and wrote +50 in their column. As you can see, E/W have an easy make in 5♥. Could they find it?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Weinstein	Bocchi	R Levin	Sementa
—	INT	Pass	4♦*
4♠*	Dble	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
4♦	transfer to spades		

The right strain but one level too high, also one down, and the first three IMPs went to Italy. Two boards later there were more fireworks in the bidding, but again not in the play.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♠	Dble	2♠*
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass
1♣	2+ ♣		
2♠	weak raise		

On the bidding East likely envisaged a singleton spade in his partner's hand, and no more than four hearts, so at least



Antonio Sementa, Italy

four clubs, five if their style is to open 1♦ with 4-4 in the minors. With heart cards reasonably likely to be sitting well 5♣ is less of a wild shot than it looks at first. North led his singleton and two down was the result. Meanwhile....

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Weinstein	Bocchi	R Levin	Sementa
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♥*	Dble	5♦
Dble	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♥ spades and diamonds

5♦ doubled was destined to go two down. Levin seems to have thought he was being stolen from, pulled his partner's double, and turned +300 into -300. Lose another 3 IMPs, when he could have gained 11.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Meckstroth would have been planning to open in South with a strong Precision Club. Nope, but hardly a disappointment when partner does just that ahead of you. Had it not been for his well-trained impassivity, his eyes would have had fruit machine jackpot signs rolling round like they used to in the cartoons. The partnership made short work of it to reach the top spot:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
—	1♣*	Pass	INT*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

INT 5+ ♣ game forcing
2♦ 5+ ♠ asking

West	North	East	South
S Weinstein	Bocchi	R Levin	Sementa
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The Italians had a long and winding auction but still couldn't match the result, and deservedly lost 13 IMPs.

Suppose you deal with both sides vulnerable, you don't have a weak two-suiter available, so you pass with

♠ K 6 5 4 3
♥ J
♦ A J 9 8 3
♣ 9 4

LHO opens INT, 14-16 in one room, 15-17 in the other, passed round to you. Do you act? If so, what do you say? In the open room Lauria bid 2♠ and went 2 down on the ♥7 lead (1 down is just about possible). In the closed room Levin bid 2♦, just making on the lead of the ♣2. The full deal:

♠ 10 2	♠ Q 8	♠ K 6 5 4 3
♥ A Q 9 3 2	♥ 8 6 4	♥ J
♦ Q 7 5	♦ 10 6 4	♦ A J 9 8 3
♣ K 10 6	♣ Q J 7 5 3	♣ 9 4
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ A J 9 7	
	♥ K 10 7 5	
	♦ K 2	
	♣ A 8 2	

7 IMPs to the USA, now leading 22-7.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
2♣	10-15 6+ ♣		
2♦	asks		

As you can see, with trumps breaking, the super spade fit, and the complementary red suit singletons, eleven tricks are available in clubs. At the table, Meckstroth played safely for ten.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Weinstein	Bocchi	R Levin	Sementa
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			
1♥ spades			

Al Hollander, the system guru, commenting on BBO, speculated that since West had not overcalled 1♦ on the first round, the delayed 2♦ bid might also show hearts in a hand too weak for a take out double. If so, East didn't get the message. North led a top spade then switched to a club. South won this, cashed a further winner in each black suit, and played his diamond, won by the king. North now erred by playing his singleton heart, allowing declarer to escape for two down and a loss of just 5 IMPs rather than 9.

I smiled, and I think you might too (though perhaps only wryly in the case of American readers), when you see how the USA lost 6 IMPs on:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♥	Dble*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
Dble 5-7			

Meckstroth thought for some time before bidding 3♥, which was clearly some sort of trial bid - Al told us they often play random trial bids.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Weinstein	Bocchi	R Levin	Sementa
—	—	Pass	1♠
1♥	2♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

The cards lie beautifully for declarer, so ten tricks were made in both rooms. With the defenders sure to be able to take a heart ruff, game needed East to have precisely the bare ♠A ... and so it proved. Why the smile? Anyone who knows Meckstroth's rule will know the answer; for those who don't, his rule is "if partner freely raises your six-card major, bid game". A fine example of the rule, and of that other rule favoured by parents the world over: "do as I say, not as I do". But since USA 1 ended the round still in first place, 5 VPs ahead of the Netherlands in second, I hope that Jeff is managing a wry smile too.



Steve Weinstein, USA 1

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:

1. Through Jan Swaan in the Press Room, which can be found opposite the bottom right-hand exit from the vugraph theatre.

2. By email from Brian Senior, the editor, and pay by PayPal.

The address is bsenior@hotmail.com



Bermuda Bowl RR - R12

Norway v England



David Bird

This was my first sighting of the England team, who had been surfing the waves very ably and were well-placed in the qualifying top eight. The Norwegians were in a similar position, so Marc Smith and I expected a close-fought match as we took our seats.

There was some dubious bidding on the very first board:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Lindqvist	Malinowski	Brogeland
—	INT	Pass	4♥*
4♠*	Pass	5♥	5♠
6♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Boye Brogeland's transfer to 4♠ showed a long suit and a limited hand. David Bakhshi then bid 4♠ to show hearts and another suit. When East bid 5♥, Brogeland took the push to 5♠. This was a good view since eleven tricks were cold in hearts. What should West do now?

I can't say I understand Bakhshi's decision to bid 6♣. Surely partner will not hold an ace, when North has opened INT. Nor could he be sure that East would hold four hearts. A double of 5♠ would have netted 300, rather than a near certain minus score at the six-level.

