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# THE MARATHON IS OVER!

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

**Transnational Qualification - Swiss**  
**10.00 - 11.30**  
**11.50 - 13.20**  
**14.00 - 15.30**  
**15.50 - 17.20**  
**17.40 - 19.10**

10.00	QF1	ROOM
BB	USA1 - England	VG/BBO1
BB	China - Poland	BBO 2
BB	Sweden - Netherlands	BBO 3
BB	Norway - Italy	BBO 4
VC	China - Japan	BBO 5
VC	USA1 - Sweden	BBO 6
VC	Norway - Netherlands	BBO 7
VC	Poland - England	BBO 8
SD	USA2 - Netherlands	BBO 9
SD	England - China	BBO 10
SD	France - Denmark	BBO 11
MX	China - USA1	BBO 12
MX	USA2- Romania	BBO 13
MX	England - Latvia	BBO 15

13.30	QF2	ROOM
VC	China - Japan	VG/BBO1
BB	USA1 - England	BBO 2
BB	Norway - Italy	BBO 3
BB	Sweden - Netherlands	BBO 4
BB	China - Poland	BBO 5
VC	USA1 - Sweden	BBO 6
VC	Norway - Netherlands	BBO 7
VC	Poland - England	BBO 8
SD	India - Chinese Taipei	BBO 9
SD	England - China	BBO 10
SD	France - Denmark	BBO 11
MX	England - Latvia	BBO 12
MX	China - USA1	BBO 13
MX	Russia - France	BBO 15

**Round 3 to be decided**



It's not easy making the cut for the knockout phase of the *Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy* or *Mixed Teams*. The qualifying teams had to survive eight days of three 16-board matches – 368 deals in total – to finish the round robin in the top eight of whatever bracket they were in, not to mention having to contend along the way with seasoned players hungry for a chance to win a world championship.

The round robin chase is finally over and the happy qualifiers are preparing to do battle, starting today, one on one, with the winners moving on and the losers contemplating other opportunities.

**USA 1** led the qualifiers in the *Bermuda Bowl*. **China** was No. 1 on the qualifying list in the *Venice Cup*. **USA 2** moved from second to first on Sunday in the *d'Orsi Seniors Trophy*, overtaking **India**, the leader for most of the round robin. **England** heads the list of qualifiers in the *Mixed Teams*.

If you have left your mobile phone at the Hospitality Desk during play, please make sure you collect it as soon as possible after the last round!



## Closing Ceremony

The prize giving and closing ceremony will take place in the playing area on Saturday 28 September at 19.30, followed by a Buffet dinner. If you are planning to attend **you must inform the Hospitality Desk, and collect your invitation**, otherwise you risk not being admitted.

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Annual General Meeting  
Monday September 23rd

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will be at  
**9.00 on Monday September  
23rd.**

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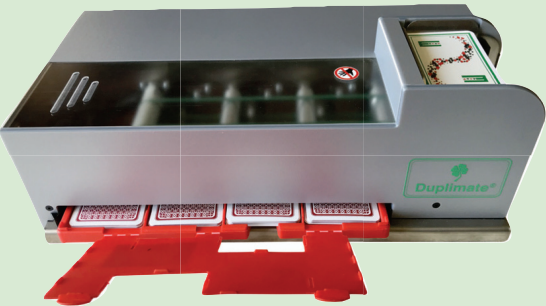
Bermuda Bowl  
After Round 23

TEAM	VP
1 USA 1	311.07
2 CHINA	307.18
3 SWEDEN	301.12
4 NORWAY	296.74
5 NETHERLANDS	291.99
6 POLAND	290.63
7 ENGLAND	276.99
8 ITALY	274.14
9 NEW ZEALAND	268.43
10 ISRAEL	263.08
11 CHINA HONG KONG	241.64
12 AUSTRALIA	237.64
13 INDIA	235.14
14 USA 2	225.09
15 CANADA	219.84
16 CHILE	214.96
17 INDONESIA	212.47
18 SINGAPORE	198.78
19 RUSSIA	185.42
20 ARGENTINA	170.74
21 EGYPT	162.97
22 BANGLADESH	141.67
23 GUADELOUPE	124.44
24 MOROCCO	55.33



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Venice Cup After Round 23		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 23		Wuhan Cup After Round 23	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 CHINA	296.03	1 USA 2	285.36	1 ENGLAND	311.19
2 POLAND	290.99	2 INDIA	280.07	2 USA 2	290.83
3 NORWAY	290.56	3 FRANCE	277.93	3 CHINA	282.10
4 USA 1	284.43	4 ENGLAND	275.09	4 RUSSIA	281.93
5 ENGLAND	279.90	5 DENMARK	271.06	5 ROMANIA	281.46
6 JAPAN	277.56	6 NETHERLANDS	266.04	6 FRANCE	273.81
7 SWEDEN	276.47	7 CHINA	263.10	7 LATVIA	270.42
8 NETHERLANDS	275.63	8 CHINESE TAIPEI	262.21	8 USA 1	267.59
9 RUSSIA	257.59	9 TURKEY	255.00	9 DENMARK	262.28
10 USA 2	253.15	10 USA 1	254.73	10 SWEDEN	260.95
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	252.65	11 POLAND	253.43	11 POLAND	256.45
12 CANADA	252.31	12 SWEDEN	244.39	12 INDONESIA	254.67
13 FRANCE	243.89	13 AUSTRALIA	235.67	13 CHINESE TAIPEI	252.10
14 SCOTLAND	240.14	14 IRELAND	222.74	14 ITALY	247.02
15 DENMARK	238.71	15 CANADA	221.20	15 BRAZIL	227.94
16 NEW ZEALAND	207.05	16 NORWAY	211.91	16 AUSTRALIA	223.66
17 CHINA HONG KONG	206.58	17 ITALY	209.86	17 THAILAND	215.53
18 BRAZIL	203.57	18 JAPAN	208.13	18 INDIA	192.24
19 AUSTRALIA	188.41	19 INDONESIA	199.07	19 CANADA	185.27
20 PAKISTAN	174.24	20 CHINA HONG KONG	192.00	20 NEW ZEALAND	179.92
21 INDIA	165.19	21 BULGARIA	169.59	21 EGYPT	161.37
22 TUNISIA	126.87	22 U.A.E.	156.54	22 BARBADOS	143.10
23 SOUTH AFRICA	122.59	23 NEW ZEALAND	148.46	23 MOROCCO	115.67
24 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	107.49	24 REUNION	147.92	24 PAKISTAN	75.25



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## Bermuda Bowl

		I	2	3	4	5	6	tot			I	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	USA I									NORWAY							
	ENGLAND									ITALY							
	CHINA									SWEDEN							
	POLAND									NETHERLANDS							
CHINA	Gang CHEN, Linlin HU, Chuancheng JU, Yinghao LIU, Zheng Jun SHI, Zejun ZHUANG, Jihong HU captain, Kai ZOU coach																
ENGLAND	Jeffrey ALLERTON, David BAKHSHI, Tony FORRESTER, Chris JAGGER, Artur MALINOWSKI, Andrew ROBSON, Neil ROSEN captain, Andrew MURPHY coach																
ITALY	Norberto BOCCHI, Giorgio DUBOIN, Lorenzo LAURIA, Agustin MADALA, Antonio SEMENTA, Alfredo VERSACE, Maria Teresa LAVAZZA captain, Massimo ORTENSI coach																
NETHERLANDS	Simon DE WIJS, Bob DRIJVER, Bauke MULLER, Bart NAB, Ricco VAN PROOIJEN, Louk VERHEES Jr, Anton MAAS captain, Ton BAKKEREN coach																
NORWAY	Terje AA, Boye BROGELAND, Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN, Espen LINDQVIST, Allan LIVGARD, Ulf Haakon TUNDAL, Christian VENNEROED captain, Sten BJERTNES coach																
POLAND	Krzysztof BURAS, Bartosz CHMURSKI, Jacek KALITA, Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ, Michal NOWOSADZKI, Piotr TUCZYNSKI, Marek PIETRASZEK captain, Marek WOJCICKI coach																
SWEDEN	Simon EKENBERG, Simon HULT, Fredrik NYSTROM, Mikael RIMSTEDT, Ola RIMSTEDT, Johan UPMARK, Jan LAGERMAN captain																
USA I	Ralph KATZ, Robert (Bobby) LEVIN, Jeff MECKSTROTH, Nick NICKELL, Eric RODWELL, Steve WEINSTEIN, Jill LEVIN captain, Eric O. KOKISH coach																