Artur Malinowski corrected 6♣ to 6♥, which ran back to North. The only explanation for his 6♠ bid is that he trusted Bakhshi's bidding! Malinowski doubled, and England collected +500 instead of a minus-score in 6♥. It was an undistinguished start to the match.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Allerton	Kvangraven	Jagger
—	1♦	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Jeffrey Allerton judged well to sacrifice in 5♠, losing 300.

It was 5 IMPs to England, where North at the other table could have picked up 9 IMPs for Norway.

The next board featured what I will call an 'obvious grand slam'. Both N/S pairs here did justice to this description. We will see in a moment how well other pairs did elsewhere.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Lindqvist	Malinowski	Brogeland
—	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Espen Lindqvist made a natural response to the Jacoby 2NT. His subsequent RKCB 5NT asked partner to name any side-suit king. At the same time, it confirmed that all six key-cards were held. It was therefore open for South to bid a grand slam with extra playing strength. Brogeland declined to take this option. Lindqvist then bid 7♠ anyway, knowing at least that the ♣K would give him a heart discard.

Malinowski led a club, won in the dummy. Declarer then played a round of trumps, claiming 13 tricks when all followed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Allerton	Kvangraven	Jagger
—	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Here Chris Jagger did jump to seven over the 5NT enquiry. Well bid to both pairs, although it was nothing more than we expected at this exalted level of play.

In the Bermuda Bowl, 21 pairs out of 24 bid 7♠. Three pairs stopped in 6♠, each losing 13 IMPs. In the Venice Cup, 18 pairs out of 24 bid 7♠. Six pairs stopped in 6♠, four of them losing 13 IMPs. It was a push in 6♠ in the match between Australia and China Hong Kong. The D'Orsi Seniors matched the commendable Bermuda Bowl bidding, with 21 pairs bidding the grand slam. In the Mixed Teams, 19 out of 24 pairs reached the grand.

In conclusion, it was indeed an 'obvious grand slam', but not a 'completely obvious grand slam'.

I rarely report part-scores but there was some interest in this one. Indeed, it yielded the biggest swing of the match so far.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 8 5 4

♥ 9 7 5

♦ K 8

♣ Q J 5

♠ A K 7 2

♥ Q 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ 7 4 2

N

W E

S

♠ 10 6

♥ A 4 2

♦ Q J 10 7 3

♣ A 9 8

♠ J 3

♥ K J 10 8 3

♦ A 6

♣ K 10 6 3



Boye Brogeland, Norway



Ulf Haakon Tundal, Norway

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Lindqvist	Malinowski	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

N/S hope to score two trumps and two clubs. To beat the contract, they will need to add a heart trick. Some would have conceded the contract immediately with a heart lead. Brogeland was over the first hurdle when he reached for the ♦A. He continued with a trump to North's king.

A heart switch from North will establish the ♥K, yes, but it will also set up a discard for one of dummy's club losers. Lindqvist cleared the second hurdle by switching to the ♣Q. Malinowski allowed this to hold and North then sprinted towards the third hurdle. Oh, no, he crashed into it! Rather than play a winning ♣5, he continued with the ♣J, declarer winning with the ace.

Brogeland, who knew exactly what was going on, contributed a blithe ♣K to this trick! He hoped that declarer would read him for a doubleton club and lead a heart towards the queen, to set up a club discard. Malinowski was not to be deflected. He played ace, king and another spade, ruffing in his hand, and then led a club to South's 10. Brogeland was endplayed, forced to lead from the ♥K or to give a ruff-and-discard. The contract was made, for +110.

To recover from having to write up a part-score, I will have to break for a quick bite of lunch. Back in a short while...

Right, where were we? Ah yes, let's see what happened at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Allerton	Kvangraven	Jagger
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	2♥	All Pass	

There was no defeating this contract, so the failure to beat 3♦ at the other table cost 6 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Lindqvist	Malinowski	Brogeland
—	—	2NT*	3♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2NT showed a weak hand with both minors. If Bakhshi had passed over the 3♠ overcall, North would have had a tricky decision whether to raise to game. Many would pass on those cards. As it was, North/South took +300 off the advance sacrifice of 5♣.

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Allerton	Kvangraven	Jagger
—	—	2NT*	4♠
All Pass			

The South hand seems to lie half-way between a 3♠ and a 4♠ overcall, as was demonstrated at our two tables. West began with the ace and king of hearts and happily led a third round for East to ruff. Jagger suppressed his disappointment at this start to proceedings when he noted that the ruff had been taken with the trump ace. His diamond loser went away on the ♣K and that was +420 for a gain of 3 IMPs.

Were we about to go through a 16-board match, having to accept swings of 6 and 3 IMPs as the best on offer? No. The penultimate board provided a bone with some meat on it.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Lindqvist	Malinowski	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Bakhshi's 2♦ was billed as an artificial game-force. His partner's 2♠ rebid presumably indicated 4-5 shape in the majors, since he then leapt to 4♥. Maybe 4♠ would have been a wiser choice. It is difficult to say.

It seemed that the heart game might survive, with a 3-2 trump break and a favourable spade position. However, declarer soon ran into trouble. He won the club lead with the ace, ruffed a club to his hand and led a diamond to the king and ace. North returned the ♥10, won with dummy's ace.