## Venice Cup

		I	2	3	4	5	6	tot			I	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	CHINA									USA I							
	JAPAN									SWEDEN							
	NORWAY									POLAND							
	NETHERLANDS									ENGLAND							
CHINA	Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN (I), Nan WANG, Wen Fei WANG, Xiaoxue ZUO, Xiaojing WANG captain, Xiaojing WANG coach																
ENGLAND	Heather DHONDY, Catherine DRAPER, Gillian FAWCETT, Nevena SENIOR, Nicola SMITH, Yvonne WISEMAN, David GOLD captain, David BURN coach																
JAPAN	Yuki FUKUYOSHI, Toshiko KAHU, Ruri KATO(OTE), Ayako MIYAKUNI, Makiko SATO, Akiko YANAGISAWA, Kazuo FURUTA captain																
NETHERLANDS	Merel BRUIJNSTEEN, Laura DEKKERS, Jet PASMAN, Anneke SIMONS, Wietske VAN ZWOL, Martine VERBEEK, Aarnout HELMICH captain, Peter IJSSELMUIDEN coach																
NORWAY	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD, Liv Marit GRUDE, Marianne HARDING, Torild HESKJE, Bodil Nyheim OIGARDEN, Gunn Tove VIST, Anne-Lill HELLEMANN captain, Jon-Egil FURUNES coach																
POLAND	Cathy BALDYSZ, Sophia BALDYSZ, Katarzyna DUFRAT, Danuta KAZMUCHA, Anna SARNIAK, Justyna ZMUDA, Mirosław CICHOCKI captain, Marek WOJCICKI coach																
SWEDEN	Kathrine BERTHEAU, Sanna CLEMENTSSON, Ida GRONKVIST, Jessica LARSSON, Emma OVELIUS, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Kenneth BORIN captain, Carina WADEMARK coach																
USA I	Lynn BAKER, Irina LEVITINA, Karen McCALLUM, Kerri SANBORN, Sylvia SHI, JoAnna STANSBY, Sam DINKIN captain, Beth PALMER coach																



## d'Orsi Trophy

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
USA 2								
NETHERLANDS								
FRANCE								
DENMARK								
INDIA								
CHINESE TAIPEI								
ENGLAND								
CHINA								

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
CHINA	Yixiong LIANG, Rongqiang LIN, Mingkun SHEN, Xiaonong SHEN, Ming SUN, Jian Hua TAO, Rongqiang LIN captain, Jian Hua TAO coach							
CHINESE TAIPEI	Chung Mou CHANG, Jen-Chien CHUNG, Patrick K. H. HUANG, Chii-Mou LIN, Juei-Yu SHIH, Chen YEH, Shu-Ping YEH TONG captain							
DENMARK	Knud-Aage BOESGAARD, Soren CHRISTIANSEN, Henrik Norman HANSEN, Jorgen Cilleborg HANSEN, Hans Christian NIELSEN, Steen SCHOU, Bo Loenberg BILDE captain							
ENGLAND	John HOLLAND, David KENDRICK, Alan MOULD, David MULLER, Malcolm PRYOR, Trevor WARD, David S JONES captain							
FRANCE	Michel ABECASSIS, Guy LASSERRE, Michel LEBEL, Alain LEVY, Philippe POIZAT, Philippe SOULET, Eric GAUTRET captain, Solange D'ELBEE coach							
INDIA	Sukamal DAS, Subhash DHAKRAS, Dipak PODDAR, Subrata SAHA, Jitendra SOLANI, Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN, Vinay DESAI captain, Anal SHAH coach							
NETHERLANDS	Hans DEVRIND, Leo HOFLAND, Andre MULDER, Frans TEN BRINK, Bas VAN DER HOEK, Hans VERGOED, Schelte WIJMA captain							
USA 2	David BERKOWITZ, Steve GARNER, Mark LAIR, Michael ROSENBERG, Alan SONTAG, Jeff WOLFSON, Lisa BERKOWITZ captain							

## Wuhan Cup

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
ENGLAND								
LATVIA								
CHINA								
USA 1								
RUSSIA								
FRANCE								
USA 2								
ROMANIA								

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
CHINA	Jien CHEN, Zhengjiang LIAO, Ping WANG, Haotian WU, Shaohong WU, Zhaobin XIE, Bangxiang ZHANG captain, Bangxiang ZHANG coach							
ENGLAND	Sally BROCK, Fiona BROWN, Michael BYRNE, Frances HINDEN, Barry MYERS, Graham OSBORNE, Paul BARDEN captain							
FRANCE	Benedicte CRONIER, Philippe CRONIER, Nathalie FREY, Daniele GAVIARD, Jerome ROMBAUT, Frederic VOLCKER, Francois COMBESURE captain							
LATVIA	Jelena ALFEJEVA, Janis BETHERS, Maija ROMANOVSKA, Karlis RUBINS, Karlis RUBINS captain, Martins LORENCS coach							
ROMANIA	Mihaela BALINT, Marius IONITA, Bogdan MARINA, Geta MIHAI, Radu MIHAI, Marina STEGAROIU, Bogdan MARINA captain							
RUSSIA	Alexander DUBININ, Alexej GERASIMOV, Andrey GROMOV, Anna GULEVICH, Tatiana PONOMAREVA, Olga VOROBAYCHIKOVA							
USA 1	Cheri BJERKAN, Allan GRAVES, Christal HENNER, Uday IVATURY, Jill MEYERS, Howard WEINSTEIN, Joe STOKES captain							
USA 2	Huub BERTENS, Debbie ROSENBERG, Andrew ROSENTHAL, Chris WILLENKEN, Jenny WOLPERT, Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE, Jeff AKER captain							

## Extract of relevant parts of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest

### 8.1.2 Quarter-Finals

The quarter-finals will be played on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th September as a knockout match of 96 boards (played over three sessions, in 2 x 16-board stanzas), with IMP scoring. Quarter-final match opponents are determined as follows:

1st from the round-robin chooses 5th 6th 7th or 8th qualifier; then 2nd chooses from the remaining of 5th 6th 7th or 8th; then 3rd chooses from the remaining of 5th 6th 7th or 8th; then 4th placed team will play the team not yet chosen.

### 8.1.3 Semi-Finals

The semi-finals will be played on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September as a knockout match of 96 boards, (played over three sessions, in 2 x 16-board stanzas), with IMP scoring. Subject to the requirement that if two teams from the same country qualify, they must meet in the semi-finals, the highest finishing team from the round-robin will choose their prospective semi-final opponent from any of the other quarter-matches.

The remaining winners will become opponents for the other semi-final match. This choice must be made at the completion of the quarter final draw and before play in the quarter final begins. Hence the semi-final draw is decided prior to the quarter final stage and remains applicable whatever the outcome of quarter-final matches.

### 8.1.4 Final

The winners of the semi-finals play the final on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September as a knockout match of 96 boards (played over three sessions, in 2 x 16-board stanzas), with IMP scoring.

### 8.1.5 Play Off

The losing semi-finalists will play-off on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th as a knockout match of 80 boards (played over five 16-board sessions) with IMP scoring.