A low spade to the queen, or a second diamond, would work fine now. The situation became more delicate when declarer preferred to ruff another club in the long trump hand. The fortunate lie of the spade suit meant that he could have continued with ace and another spade now, before or after drawing another round of trumps. When he missed this lifeline, leading a second round of diamonds instead, he was in trouble.

Lindqvist won with the ♦J and could have beaten the contract with a return of either minor. No, he offered declarer another lifeline with a trump return. Declarer won and surveyed this end position:

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

When the ♠3 was led, Brogeland inserted the jack. Malinowski then found the necessary great play of a low card from the dummy! (If instead he played ace and another spade, a club return from North would beat the contract.) Brogeland exited with a trump to declarer's king and the words 'lucky escape' were on everyone's lips.

Maybe there was going to be a final twist to the tale, though. Malinowski was still thinking. Eventually he led the queen of spades from his hand, running the card, and went three down. He had played South for the ♠KJ7 instead of ♠J107. Such a pity after his fine duck in the spade suit.

At the other table a surprising twelve tricks were made in 4♠. It was 12 IMPs to Norway, who won a low-scoring match by 23 IMPs to 14.



Ron Tacchi

Venice Cup RR - R12

Scotland v Canada



With this match, the half-way point will be passed, and these two teams are on the cusp, being eighth and ninth in the table. There are five teams fewer than four VPs away from the final qualifying position, so the race is tightening up and every VP is becoming more valuable. The Canadians employ five-card majors with two over one and a strong NT, except that Nisbet and Bryant employ a weak NT at equal and favourable vulnerability. For the Scottish team Punch and Leslie play five-card majors with a 14-16 NT, whereas McQuaker and McGowan use Acol, which to those of you who are not as ancient as I am means a weak NT with four-card majors. Did you hear the author's nostalgic sigh as he penned that last sentence?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Leslie	Blank	Punch
—	1♦	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Dble	5♥	All Pass

Having been put under pressure by South's pre-empt West showed two places to play (though they may have an agreement that 4NT shows the other major and a minor) and East chose her major. North did well not to double. South's singleton diamond lead went to North's ace. North then cashed the ace of spades before continuing with the ♦6. The seven was not ruffed by South and so the lead remained with declarer. She then tabled the ♥10 and allowed it to run, surprising not only your humble scribe, but the BBO commentators as well, as North gratefully took her queen to take the contract one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Nisbet	McGowan	Bryant
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

South valued her hand worthy of a one-level response and so allowed West to get into the auction at a much lower level and consequently her partner also had the space to respond. North probably expected a little more from the South hand when she doubled the final contract. Liz McGowan had no reason to believe South was the owner of three trumps and played from the top to bring home her doubled game and 12 IMPs.

Spoiler alert – If you think you are going to see a myriad of double-digit swings in this match then I suggest you move to a different report.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Leslie	Blank	Punch
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
2♦	Weak two in diamonds		

This Scottish pair plays a weak 2♦ and I think we can safely say that this 2♦ bid was weak. The unfortunate effect was that North deemed her hand worthy of a raise to game – a two way bid – it might make and it might inconvenience the opposition. Unfortunately, it was a no-way bid as West was not overly troubled to find a red card. That was 300 out against a possible small part-score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Nisbet	McGowan	Bryant
—	—	—	Pass
INT*	2♠*	All Pass	
INT Weak			
2♠	Spades and a minor		

South was not encumbered with the possibility of opening a weak two and so West opened a weak NT. North's two-suited overcall bought the contract. East led

the ♣Q, which went round to declarer's king. A spade to dummy's king was followed by a small one back to the ace. A diamond to the queen exposed East's void and after West had taken her king, she only needed to continue clubs to take the contract down as declarer would in effect lose trump control. Unfortunately for West she continued with a small diamond, ruffed by East but handing back trump control to declarer. Thus, the contract was made and that was nine IMPs to Canada.

Board 20 will not attract one of my riveting reports. Perhaps when you see the auctions below you will understand why.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Leslie	Blank	Punch
INT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Nisbet	McGowan	Bryant
1♥	All Pass		

The following board will not need explanation as to the play of the cards but it was good to see two fine auctions getting to the right contract.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Leslie	Blank	Punch
—	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	
2NT	Artificial GF with 4♠		
3♥	Short Club		
4♣/♦/♥	Cue-bids		
5♠	Two keycards + trump Q		
6♦	Asking for third-round control		

I did not find an explanation for the 6♥ bid. No doubt the editor will insert a meaningful comment, but my own

uncharitable take is that South believed the grand slam to be odds on but passed the buck to North so that if the contract failed it was not her fault and if it succeeded it was down to her 'imaginative' bid of 6♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Nisbet	McGowan	Bryant
—	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			
2NT	Jacoby		
3♣	Singleton		
5♠	Two keycards + trump Q		
5NT	Confirms all keycards		

A classic auction that, hopefully, club players could easily replicate if they played the Jacoby 2NT convention.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Leslie	Blank	Punch
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

A keenly contested part-score auction was eventually won by E/W. Perhaps encouraged by her partner's support for her suit South found the only lead to give the contract, namely a heart. The defence needed to set up their club tricks before declarer sets up a second heart trick to dispose of one those losing clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McQuaker	Nisbet	McGowan	Bryant
Pass	Pass	INT*	2♥*
All Pass			
INT	Weak		
2♥	Hearts and a minor		

South has only five losers and after the lead of the ace of spades and a continuation of a club declarer was under no



Liz McGowan, Scotland, with team mascot Big Panda

pressure to bring home her contract. That was 6 IMPs to Canada. The third largest swing of the match and 3 IMPs more than the next.