As for seating rights:

### 15.2 Seating Rights

In a match divided into stanzas, the team with the seating rights in the first half of a stanza sits NS in the open room during that stanza. In a match divided into an odd number of several sessions the team with the seating rights in a session sits NS in the open room in that session. Subject always to the over-riding provisions of Section 17.10 the procedures for determining the NS team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

#### 15.2.2 Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, Final and Play off

The seating rights for each stanza will be automatically assigned by the scoring system, using random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

#### 1.1.4 Six stanzas

a) Each team will have seating rights in three of the stanzas.

b) The six stanzas are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; when a team is assigned seating rights in one

stanza of the portion, the other automatically gets the remaining stanza of that portion.

c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza six, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.

d) If a team gets seating rights in stanza one, the other will get seating rights in stanza six.

As for the Transnational Open Teams, I remind you that you need to register not later than tonight at 22.00, regardless whether you will be playing the KO stage or not (if you don't do it, you will not be allowed to eventually drop-in).

Here is the relevant part of the SCoCo:

### 8.2.3 Drop-in Rules

Players from teams eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed Teams Championship may join the World Transnational Open Teams Championship at round 11, with the following conditions:

i) New teams made from the losing quarter-finalists (Open, Women, Seniors) may 'drop in' provided that four of the registered players have played at least 1/3 of the boards available in the round-robin/QF phase; the NPC may be one of the four registered players.

ii) Other players in the new teams (maximum of two) who do not comply with such conditions may also be included. If these are bona-fide NPCs/players from the round-robin/QF stage, then there is no additional charge. Otherwise there will be a charge for participation (see Section 26).

iii) The 'drop in' teams will start with 120 Victory Points (10 matches x 12VPs) and be paired against the leading teams after round 10 by random draw. Therefore, for round 11 only, the 'dropped in' teams will not meet.

iv) Should, for bona fide reason, the drop-in occur in a round other than round 11, the Victory Point total mentioned in (3) above, will be adjusted accordingly.

Transnational Teams: €1,350

NPCs and Coaches registered as team members within 10th July 2019 and players eliminated from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy or Mixed Teams may form new Open teams and will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge provided they enter as a complete team. Players eliminated from the Quarter-final can drop in the WTOTC free of charge provided they enter as a complete team. Players, NPCs and Coaches eliminated from the WTOTC can play the Wuhan Grand Prix free of charge. In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in one of the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows: A team with 4 new players & 1 or 2 eliminated players: €1,350 A team with 3 new players & up to 3 eliminated players: €1,050 A team with 2 new players & up to 4 eliminated players: €700 A team with 1 new player & up to 5 eliminated players: €350.



D'Orsi Trophy RR 20

India v England



Mark Smith

Today's article is written in the literary style of Mark Horton, with suitable apologies to Lewis Carroll. Of the nine countries represented in all four events, only USA, China and England had four teams in the top eight of their respective Round Robin after six days play. With third-placed England playing India, who were leading the field, this seemed like a good time for the Bulletin to check out the Seniors event. Perhaps this would be the place to find some good, old-fashioned, sound bridge, rather than the high-octane fare we'd experienced so far from the more youthful brigade. Then again, perhaps not, with David Kendrick at one of the tables!

The action began immediately, with both N/S pairs getting doubled in five of a minor. It looked like a flat board at -500 but an unfortunate opening lead let a trick slip at one table; 5 IMPs to India. Nothing particularly significant happened on the second deal, but the bidding was a precursor to suggest perhaps that I had stumbled, fallen down a rabbit hole, and awoken on the other side of the looking glass:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ 6 5

♠ A 3 2

♥ A J

♦ K 10 9

♣ Q J 7 3 2

♠ K 10 7

♥ 10 7 6

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ A K 10

N

W E

S

♠ Q 8 6 5

♥ K Q 5 4

♦ 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saha	Holland	Das	Mould
—	—	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Sukamal Das passed as dealer and then backed in with Two Clubs (purportedly showing majors) when Alan Mould's strong INT opening was passed back to him. Whatever happened to at least 5-4 in your two suits, I wondered? Frankly, it's the sort of bid I'd expect to see from an ill-disciplined junior player; so I checked the video feed from the table. Well, he is certainly no junior! And who can argue with success? Two Spades went down one when the likely low club lead against INT would have conceded -90; N/S +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Dhakras	Ward	Sridharan
—	—	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Here, Subhash Dhakras decided to try to improve the contract via Stayman. Of course, by advancing to the two-level you need to make TWO more tricks to make it worthwhile. Usually, a 4-4 fit will play one trick better than notrump, and yet here there is no guarantee that you have a fit at all. In a just world, the opener would always show up with a 3-3-2-5 shape when North takes this route but, of course, today Dhakras found his partner with four diamonds and all was rosy in the Indian garden: N/S +90 and 1 IMP to India. Surreal, and the Mad Hatter hadn't even got to the tea party yet.

The third board was flat at N/S +590 in Four Hearts Doubled with nine tricks available to E/W in spades. On the fourth, the English West stuck his neck on the block but was lucky to escape for -500. His teammates duly collected their boring +630, so that was 4 IMPs to England. Anyone joining the match after five deals would see a 6-5 score-line and think that the bridge had been exemplary. Then came the first major swing:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ —

♥ K 10 7

♦ A Q 7 4

♣ K Q J 10 4 3

♠ J 9

♥ 9 8 4

♦ J 10 8 6 5 2

♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 10 8 5 4 3

♥ J 6 2

♦ K

♣ A 9

N

W E

S

♠ K 7 6 2

♥ A Q 5 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 8 6 2

Closed Room

Mould/Holland conducted a controlled auction to Five Clubs and East led the ♠A, ruffed by declarer. With one certain discard available in dummy, Holland had to decide



how best to avoid losing two diamonds in addition to the ace of trumps. His solution was a low diamond from hand at trick two. His objective, presumably, was to win any return and play one round of trumps before trying to ruff a diamond in dummy. When East’s  $\diamond K$  popped up (thankfully, the  $\diamond 10$  and  $\diamond K$  were not reversed), Holland had eleven tricks: N/S +400. Their efforts proved to be almost irrelevant, though.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Dhakras	Ward	Sridharan
–	–	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Trevor Ward picked an inopportune moment for an off-centre pre-empt. There is a huge difference between Four Hearts and higher pre-emptive opening bids. For a start, opponents often bid over Four Hearts, but you are much more likely to be left to play doubled when the opposition have to go to the five-level. There is also less need to pre-empt when you have the senior suit, as you will often be able to outbid the opponents anyway.

“Off with his head,” cried Dhakras, from the North seat. And so it was, as dummy contributed zero tricks to the cause (other than holding the trump losers to one): N/S +800 and 9 IMPs to India.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A Q J 9 8  
♥ J 10 9  
♦ A Q 6 2  
♣ K

♠ —  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ K 9 8 7 5  
♣ J 9 8 7 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 7 6 2  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ 10 3  
♣ 5 3 2

♠ 5 4 3  
♥ A 7 6 3  
♦ J 4  
♣ A Q 10 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Dhakras	Ward	Sridharan
–	–	–	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
2♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

The presence of ‘Kamikaze Dave’ at the table certainly makes for exciting viewing (and, presumably, scoring as long as you don’t suffer from a weak stomach). Even the most mundane of deals can quickly become interesting. Dave Kendrick restrained himself on the first round of the auction here, but could not resist wading in when opener limited his hand (but notably failed to raise his partner’s suit). Even the dormouse knew that dummy would turn up

with the rest of the spade suit (and he was asleep). The  $\clubsuit K$  lead would have given the defence a shot at +1100, but Dhakras led a routine  $\heartsuit J$ . After three rounds of hearts, declarer played a club to North’s bare king and ruffed the  $\spadesuit A$  exit. The second round of clubs was taken by South with the ten, and the defence now played a trump to North’s queen and a second round back to ten, jack and king. Declarer played a third round of trumps to North’s ace and now the VuGraph operator joined in the fun by leading the  $\spadesuit Q$ , allowing declarer to escape for two down. Alas, the official score shows that Dhakras exited with his last trump and South then claimed the last three tricks with two high clubs and the thirteenth heart; N/S +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saha	Holland	Das	Mould
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
2♦	4♠	Dble	All Pass

The English South fits the mould (pun intended) of a traditional Seniors player, so he would never dream of opening that flat 11-count. When Holland opened in third seat, Mould used Drury to show a maximum pass with a spade fit. Subrata Saha also ventured into four-figured territory but, of course, Holland was never going to double now that he’s found a fit, and he jumped directly to game. There was still a price to be paid, though. Sukamal Das, expecting his partner to have something useful for his vulnerable intervention, now let declarer know he had a surprise waiting.