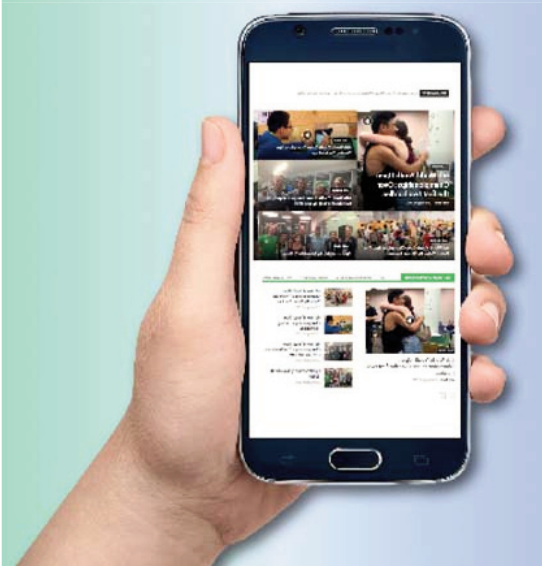
Scotland won by 21-16 or 11.48-8.52 VPs – was that enough for Scotland to overtake Canada? No, so were Canada still ahead of Scotland? Again no, they were now level and in fact had slipped down to eleventh equal position as the teams above them mostly had good wins. However, they are still only 5 VPs off that important eighth spot.

As we have now reached the half-way stage it might be worth looking at what is to come. Whilst you can never rule anyone or anything out, it would appear likely that the eight qualifiers will come from the current leading fifteen. A lot will depend on who the teams still have to meet. Below is the number of teams from the top 15 each contender has still to meet.

1	China	9
2	Poland	9
3	Norway	8
4	Japan	7
5	Denmark	8
6	England	5
7	France	8
8	Sweden	6
9	Netherlands	6
10	USA 1	7
11=	Scotland	8
11=	Canada	7
13	Russia	7
14	New Zealand	7
15	USA 2	7

So, from this we can deduce that it is England, Sweden and The Netherlands who have the easiest run in, whilst the top two, China and Poland have the hardest route to qualification.


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Mixed Teams RR - R13

Romania v USA I



Brian Senior

As we moved into the second half of the qualifying round robin, the Romanian Mixed team were lying in fourth position while USA I lay eighth. Both, therefore, were very much in contention for a berth in the knock-out stages, but neither could take that place for granted, making this an important match for both teams.

After two flat boards, Romania gained 2 IMPs on Board 3 for a better-scoring partscore. The first big swing came on this next deal.

with 3♥ Balint bid only 4♦, competing the partscore and ending the auction. Play was as in the other room, so Marina too had 12 tricks but only +170 and 10 IMPs to USA I.

Ten pairs in the Mixed bid and made game, while 11 stopped in partscore, two defended against a heart contract, and one bid 6♦. Double dummy, even 7♦ can be made via the ruffing spade finesse, but at the table 6♦ went down one.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 7 3 2

♥ A J 9 7

♦ 4

♣ 5 4 3 2

♠ A Q J 8 5

♥ —

♦ A Q 10 9 6

♣ 10 9 7

N

W E

S

♠ 4

♥ 8 6 4 2

♦ J 7 5 3

♣ A K 8 6

♠ 10 9 6

♥ K Q 10 5 3

♦ K 8 2

♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
3♦	3♥	4♦	All Pass

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 9 5

♥ Q J

♦ Q 10 5 3 2

♣ A 5

♠ 10 7 6 4

♥ 10 8 2

♦ 8 6

♣ Q 4 3 2

N

W E

S

♠ Q J 8 3 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K

♣ K 8 7 6

♠ —

♥ A K 9 6 5 4

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ J 10 9

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
—	INT	2♠	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

For USA I, Christal Henner opened 1♠, showed her second suit and, when Uday Ivatury raised the diamonds, jumped to game. Marius Ionita led the four of clubs. Henner rose with the ace, Marina Stegaroiu following with the jack. Henner led a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and ruffed another heart. When she next took a third spade ruff with the ♦J, Stegaroiu over-ruffed and returned a heart. Henner ruffed that, drew trumps and cashed the long spade before leading to the king of clubs, and the fall of the queen meant that she had an overtrick for +620.

For Romania, Bogdan Marina also opened 1♠ and rebid 2♦. However, Mihaela Balint did not raise with the East cards and the first opportunity to reach game had been missed. But Jill Meyers balanced with the South hand, giving her opponents a second chance. But, though Marina competed with 3♦, when Alan Graves in turn competed



Allan Graves, USA I

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
–	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Ionita/Stegarioiu reached a better game than Graves/Meyers – it would be very unlucky for 4♥ to go down, while 3NT could be in trouble if hearts are four-one. On the actual layout, however, the price for playing in no trump was just 2 IMPs, as 3NT was cold for nine tricks while 4♥ was made with an overtrick; 2 IMPs to Romania.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	1♠	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♦	2NT	All Pass	

Meyers opened the South hand and Graves jumped to 2NT, invitational, over Marina's overcall. Balint led the queen of spades, which was allowed to hold the trick. She switched to the jack of clubs, Graves winning with the ace and leading the two of hearts to the nine and ace followed by a low heart to Balint's queen, Balint continued with the club attack, the ten losing to declarer's queen, and Graves played another heart up, Balint winning the king and playing a third club to dummy's king. Graves cashed the ♥J then led a diamond to the king and ace before exiting with the nine of diamonds. Marina won the ♦Q, cashed the thirteenth club, then had to play ace and another spade to dummy's king for declarer's seventh trick; down one for –50.

Stegarioiu also opened the South hand. Henner could overcall then pass the response, but Ionita balanced and eventually became declarer in INT, against which Ivatury led the king of hearts. Ionita won the ace and played a heart back, Ivatury winning the queen and playing the queen of spades and, when that held the trick, switching to the jack of clubs. Ionita won the club and ducked a spade. Henner

won that and returned a low diamond, which Ionita ducked to Ivatury's jack, and back came a club. Ionita won and ducked another spade to bring down the ace. That produced the eighth trick for +120 and 5 IMPs to Romania.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

The two auctions were identical up to East's third bid, with Ivatury inviting game with a jump to 3♥ to show the sixth card, while Balint contented herself with a simple 2♥. Both bids ended their respective auctions.

Stegarioiu led the eight of diamonds against 3♥, Ionita winning the ace and returning the seven. Ivatury rose with the king and led the ten of clubs to the ace, pitched a diamond loser on the king of clubs, then ruffed a club. He gave up the losing diamond now, ruffed the club return, and led a spade up. Stegarioiu won the ace and returned the ten of diamonds, ruffed low in dummy. Both Ionita and Ivatury discarded their last spades and now Ivatury played the ♠K. That was ruffed and over-ruffed and there was just the ace of trumps to be lost; +140.

Meyers too led the eight of diamonds, Graves winning the ace and returning the seven. Here, however, declarer played low, losing to the queen, and Meyers promptly gave her partner a diamond ruff. A spade to the ace was followed by the fourth diamond, Balint ruffing with dummy's jack. Graves discarded a club on this trick and now declarer led a heart to her king and continued with the queen of hearts, so lost two heart tricks and was down one for –100 and 6 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
—	INT	Dble	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
2NT	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Ionita opened INT and Ivatury doubled to show a single-suited overcall. Stegaroiu transferred to spades and went on to game over Ionita's transfer break. Ivatury led his singleton heart, Henner winning the ace and returning a suit-preference ♥5. Ivatury ruffed and gave his partner a club ruff, ruffed the heart return with the ♠A and gave Henner a second club ruff; down two for -100.

Graves opened 1♣ so Meyers, South, became declarer in 4♠ after Marina had shown a red two-suiter. Marina led the ten of diamonds. Meyers won the ace and led a spade up but Balint grabbed her ace and returned the four of hearts. Marina won the ace and returned the ♥5, so Balint ruffed and gave her partner a club ruff for the setting trick. Here the contract was down only one for -50, so 2 IMPs to USA I.

If the defence looks pretty routine, 4♠ was let through at five of the 22 tables at which it was the final contract.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	Dble	Rdbl	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	Dble	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both Wests opened 3♦ and both Norths doubled. Balint now raised to 4♦ to take some space away from her opponents but that added momentum to the auction in an entirely predictable way. The raise was enough to shut out Meyers but Graves came again with a second double and Meyers responded 4♠ and played there. Marina led the bare king of clubs. Meyers won the ace and played king of spades then a spade to the jack. She ruffed a diamond now to get to dummy to lead towards the jack of clubs. Balint won the queen and returned the queen of spades, but the second diamond loser went away on dummy's fifth club and there was just a heart to lose; 11 tricks for +450.

Ivatury did not raise diamonds, instead redoubling, and that dampened the auction down. Stegaroiu bid 3♠ but that didn't promise anything other than preference for spades over hearts and clubs. Ionita thought for a good while but eventually passed and the game had been missed. Henner too led the ♣K to dummy's ace and Stegaroiu played ♠K, a spade to the jack, then cashed the ♠A before crossing to the ace of hearts to lead a club up. She too could ruff one diamond and throw one away on the clubs, so had 11 tricks but that was only +200 and 6 IMPs to USA I.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
Pass	1♣	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
Pass	1♣	2♥	Dble
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Meyers' combination of double followed by 3♠, denying the strength to bid 2♠ immediately, kept her side a level lower than did the auction followed by Stegaroiu, who did bid 2♠ immediately then made a balancing double at her next turn and saw partner convert to 4♠.

Henner led ace, king and a third diamond for Ivatury to ruff, and he cashed the ace of clubs before exiting with a heart. Stegaroiu fiddled around a bit, cashing a club and the other heart winner, but then had to bite the bullet and tackle the trump suit. She cashed the ace then led low and, after some thought, put up the king, felling the queen; nine tricks for down one and -100.

Marina led the ace of diamonds against 3♠ but then switched to a low heart. Meyers won the ace and led a spade to the king then back to the jack, cashed the ♠A, and led a club to the king and ace. But now Balint could unblock the ♦Q before getting out passively with a heart, and when Marina came to his inevitable club winner he had a diamond to cash also for down one; -100 and a flat board.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 9 7		♠ K 5
	♥ Q 6		♥ J 5 4
	♦ 10 8 3 2		♦ A K 6 5
	♣ 9 8 7 4 3		♣ J 10 6 5
♠ A Q J 6 4 3	<div>♠ N ♥ W E ♦ S ♣</div>		♠ 10 8 2
♥ 9 7 3			♥ A K 10 8 2
♦ Q 4			♦ J 9 7
♣ Q 2			♣ A K
West	North	East	South
<i>Henner</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Ivatury</i>	<i>Stegaroiu</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Henner did well on this deal, responding 1♠ then rebidding a simple 2♠, in the context of playing weak jump shifts, so that her sequence was mildly constructive. Two Spades proved to be the limit of the hand. Ionita led queen and another heart, Stegaroiu winning and cashing the top

clubs before cashing the third heart. That was it for the defence though; +110.