Alan Mould, England

Holland won the  $\diamond 10$  lead in hand with the queen, cashed the  $\clubsuit K$ , and advanced the  $\spadesuit J$ , just to make sure. East won with the  $\spadesuit K$  and shifted to hearts, but declarer won the ace, pitched his two heart losers on dummy's high clubs, ruffed a heart to hand, and played ace and another diamond. Das scored three trump tricks, but that was all the defence could get: N/S +790 and just another dull flat board in Wonderland.

Curiously, the next board was also flat, at N/S +150 in Four Spades down three. Had the Indian North still not realized that he should just wait for the bidding to end and then double?

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

$\spadesuit$ A 10 5		
$\heartsuit$ Q J 7 5 4		
$\diamond$ K J 6 2		
$\clubsuit$ 6		
$\spadesuit$ K Q		$\spadesuit$ 4 3
$\heartsuit$ 8		$\heartsuit$ A K 9 6 3
$\diamond$ 10 8 7 5 4		$\diamond$ A Q 9 3
$\clubsuit$ J 9 8 5 3		$\clubsuit$ K 2
	<div><div>N</div><div>W<div>E</div>S</div></div>	
$\spadesuit$ J 9 7 6 4 2		
$\heartsuit$ 10 2		
$\diamond$ —		
$\clubsuit$ A Q 10 7 4		



John Holland, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saha	Holland	Das	Mould
—	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$
Pass	2 $\spadesuit$	Pass	4 $\spadesuit$
All Pass			

Das stayed surprisingly quiet on his 16-count as the English pair bid quite reasonably to game in their 6-3 fit. “Points Schmoits!” as a well-known American bridge writer once said. And quite right they were too, as Four Spades cannot legitimately be beaten on any lead. However, making it single dummy proved to be more difficult.

West led a club to his partner’s king. “Where do I begin?” thought Mould.

“Begin at the beginning,” said the  $\diamond K$ , smiling across from dummy. “Then go on until you get to the end, then stop.”

A lot of help you are, thought Mould (that must be ironic as it is surely clear that the old fellow would be of no use at all). Winning with the  $\clubsuit A$ , Mould ruffed a club in dummy. He then ruffed a diamond back to hand, ruffed a second club in dummy, then repeated the process, ruffing his last club loser with the  $\spadesuit A$ . He now ruffed a diamond and played a trump, but West won and played a fifth round of clubs for his partner to ruff. Declarer still had to lose two hearts and another high trump: two down and N/S –100.

After ruffing the first diamond, declarer can make the contract only by playing a heart whilst there are still two trump entries to dummy. He will eventually set up a heart winner on which to throw his last club loser as West ruffs with his natural trump trick. Declarer makes six trump tricks, two clubs and two club ruffs.

Needless to say, N/S did not have the auction to themselves at the other table:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Dhakras	Ward	Sridharan
—	1 $\heartsuit$	INT	2 $\spadesuit$
2NT	Pass	3NT	4 $\clubsuit$
Pass	4 $\spadesuit$	Dble	All Pass

Here, Ward not unreasonably overcalled INT on the East hand, and South competed with a non-forcing, non-invitational Two Spades. There now seems to have been some confusion over the meaning of Kendrick’s 2NT. I would guess he intended it as Lebensohl or, perhaps, minors. (It should be Lebensohl, as the problems are identical to those posed by the auction INT-(2 $\spadesuit$ )-?) It seems, though, that Ward assumed 2NT was natural and invitational, so he duly went on to game. When the auction came back to him at Four Spades, he can hardly be blamed for doubling.

Kendrick led the  $\spadesuit K$ , which is in some ways more testing for declarer, although if he wins the  $\spadesuit A$  and then plays either major, the play will simplify. However, Ramamurthy Sridharan played a club at trick two. To make the contract legitimately now, he must finesse the queen. When, instead, he put up the ace, the defence were one step ahead.



Declarer ruffed a club at trick three and led a low diamond from dummy. Had Trevor Ward just followed low, as his counterpart at the other table did, he would have ended up with a plus score. However, Ward decided that this was the perfect time for the red queen to put in an appearance. Sridharan ruffed, ruffed another club with dummy's last trump and led the  $\diamond$ K. Ward had to cover, and declarer ruffed to leave these cards, with declarer leading six tricks to nil.

♠ Q  
♥ 8  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ J 9

♠ —  
♥ Q J 7 5 4  
♦ J 6  
♣ —

♠ 4  
♥ A K 9 6  
♦ 9 3  
♣ —

♠ J 9 7  
♥ 10 2  
♦ —  
♣ O 10

When declarer exited with a trump, West won and what can the defenders do?

West cannot lead a club without giving declarer his tenth trick with the ♣10. Playing a heart endplays East into resuscitating the apparently entry-less dummy; N/S +590 and 12 IMPs to India.



**Subhash Dhakras, India**

India led 27-6 at this point, but the Bridge Gods then smiled on England by putting North on lead with:

♠ 9 7 4 3  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K J 10 3  
 ♣ A 8 7 3

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Dhakras</i>	<i>Ward</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Two Diamonds was a Multi and Four Clubs asked partner to transfer to his suit. What would you lead?

Dhakras chose a diamond, which concedes the overtrick. A club is the only winning lead. At the other table East became declarer and the English South had no problem cashing his ♣K-Q and then leading a diamond through dummy's A-Q; 13 IMPs to England, back in the match. There was another double-digit swing up for grabs on the next deal, though:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Dhakras</i>	<i>Ward</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	4♥	5♣
5♥	All Pass		

I suppose it's a matter of style, but I was taught forty years ago that Four Hearts was pre-emptive, just with more trumps/shape than Three Hearts. With a real limit raise or better you have to start with either Three Clubs or, if you play it as a raise, 2NT. So, you would then bid 3♥/4♥ with this East hand minus the ♠A, or perhaps with a little more shape, say xxxx/Kxxxx/x/xxx, if you prefer. Can it really be right to make the same bid on this actual hand?

Not that this is a universally-held view. I discussed it during commentary with Gunnar Hallberg, who said that he has to bid Three Hearts on all the weak hands, as Four Hearts shows some defense for him (i.e. something like the real East hand). Clearly, though, Kendrick was not expecting



his partner to be this strong, as he simply competed to the five-level. There were twelve easy tricks; E/W +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saha	Holland	Das	Mould
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	4♥	5♣
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

At the other table, it would seem that Saha was expecting his partner to hold a smattering of values, as he advanced with a Five Diamond cue-bid. It was well judged by Das to realize that he had exactly what partner needed; E/W +1430 and 13 IMPs to India.

The match ended with a 39-28 (12.7-6.76 VPs) win for India. India remained in first place and England dropped to fourth with three matches left in the Round Robin. As I left my seat in the commentary room, I thought about going back to yesterday. That would be no good, though, as I was a different person then, so I instead headed down to the Bulletin Room. Just as I arrived, the legendary writer and commentator David Bird put his head around the door to ask what had happened to the third session on Sunday.