The auction in the other room looks very strange and I have serious doubts as to its accuracy – I was watching at the other BBO table and this was what I found when I swapped tables to look at what had happened. Perhaps Balint actually rebid INT and, with the 2♠ rebid again being constructive, liked her K, AK enough to raise to game? Three rounds of hearts followed by two clubs meant down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to USAI.

Seven pairs in the Mixed made spade partscores, one of them when at the three level. Four pairs got to 3NT and two succeeded after the lead of the ace of hearts. Nine went down in 4♠ and two in 3♠, the field being rounded out by one 2NT-2.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ A K J 10 8			♠ Q 5 3 2
		♥ 2			♥ A J 9 5 4 3
		♦ K 8 6			♦ 7 4
		♣ K Q 8 6			♣ 10
♠ 9 7 6	<div>W N E S</div>			♠ 4	
♥ Q 6				♥ K 10 8 7	
♦ 10 5 2				♦ A Q J 9 3	
♣ A J 7 4 2				♣ 9 5 3	
West	North	East	South		
<i>Henner</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Ivatury</i>	<i>Stegaroiu</i>		
—	—	2♥	Pass		
Pass	Dble	All Pass			
West	North	East	South		
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Balint</i>	<i>Meyers</i>		
—	—	Pass	Pass		
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass		
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♦		
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT		
All Pass					

Ivatury opened a weak 2♥, not being overly concerned at holding four spades on the side. That went round to Ionita, who doubled as he felt that he was a little too good for a simple overcall, and Stegaroiu left it in and led her singleton spade. Ionita won the king of spades and continued with the ace then ten to dummy's queen. Stegaroiu ruffed and returned a club, Ivatury rising with the ace and ruffing a club, ruffing his last spade, Stegaroiu throwing her last club, then playing a third club. He discarded a diamond on this trick, allowing Ionita to win the eight. Ionita led a heart through, which declarer had to duck, so Stegaroiu won the king and underled to her partner's ♦K to get another club through. That promoted an extra trump trick for down two and -300.

There was no weak two in the other room, though Balint overcalled 2♥ at her next turn, and the American N/S bid to 3NT. Marina led the queen of hearts, which ran to declarer's king. Meyers cashed the ace of diamonds, just in case the suit was five-zero, then led a club up. Marina grabbed the ace and returned the six of hearts and Balint took the jack and ace but that was all; ten tricks for +430 and 4 IMPs to USA I.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henner	Ionita	Ivatury	Stegarioiu
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Marina	Graves	Balint	Meyers
1♥	Pass	INT	2♠
All Pass			

What would you respond to partner's five-card 1♥ opening if you held the East hand? Well, you don't have to bid anything, I suppose, though few modern-day players would seriously contemplate a pass. More likely, the decision between a heart raise and INT would be decided by system as much as anything. If you play that a simple raise is constructive, then you have to respond INT on this weak hand, while if the simple raise is a little more free and easy you can raise to 2♥.

Balint responded INT and Meyers overcalled 2♠. Imagining that his partner was just competing the partscore, and with no guarantee that there was safety at the three level, Graves passed, and the excellent game was missed. Marina cashed the ace of hearts then switched to the four of clubs for the king and ace. Meyers led a spade to the ace then back to the king and continued with the jack of diamonds. When that attracted a cover, she had 11 tricks for +200.

Ivatury raised to 2♥ and Stegarioiu overcalled 2♠. With 10 HCP and ace to three spades, Ionita felt that he was worth a cuebid to show a constructive raise to 3♠, and Stegarioiu, who would probably have gone on even over a simple 3♠ raise, had an easy decision to go on to game.

Again, the defence began with a top heart and a club switch to king and ace. I would have been a simple soul. West opened the bidding and, as that was very unlikely to be on a nine-count, would turn up with at least one of the spade and diamond queens. Saving energy for other things, I might play king of spades then a second round, intending to finesse if West played low, and then take the diamond finesse through West also, coming to 11 tricks on the actual layout.

Stegarioiu was more careful than that. She led a heart at trick three, Henner winning the king and playing the queen of clubs. Stegarioiu ruffed that and led the jack of spades to tempt a cover but, when none materialised, went up with dummy's ace. Now she took a diamond pitch on the queen of hearts, ruffed dummy's last club, and had reached the position she wanted. A diamond to the king was followed by a spade to the ten. That lost to the queen but Henner was now endplayed, forced to either lead away from the ♦Q or lead a heart, which would be ruffed in dummy while the potential diamond loser went away from hand – a perfect elimination and endplay which had removed any possibility of being unlucky.

Romania gained 6 IMPs on this deal, but the match result was 36-18 IMPs in favour of USA I, converting to 14.60-5.40 VPs.



Jill Meyers, USA I

RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHILE	USA 1	23	73	0.84	19.16
ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	37	25	13.28	6.72
CHINA HONG KONG	CANADA	41	5	17.59	2.41
GUADELOUPE	INDONESIA	13	32	5.20	14.80
NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	64	21	18.44	1.56
CHINA	SINGAPORE	34	24	12.80	7.20
MOROCCO	INDIA	20	41	4.81	15.19
EGYPT	ARGENTINA	45	43	10.61	9.39
AUSTRALIA	USA 2	30	32	9.39	10.61
BANGLADESH	RUSSIA	41	31	12.80	7.20
ITALY	ENGLAND	8	52	1.45	18.55
POLAND	NORWAY	43	5	17.85	2.15

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
ISRAEL	CHILE	38	11	16.26	3.74
CHINA HONG KONG	SWEDEN	35	50	6.03	13.97
NETHERLANDS	SINGAPORE	36	37	9.69	10.31
EGYPT	GUADELOUPE	43	47	8.80	11.20
CHINA	USA 1	24	24	10.00	10.00
INDONESIA	ARGENTINA	53	24	16.58	3.42
CANADA	MOROCCO	88	28	20.00	0.00
AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	50	41	12.55	7.45
ITALY	INDIA	36	24	13.28	6.72
POLAND	BANGLADESH	51	0	19.25	0.75
USA 2	RUSSIA	22	32	7.20	12.80
NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND	22	52	3.27	16.73

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHILE	ENGLAND	34	21	13.52	6.48
RUSSIA	SINGAPORE	13	50	2.28	17.72
POLAND	INDONESIA	50	16	17.31	2.69
GUADELOUPE	SWEDEN	21	84	0.00	20.00
NORWAY	ARGENTINA	48	6	18.33	1.67
NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT	44	17	16.26	3.74
MOROCCO	CHINA	19	46	3.74	16.26
USA 1	AUSTRALIA	44	10	17.31	2.69
ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	28	30	9.39	10.61
BANGLADESH	USA 2	41	46	8.52	11.48
CHINA HONG KONG	ITALY	21	26	8.52	11.48
INDIA	CANADA	26	31	8.52	11.48

Venice Cup

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
SWEDEN	TUNISIA	55	13	18.33	1.67
DENMARK	POLAND	26	28	9.39	10.61
NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	6	67	0.00	20.00
NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI	32	45	6.48	13.52
RUSSIA	INDIA	37	13	15.74	4.01
JAPAN	SOUTH AFRICA	44	19	15.92	4.08
SCOTLAND	CHINA	39	67	3.58	16.42
USA 2	PAKISTAN	30	47	5.61	14.39
USA 1	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	38	28	12.80	7.20
CANADA	AUSTRALIA	19	17	10.61	9.39
FRANCE	BRAZIL	30	38	7.71	12.29
ENGLAND	CHINA HONG KONG	61	30	16.88	3.12

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
AUSTRALIA	TUNISIA	23	46	4.44	15.56
BRAZIL	CANADA	31	19	13.28	6.72
DENMARK	USA 1	27	39	6.72	13.28
SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI	26	52	3.91	16.09
NORWAY	SCOTLAND	47	36	13.04	6.96
NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	57	9	18.97	1.03
RUSSIA	JAPAN	25	57	2.97	17.03
CHINA	PAKISTAN	52	11	18.21	1.79
USA 2	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	91	23	20.00	0.00
INDIA	ENGLAND	20	37	5.61	14.39
NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	51	25	16.09	3.91
POLAND	CHINA HONG KONG	64	16	18.97	1.03

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
TUNISIA	BRAZIL	24	49	4.08	15.92
SWEDEN	USA 1	18	55	2.28	17.72
NORWAY	POLAND	42	20	15.38	4.62
CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK	36	32	11.20	8.80
NEW ZEALAND	CHINA	25	45	5.00	15.00
SOUTH AFRICA	RUSSIA	35	65	3.27	16.73
JAPAN	SCOTLAND	35	25	12.80	7.20
PAKISTAN	INDIA	32	42	7.20	12.80
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	CANADA	27	66	2.03	17.97
USA 2	FRANCE	24	59	2.55	17.45
ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA	9	51	1.67	18.33
CHINA HONG KONG	NETHERLANDS	54	36	14.60	5.40

CITTA DI MILANO

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TEAM TOURNAMENT

6th - 7th - 8th DECEMBER 2019

HOTEL DA VINCI - MILAN - CONGRESS CENTER

VIA SENIGALLIA, 6 - 20161 MILAN

SCHEDULE

Friday
6th
2 PM - end of registration
2.30 PM - 4 rounds
9.30 PM - 2 rounds

Saturday
7th
10.00 AM - 2 rounds
2.00 PM - 5 rounds

Sunday
8th
10.15 AM - 2 rounds
1.30 PM - 1 round
3 PM - prize giving

REGISTRATIONS

FRONT DESK REGISTRATIONS

Participation fee: € 330 per team

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ONLINE REGISTRATIONS WITHIN DEC 2, 2019

Participation fee: € 300 per team

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Free entry for teams
entirely composed of Junior players.

At the time of registration, please specify your team's category in order to gain access to the special prizes.

Participation is allowed to FIGB members
and members of foreign Bridge Federations.