"There isn't one," said Co-ordinator, Mark Horton. "You'll have to cover the second session."

"Impossible," said Bird. "That starts at some ungodly hour."

"Sometimes I've done as many as six impossible things before breakfast," responded Horton.

"That's when the daily opening of his wallet takes place," explained Brian Senior from in front of his customary computer in a dark corner of the room.

Ignoring him, Horton added, "You're back covering the Seniors again tomorrow, Smithy."

"But I don't want to go among the mad people," I protested.

"Oh, you can't help that," piped up the Cheshire Cat. "We're all mad here."

I walked away shaking my head. Glancing through the scorecard from this match, I saw three 590s, one 790, two 300s, two 500s, and two 800s in 16 boards. It brought back nostalgic memories from 35 years ago. I had always heard that as people get old they slowly return to their childhood. What I hadn't previously realized was that there was also a stage at which bridge players reverted to being juniors again.

Now where has all the cake gone? This was advertised as the Editor's tea party...



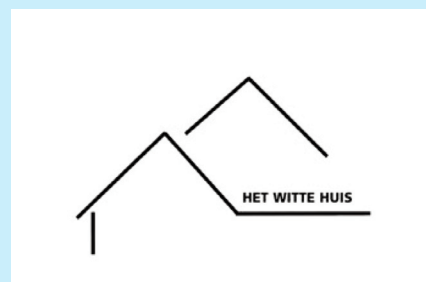
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The official retail price will be US\$35 plus postage but you can pre-order while in Wuhan at the special price of US\$30/200 Yuan post free (surface mail). The books will be posted from England before your local retailer has a supply.

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Mixed Teams RR - R20



## France v Poland

Jos Jacobs

With time gradually beginning to run out on this, the penultimate day of the Round Robin, VPs are getting more and more precious. At the start of the round, with four rounds still to play, France were in 7th place with an 11-VP advantage over eighth-placed Sweden. Poland, on the other hand, would need all they could get as they were still trailing Sweden by 16 VPs.

Poland scored the first IMP of the match when a French sacrifice proved a trifle expensive but on the next board, higher numbers were introduced:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Grzejdziaik	Rombaut	S Grzejdziaik	Gaviard
—	—	Pass	INT
All Pass			

When Igor Grzejdziaik made the unlucky lead of a low club away from his ♣QJ, declarer had all the time in the world to concede a diamond and to guess right in spades, finishing up with an overtrick thanks to the blockage in hearts; France +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Ogloblin	P Cronier	Marks
—	—	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Philippe Cronier was more aggressive than his Polish counterpart. When he introduced his major two-suiter, the French reached a curious contract in a strong 4-2 fit.

Unaware of this, South led a normal enough top club. What next? South continued ♦A and another, but this was no good. Dummy won and played the ♣Q. South won the king and continued a diamond, but declarer ruffed and drew three rounds of trumps before playing on clubs. North could ruff at any time and cash a diamond, but with

the ♠A still in dummy, eight tricks were assured. France another +110 and a remarkable 6 IMPs to them.

Three rounds of clubs don't help the defence either because there is no communication to cash two defensive spade-tricks in time. A double-dummy initial diamond lead and continuation might help, however.

The next board saw the first double-figure swing of the match, but by no means the last...

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Grzejdziaik	Rombaut	S Grzejdziaik	Gaviard
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♠	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

West's double was primarily for take-out, of course, but East quite rightly felt she had nowhere to go and could only hope for the best. There was a more serious problem for the defence, however: West was on lead.

I don't think West can actually defeat 4♥ but on the lead of the ♠A followed by a low diamond, declarer was in full control when dummy's ♦Q held the trick. ♥A, ♦A and a club up made it easy going, when the clubs came down 3-3 later on; France +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Ogloblin	P Cronier	Marks
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♥	All Pass	

East led a spade to partner's ♠J and West continued ♣A and another. Declarer went up with her king, cashed the ♥A (oops) and ruffed a club only to find out that she could no longer make the contract. She cannot draw trumps, discard dummy's last diamond on her winning clubs and ruff her own last diamond in dummy. Had she taken an

immediate finesse of the ♣J, all would have been well for her but as it was, one down was the outcome; Another +100 to France, good for another 12 IMPs.

Next came another double-figure swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Ogloblin	P Cronier	Marks
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

North and South were not on the same wavelength here. South clearly intended 3NT as 'end of the auction' but North not unreasonably assumed it showed some extra values. In 4NT, playing on clubs does not work because East will get the lead to push a spade through. When West actually led a heart, declarer had no chance whatsoever and even went down three; France +300.



Rafal Marks, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Grzejdzia	Rombaut	S Grzejdzia	Gaviard
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Nothing special here. North showed a strong hand, but South was not impressed. On a spade lead, declarer played on clubs and thus came to her nine tricks easily enough. (That requires declarer to lead a club to the king, then play the ♣Q to keep East off lead, of course. Ed.) France another +600 and 14 IMPs to them. The score stood at 32-1 now.

Two boards later:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Grzejdzia	Rombaut	S Grzejdzia	Gaviard
—	—	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The N/S spade stopper was not entirely adequate. Spade lead, down three; Poland +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Ogloblin	P Cronier	Marks
—	—	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When South suggested an alternative game contract, North was happy to accept. West led a spade to East's ace and a spade came back, dummy ruffing. A club went to East's ace and another spade was ruffed by West with the nine and overruffed with dummy's ten. The ♥K came next, declarer overtaking with the ace and playing two more rounds of trumps. East got the lead with his last trump but



**Dominika Ogloblin, Poland**

with both the ♠K and ♦A still there, dummy's clubs provided the necessary tricks. Poland a fine +420 and 11 IMPs back to them.

Three more quiet boards and then:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>S Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

The Multi with transfer request made it more difficult for the French to find the killing defence. Two rounds of clubs and a diamond shift from South would have done the job, but when North decided to have a look first by leading the ♥A, his club switch came too late. Poland +790 as the losing diamonds all went on the established spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Ogloblin</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Marks</i>
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

South led his two top clubs and then tried a diamond. With the ♥A still out, declarer had to finesse, so the contract went a swift one down for another +200 and 14 IMPs to Poland. Suddenly, the score stood at 33-31 but still to France.

The next board was a slam and it was greeted with some disbelief at one table.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>S Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	2NT*	5♣
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

East's 2NT of course showed heart support. Over partner's 5♥, East thought she had an undisclosed useful ace and thus bid one for the road. Well done; Poland +980.

**Jerome Rombaut, France**

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Ogloblin</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Marks</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	4♥	5♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	6♣
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South drove his opponents to the slam after all but quickly regretted it. France +1210 and 6 IMPs to them.  
And another slam on the next board

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>S Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♦	Pass	3♦	4♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

North, with his good defensive hand, had every reason to wonder where the opponents' tricks might come from. Please note East's nuisance raise to 3♦; down four, France +800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Ogloblin</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Marks</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

When East kept quiet, so did South, relatively speaking. No doubt, North was thinking that partner was showing interest in hearts, but holding the higher-ranking suit, South was never in trouble. Poland a fine +1430 and 12 IMPs to take the lead in the match: 43-39.

As there was nothing in the last four boards, this also became the final score. It amounted to 11.20 – 8.80 to Poland. The Poles' remote chances to make it into the top eight had remained intact and the French had more or less consolidated their position.

## The WBF visits the Jixian Community Activity Centre in Wuhan

On Saturday 21st September the WBF, represented by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and by the WBF Secretary Simon Fellus, visited the Jixian Community Activity Centre where a large number of older people attend four days per week to enjoy learning bridge, having extra training and playing bridge tournaments.