PRIZE POOL

FINAL A	FINAL B	OTHER FINALS 6 teams per group
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1 st € 4000	1 st € 750
2 nd € 2500	2 nd € 600
3 rd € 1200	3 rd € 500
4 th € 900	4 th € 450
5 th € 700	5 th € 400
6 th € 600	
7 th € 500	
8 th € 400	

1st € 350

SPECIAL PRIZES (€ 350 each, not cumulative)

1st team of 2nd/3rd cat./NC (min 3 teams)
1st Junior team (min. 3 teams)
1st Mixed team (min. 5 teams)
1st Ladies team (min. 5 teams)
1st Foreign team (min 5 teams)

The prize money will be awarded after legal taxes are deducted.
For foreign residents, the taxation is 30%.

ACCOMMODATION

For hotel reservations, please directly contact the Hotel.

The following rooms are reserved to bridge players:

	SINGLE ROOM double use	€ 70,00 (per night)
	breakfast buffet included, 10% VAT and WIFI included	
	DOUBLE ROOM	€ 70,00 (per night)
	breakfast buffet included, 10% VAT and WIFI included	
	TRIPLE ROOM , 1 queen+1 single bed	€ 90,00 (per night)
	breakfast buffet included, 10% VAT and WIFI included	
	QUADRUPLE ROOM 2 queen beds	€ 110,00 (per night)
	breakfast buffet included, 10% VAT and WIFI included	



Bar and Snack bar are open during the whole event
for a delightful break.

Lunch and dinner: € 20 per person (buffet).

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d'Orsi Trophy

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
REUNION	USA 2	0	60	0.00	20.00
NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	12	51	2.03	17.97
CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK	17	22	8.52	11.48
TURKEY	UAE	16	27	6.96	13.04
FRANCE	INDIA	15	31	5.82	14.18
INDONESIA	JAPAN	16	50	2.69	17.31
ENGLAND	CHINA HONG KONG	34	23	13.04	6.96
SWEDEN	NORWAY	38	15	15.56	4.44
ITALY	CANADA	24	21	10.66	9.09
IRELAND	AUSTRALIA	17	28	6.96	13.04
CHINA	USA 1	29	34	8.52	11.48
BULGARIA	POLAND	17	54	2.28	17.72

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	INDONESIA	36	49	6.48	13.52
NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	20	38	5.40	14.60
REUNION	SWEDEN	19	41	4.62	15.38
DENMARK	ITALY	26	45	5.20	14.80
UAE	IRELAND	42	53	6.96	13.04
INDIA	CHINA	49	8	18.21	1.79
JAPAN	BULGARIA	44	19	15.92	4.08
CHINA HONG KONG	POLAND	28	37	7.45	12.55
NORWAY	USA 1	25	30	8.52	11.48
CANADA	AUSTRALIA	3	73	0.00	20.00
FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI	18	41	4.44	15.56
TURKEY	NEW ZEALAND	22	28	8.24	11.76

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	DENMARK	23	34	6.96	13.04
NETHERLANDS	REUNION	42	23	14.80	5.20
UAE	CHINESE TAIPEI	51	55	8.30	11.20
INDIA	TURKEY	31	24	12.03	7.97
JAPAN	FRANCE	29	24	11.48	8.52
CHINA HONG KONG	INDONESIA	31	40	7.45	12.55
NORWAY	ENGLAND	19	62	1.56	18.44
CANADA	SWEDEN	32	31	10.31	9.69
AUSTRALIA	ITALY	19	47	3.58	16.42
USA 1	IRELAND	28	26	10.11	8.89
POLAND	CHINA	36	39	9.09	10.91
BULGARIA	NEW ZEALAND	46	49	9.09	10.91

Mixed

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA	50	24	16.09	3.91
ENGLAND	THAILAND	48	15	17.17	2.83
SWEDEN	PAKISTAN	31	9	15.38	4.62
INDONESIA	EGYPT	62	21	18.21	1.54
MOROCCO	POLAND	7	19	6.72	13.28
RUSSIA	ITALY	29	6	15.56	4.44
NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	36	59	4.44	15.56
FRANCE	INDIA	68	8	20.00	0.00
BARBADOS	LATVIA	15	31	5.82	14.18
CHINA	BRAZIL	37	35	10.61	9.39
USA 2	CANADA	50	28	15.38	4.62
ROMANIA	USA 1	18	36	5.40	14.60

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
NEW ZEALAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	13	51	2.15	17.85
AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	18	62	1.45	18.55
THAILAND	SWEDEN	27	50	4.44	15.56
PAKISTAN	INDONESIA	38	52	6.25	13.75
EGYPT	MOROCCO	44	39	11.48	8.52
POLAND	RUSSIA	33	42	7.45	12.55
USA 1	ITALY	30	55	4.08	15.92
DENMARK	FRANCE	21	19	10.61	9.39
INDIA	BARBADOS	16	47	3.12	16.88
LATVIA	CHINA	36	33	10.91	9.09
BRAZIL	USA 2	36	28	12.29	7.71
CANADA	ROMANIA	26	53	3.74	16.26

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA	43	60	5.61	14.39
ENGLAND	LATVIA	56	27	16.58	3.42
SWEDEN	BRAZIL	39	50	6.96	13.04
INDONESIA	CANADA	35	11	15.74	4.26
MOROCCO	ROMANIA	13	103	0.00	20.00
RUSSIA	USA 2	25	44	5.20	14.80
ITALY	CHINA	29	34	8.52	11.48
POLAND	BARBADOS	55	20	17.45	2.55
EGYPT	FRANCE	4	53	0.93	19.07
PAKISTAN	NEW ZEALAND	24	51	3.74	16.26
THAILAND	AUSTRALIA	43	45	9.39	10.61
DENMARK	USA 1	22	31	7.45	12.55