The WBF Delegation had the pleasure of meeting Yuan Shanla, former Deputy Executive Mayor of Wuhan, Wang

Ganwu, former District Mayor of Qiaokou, Yang Bin, Director of District Administration of Culture and Sport, Gan Derun, former President of Wuhan Bridge Association and Yang Shuhua, Operator of Jixian Community Activity Centre of Bridge.

At the end of visit this delightful picture was taken with the WBF President, surrounded by the bridge players, all shouting "WE LOVE BRIDGE".







David Bird

Bermuda Bowl RR - R21

## Sweden v England



With three round-robin matches to play, the England team was in sixth position. They would face three very tough opponents, though: Sweden, China and USA 2. Qualifying in the top eight places might prove an uphill task.

Marc Smith and I were hoping for the best when the BBO screen sprang to life. There was no action of note for four boards. Then a sequence of three boards brought very bad news indeed to England supporters.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Malinowski	Upmark	Bakhshi
—	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This layout seemed to have 'flat board' written all over it. Johan Upmark won the club lead and led the ♥Q. David Bakhshi won the second round of trumps and cashed the ♦A. It was +450 for Sweden.

Can you predict what sort of mishap would befall the England E/W pair, sending a double-digit number in their minus column?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	O. Rimstedt	Jagger	M. Rimstedt
—	3♦	3♥	3NT
4♣	All Pass		

Our first question must be: Why bid 4♣? If it was meant to be a slam-try, it is too ambitious when facing a three-level overcall. If it was meant to be lead-directing, against a possible diamond sacrifice, I again find that rather off-piste.

Next we must look at East's pass. Partner's 4♣ bid, without a 3NT intervention, would obviously be forcing, whatever it meant. After 3NT, it could conceivably be a sacrifice on a long suit. All the more reason for West not to bid it, perhaps.

The defenders took the first four tricks, after a heart lead, and the club part-score was one down. It was a depressing way to lose 11 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Malinowski	Upmark	Bakhshi
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



Johan Upmark, Sweden





David Bakhshi, England

David Bakhshi opened with a Polish Club. It covers various different hand-types, but is usually either a weak no-trump or a strong club. Artur Malinowski gave a positive response and 2♠ announced the strong-club type with spades. Over North's 2NT rebid, Bakhshi rebid his spades. That was entirely reasonable, but you may think that the Swedish South chose a better option at the other table.

Artur Malinowski, who had denied three-card spade support at his previous return, now did the best that he could by making a control-bid in hearts. This denied the ♦K and Bakhshi could see possible losers in three suits. Although a slam was possible, it doesn't seem unreasonable to sign off in 4♠. Only the fact that dummy has precious values in all three suits outside clubs makes this a good slam.

Bakhshi won the ♥6 lead and must have nodded ruefully at the riches on display in the dummy. He drew trumps and took two diamond finesses through East, scoring +480.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	O. Rimstedt	Jagger	M. Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Mikael Rimstedt's 4♣ showed a void and a great hand for spades. 4NT was RKC, the response showing four keycards. North's subsequent 5♥ asked for specific kings. It

also implied the ♠Q, since 5♦ would have asked for this card. Although South held no side-suit king, he judged that he was too good to sign off in 5♠. (Many thanks to the great Al Hollander for this explanation!)

It was a fabulous display of slam bidding. Showing South's club void was the key to success. A diamond lead solved any problem in that suit and Sweden gained another 11 IMPs. In the Bermuda Bowl, 11 out of 24 pairs bid the slam. Well done to them!

After two solid punches to the jaw, the England team would indeed be tottering if any similar blow arrived on the next board. Let's hope not!

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 8 6		
♥ 8 6 3		
♦ J 2		
♣ 9 7 6		
♠ A 7 3		♠ 2
♥ 10 5		♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ K Q 9 6 5		♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ A 3 2		♣ K 5 4
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W     E S         </div>	
	♠ 10 9 5 4	
	♥ Q J 4	
	♦ A 10	
	♣ Q J 10 8	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Malinowski	Upmark	Bakhshi
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	1♠	2♠*	2NT
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The 1♦ opening was (a) a 12-14 NT, (b) 4M and 5+m, 11-15, or (c) any 4441, 12-16. East's 2♠ was forcing to game with hearts. I assume that the free 3♦ bid showed 12-14 balanced with five diamonds. Diamonds were agreed and RKC carried them to a very playable slam.

Fredrik Nystrom won the ♠K lead, crossed to the ♥A and played a trump to the king. A heart to the king permitted a second trump lead. He then claimed twelve tricks, since a club discard could be set up on the hearts even against a 4-2 break.

It was indeed a third successive thunderbolt to England's chances in this match. Miracles occasionally happen, but I realized it would be very difficult for England's E/W pair to flatten this board.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	O. Rimstedt	Jagger	M. Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

England supporters in the Open Room were dreading a further double-digit swing on this deal:

♠ 10 9 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ K O 1 1 0 9 4

♠ A K Q 7 6 3  
♥ 7 6 3  
♦ K 9  
♣ 8 7



♠ J  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ A Q J 10 8 6 5 4  
♣ A

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ A J 9 8 4  
♦ 2  
♣ 6 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
—	—	—	2♥*
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

If Bakshshi's vulnerable 2♥ opening had been based on a six-card suit, a heart ruff would have been available. Declarer must have feared the worst when ace and another heart were led. For most of the past 30 years that would have meant one down. Not in 2019! Malinowski produced another heart and the slam was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allerton</i>	<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♦	3♥*
3♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Were you beginning to fear that there would be no cardplay content whatsoever in this report? If so, you will have to retract your words.

♠ Q J 6 2  
♥ J 7 3  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ K O 5

♠ A 10 7 4  
♥ 6 4  
♦ K Q 6 4  
♣ 9 6 3



♠ 9 3  
♥ 10 9 8 5 2  
♦ J 10 3  
♣ A 7 2

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The game will go down only if you lose three diamonds and two aces. Meanwhile, you need tricks from both of the black suits. Should you play on clubs next, or lead a second spade from your hand?

You have no idea which defender holds the diamond length, but you can presume that West holds the ♠A. If you lead a spade to trick two, West might beat you by rising with the ace and switching to diamonds, when East has the diamond length and the ♣A.

After much thought, Bakshi preferred to lead a club. East won and switched to the ♦J. Declarer held up the ace for two rounds but eventually had to play a spade. The long diamond was with West and the game was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allerton</i>	<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Again West led a spade, rather than a lethal diamond. Mikael Rimstedt won with the king and led a second spade. This does seem to be a better play. If West fails to rise with the ♠A, you will have two spades in the bag and can switch to clubs. Even if West does rise with the ♠A, he might not switch to diamonds from his side of the table. If he does, well, you will then need the diamond length to lie opposite the ♣A. Allerton rose with the ♠A and switched to the ♦4. Declarer held up the ♦A until the third round and subsequently found the ♣A in the safe hand. It was another 12 nails hammered into the English coffin.

Sweden had played the whole match like super-heroes. They were deserved winners by 54 IMPs to 15. We can only congratulate them!



Brian Senior

Bermuda Bowl Round RR - R22

## New Zealand v Italy



With two rounds to play in the Bermuda Bowl qualifying round robin, New Zealand had recovered from their appalling start to the championships to have just an outside chance of a place in the knockouts. They lay tenth and needed two substantial wins if they were to sneak into the top eight. In the penultimate round they met Italy, who lay ninth so also needed a good finish. There was no guarantee that either team would make the knockouts, but for sure neither could afford to lose this match, while a draw or small win was unlikely to be enough for the kiwis.

The action began immediately, with a possible slam hand for E/W.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	1♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	1♠	2♥	2♠
Dble	3♠	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

For Italy, Lorenzo Lauria made a weak jump overcall then doubled at his next turn, suggesting a very unbalanced hand with interest in bidding on. However, having a useful spade holding and only two hearts, Alfredo Versace was happy to leave in the double. Diamonds were never a serious consideration – Lauria could, for example have had clubs rather than diamonds as his main side-suit.

Lauria led the two of clubs, which set up a ruff for Versace. Michael Whibley won the ace, dropping the queen from hand, and played king of spades followed by the three of spades to the ten and ace. A third spade went to the jack and queen, and Versace returned the seven of diamonds to Lauria's ace. Lauria thought for a bit then gave his partner the ruff, after which Versace cashed the ace and queen of hearts for down two and –300.

At the other table, Michael Cornell, for New Zealand, made a simple overcall and was willing to bid 4♦ freely at his next turn in response to Ashley Bach's take-out double. Understandably, Bach was interested in greater things now, so made a spade cuebid to see what his partner would do. But Cornell felt that, despite having the spade control, he had done plenty of bidding already on what was, after all, only an eight-count, so signed off in game. Antonio Sementa's spade lead permitted Cornell to make all 13 tricks for +440 and 4 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Both Norths opened a strong no trump, South using Stayman then raising the 2♥ response to game, against which both Easts led the ten of clubs.

Whibley won the ace of clubs and cashed both top hearts then the king and queen of clubs for a spade discard. He continued with the nine of diamonds to the jack and ace. Lauria cashed the queen of hearts and returned a diamond, which declarer ruffed in dummy. He led a spade up, Versace rising with the ace and returning the suit. Whibley could win the king and take a ruff in each hand but was a trick short, so down one for –50.

Norberto Bocchi too won the ace of clubs at trick one, but he cashed only one top heart before taking the spade discard on the third club. Next he led a spade up, Bach ducking, so the king won and Bocchi next led the queen of diamonds from hand. That ran round to Bach's king and he returned a diamond, ruffed in the dummy. Bocchi gave up a spade now, ruffed the diamond return, and was now in a position to cash the other top heart before taking diamond and spade ruffs to bring his total to ten for +420 and 10



IMPs to Italy.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	



Matthew Brown, New Zealand

Both Souths opened with a strong artificial bid. For Sementa, that bid was 2♦, and his 2NT rebid was game-forcing. Bocchi checked for a five-three major-suit fit then jumped to 5NT. I'm not sure what his intention was with that, given that he converted 6♦ back to 6NT.

In the other room, Matthew Brown's opening bid was 2♣, which led to a Kokish auction to get his strength across, then a direct leap to 6NT.

Both Wests led the ten of clubs, as who would not? The heart blockage restricts declarer's options somewhat and he decided to simply try to guess the diamonds immediately. Sementa did so by leading low to dummy's ace and back to the jack, losing to the queen. Brown cashed the ♦K then led low to the queen and ace. With a spade to be lost, that meant down one for –100 for Sementa, 12 tricks for +1440 for Brown, and 17 big IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	—	1♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	—	1♠	3NT
Dble	4♥	All Pass	

Brown made the natural overcall of 4♥ and that bullied Versace into supporting spades a couple of levels higher than would have been ideal. However, 4♠ worked out well as Whibley had to take out insurance in 5♥ since 4♠ could easily have been making. Versace doubled 5♥ and that ended the auction. Versace led a spade so Lauria took two of those then switched to a diamond and that was down one for –100.

Sementa overcalled 3NT, presumably showing a good 4♥ bid. Bach could double to show some values and Bocchi removed to 4♥. Nobody had reason to bid over that; Bach feeling that he had already shown his values, while Cornell didn't know about the spade support. There were the same three tricks to be had as in the other room, but that meant +620 and 13 IMPs to Italy.



Michael Whibley, New Zealand

Four Spades is down two, but it would be tough for anyone to find a double.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
1♠	Pass	2♣*	2♠
3♥	5♥	Pass	6♥
Dble	Pass	6♠	All Pass
2♣	Artificial GF		

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
1♠	Pass	2NT	3♠
4♥	5♥	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Both Souths showed a two-suiter. Sementa showed hearts and either minor, while Brown may have shown hearts and diamonds but, with Lauria's 2♣ response being artificial that is unclear. The music stopped at both tables in 6♠ and it was down to the respective Norths to find an opening lead.

Cashing the ace of hearts beats the contract as there is a slow diamond to come, while a diamond lead lets the contract through as declarer can get rid of the heart loser on the fifth club and just give up a diamond at the end. Both our Norths convinced themselves that there was no future in a heart lead so led a low diamond – and the board was flat at +980.

In the Bermuda Bowl four Norths led the ace of hearts, three led a diamond, while in the Venice Cup it was four and four. There were four heart leads and no diamonds in the d'Orsi Trophy, four hearts and two diamonds in the Mixed Teams. I'm not mentioning any names, but there was also a sprinkling of rather embarrassing heart contracts by E/W dotted around.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	2♥	Dble	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

These five-card weak two bids have almost become the down the middle option at these championships and we saw another example on this deal with both Norths opening 2♥ on their 2-5-3-3 hand. Was this a good time for the bid? Well, it all depends on whether you think that E/W would have bid to game had they been given an uncontested auction.

Both Easts made a take-out double. Brown passed with the South cards and Versace made an invitational jump to 3♠. Looking at a minimum for his double, Lauria declined the invitation. Sementa raised pre-emptively to 3♥ and Bach jumped to 4♠ – the ♥K looked to be of questionable value, but maybe he thought he would get a heart lead,

given the raise on his right, which would sometimes be helpful in the play.

Well, 4♠ required two finesses, and both the ♥A and ♦K were onside, and look at the value of East’s ten of diamonds! With no horrible splits elsewhere, there were ten easy tricks; +170 for Versace but +620 for Bach, and 10 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 5 3  
♥ 10 8 5  
♦ A K 10 6 4  
♣ 10 7

♠ 8  
♥ 9 7 6 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 3  
♣ A 9 8

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

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

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WSE  
S

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Neither opening bid promised genuine clubs. Sementa therefore rebid the suit at his next turn to clue partner in, then decided that he had enough to spare to go on to game when Bocchi responded 2NT. Brown did not rebid the clubs at this stage but was happy to compete with 3♣ once Whibley had shown some values, and Whibley now went on to the no trump game.

Both Easts led the jack of spades and both declarers ran it to their king and led a club up, West ducking. Here the paths diverged.

Bocchi led a diamond at trick three, winning the king after Bach split his honours. A second club went to the jack, king and ace, and Bach returned a diamond to declarer’s ten, the ♥J going away from dummy. Bocchi led a spade towards the queen, Cornell winning the ace and returning a spade. Bocchi won the queen and played a club and Bach won the nine but had to concede the remainder; ten tricks for +430.

Whibley too led a club to the queen at trick two but he continued by leading a low club off the dummy, losing to the jack. Lauria returned a diamond to the jack and king and Whibley led a spade up. Lauria winning the ace and

returning a spade. Whibley won the queen and gave up a spade and he too had ten tricks for +430 and no swing.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 3  
♥ 10 6 5 3  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ J 10 8

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

♠ A Q 7 2  
♥ A J 8 4  
♦ K 6  
♣ A Q 2

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

N  
WSE  
S

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Lauria’s 1NT response showed a balanced game-force and, after the natural rebid, 2♦ was a relay. When Versace showed his shortage, Lauria settled for 6NT, where there were 13 easy tricks as the cards lay; +1020.

The New Zealand auction was standard, with West showing 1-3-5-4 or similar and East asking his partner to pick a slam. With two top heart honours, Bach of course selected 6♥. Again, there was no way to go wrong in the play so Cornell soon had all 13 tricks for +1010 and a flat board.

I guess that 7♥ is where you would want to be – you can take a spade ruff and, if hearts are three-three, ruff a diamond to overcome a four-two split, while if hearts are four-two you have so many chances for a thirteenth trick that you would be very disappointed not to be able to find a way home. There was one pair in the Mixed, two in the Seniors, five in the Open, and one in the Women who reached that contract. The Women also saw one pair reach 7NT and one get to 7♣. All the grand slams came home, though 7♣ was in serious danger with that trump layout.





Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
—	—	—	1♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Brown's 1♣ opening promised only two cards so Lauria made a natural 2♣ overcall of Whibley's transfer response. Brown made a support double to show three hearts and, with his balanced hand and no guarantee of game, Whibley left it in. Whibley led out three rounds of diamonds, Lauria winning in dummy after unblocking the queen at trick one. Lauria led a heart to the nine and ten and Brown played a spade to the king and ace. Lauria got out with his remaining spade so Brown won the queen and cashed the ♥K then led a third heart for Lauria to ruff. Down to only trumps, Lauria led the nine of clubs, which ran round to Whibley's ten. He played the fourth heart and that enabled Brown to over-ruff with his jack then exit and Lauria could win cheaply but then had to lead from the ♣AQ at trick 12 to concede a trick to the king; down three for -500 and well bid and defended by the New Zealand pair.

Where Versace had gone quietly with the West cards, Bach made a weak jump overcall. This had the effect of taking away any temptation for Cornell to get involved with his long club suit and N/S bid to 3NT. There is plenty of work to do, but the defence cannot actually beat 3NT – only declarer can do that.

Bach led the jack of diamonds and Sementa won the ace and played a club to the ten and queen. Back came the queen of diamonds, which he won with the king. Now Sementa tried a spade to the king, losing to the ace, and back came a spade to his queen. He led the ten of hearts now and ran it, and the roof fell in. Cornell won the ♥Q, cashed the ace of clubs, and put his partner in with the ten of diamonds to cash four spade winners. The contract was no fewer than four down for -400 and 14 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Whibley	Lauria	Brown
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bach	Bocchi	Cornell	Sementa
1♣	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both Norths became declarer in 4♥.

Cornell led the jack of diamonds, which ran to Bocchi's king. Bocchi played a diamond back, ducked to Bach's nine, and Bach returned the two of spades. Bocchi got that wrong, playing low and losing to the ten, and Cornell continued with a spade to the queen and ace. But the initial diamond lead had given Bocchi a vital tempo. He could cross to the king of clubs and lead dummy's low diamond, ruffing out the ace, the cash the ace of hearts before crossing to the ♣A to take a spade discard on the queen of diamonds. There was just the king of hearts to be lost, so the contract was just made for +420. Nicely played by Bocchi.

Lauria led the ten of clubs in the other room. Whibley won in dummy and ran the seven of hearts to the king. Lauria promptly returned the three of spades, Versace falsecarding with the king and Whibley winning the ace. Whibley led the jack of hearts to dummy's queen followed by a low diamond to his king. Versace won the next diamond and returned a low spade and Whibley thought for a long time then played... the jack! He had his contract now for +420 and just another dull push.

New Zealand had come out on top by 45-23 IMPs, converting to 15.38-4.62 VPs, and would go into the final round of qualifying in eighth position. However, Israel and Italy were very close behind and were playing teams in the bottom quarter of the field, while New Zealand had to face the powerful Dutch squad, so despite their tremendous efforts to get into contention, were still not favourites to make the top eight.

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## Bermuda Bowl

Players	Butler	NBO	Boards
MECKSTROTH Jeff - RODWELL Eric	1.00	U.S.A.	287
DUBOIN Giorgio - VERSACE Alfredo	0.86	Italy	96
NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan	0.79	Sweden	240
BROGELAND Boye - LINDQVIST Espen	0.77	Norway	336
KALITA Jacek - NOWOSADZKI Michal	0.74	Poland	320
DEWIJS Simon - MULLER Bauke	0.73	Netherlands	240
JU Chuancheng - SHI Zheng Jun	0.73	China	240
AA Terje - LIVGARD Allan	0.67	Norway	224
FORRESTER Tony - ROBSON Andrew	0.61	England	256
BACH Ashley - CORNELL Michael	0.55	New Zealand	288
CHEN Gang - ZHUANG Zejun	0.52	China	240
VAN PROOIJEN Ricco - VERHEES Jr Louk	0.52	Netherlands	256
FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre - L'ECUYER Nicolas	0.50	Canada	32
EDGTTON Nabil - HUNG Andy Pei-en	0.45	Australia	304
EKENBERG Simon - HULT Simon	0.44	Sweden	240
LEVIN Robert (Bobby) - WEINSTEIN Steve	0.42	U.S.A.	287
AHASAN Md Rashedul - CHOWDHURY M.A. R.	0.42	Bangladesh	48
HU Linlin - LIU Yinghao	0.41	China	256
BIRMAN Alon - PADON Dror	0.39	Israel	272
ANKLESARIA Keyzad - TEWARI Rajeshwar	0.38	India	288
BURAS Krzysztof - NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	0.37	Poland	288
GRECO Eric - HAMPSON Geoff	0.34	U.S.A.	288
ALLERTON Jeffrey - JAGGER Chris	0.32	England	208
RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	0.30	Sweden	256
LAU Pik-Kin Tony - NG Chi-Cheung Baron	0.30	China Hong Kong	240
LAURIA Lorenzo - VERSACE Alfredo	0.29	Italy	272
BOCCHI Norberto - SEMENTA Antonio	0.29	Italy	304
LEVIN Amir - ROLL Josef	0.29	Israel	256
AHASAN Md Rashedul - HAQUE Shah Zia-ul	0.25	Bangladesh	112
WAN Siu-Kau Samuel - ZEN Derek	0.25	China Hong Kong	240
GEORGE Julius Anthonius - PARASIAN Robert	0.21	Indonesia	256
MILNE Liam - NUNN Tony	0.20	Australia	160
CHMURSKI Bartosz - TUCZYNSKI Piotr	0.18	Poland	128
DRIJVER Bob - NAB Bart	0.15	Netherlands	240
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav - WARE Michael	0.14	New Zealand	152
BAKHSHI David - MALINOWSKI Artur	0.11	England	272
KATZ Ralph - NICKELL Nick	0.11	U.S.A.	160
CARACCI Marcelo - ROBLES Jose Manuel	0.11	Chile	256
KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare - TUNDAL Ulf Haakon	0.07	Norway	176
FLEISHER Martin - MARTEL Chip	0.05	U.S.A.	224
L'ECUYER Nicolas - MARCINSKI Zygmunt	0.04	Canada	336
BROWN Matthew - WHIBLEY Michael	0.00	New Zealand	280
BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	-0.01	Israel	208
ANGELERI Ricardo - POLESCHI Ricardo	-0.02	Argentina	240
FERGANI Kamel - FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre	-0.03	Canada	80
DUBOIN Giorgio - MADALA Agustin	-0.06	Italy	64
PACAREU Joaquin - ROBLES Benjamin	-0.08	Chile	320
LAI Wai Kit - MAK Kwok-Fai	-0.11	China Hong Kong	256
LAM Cheng Yen - TAN Wei Seng	-0.13	Singapore	240
LIU Yu Chen - LUO Cheng	-0.13	Singapore	256
FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre - POLLACK Frederic	-0.15	Canada	112
KHIUPPENEN Yury - KHOLOMEEV Vadim	-0.15	Russia	240
SALAH Tarek - ZEIN Ahmad	-0.20	Egypt	224
BHATTACHARJEE Aniruddha - SANTRA Dipak	-0.21	India	256
GONTHA Leslie - SUHENDRO Stefanus Supeno	-0.23	Indonesia	239

KHOKHLOV Jouri - MATUSHKO Georgi	-0.23	Russia	256
GUPTA Uttam - KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY Nr	-0.27	India	192
FERGANI Kamel - POLLACK Frederic	-0.27	Canada	176
BOJOH Jemmy - KARWUR Franky Steven	-0.29	Indonesia	239
FONG Kien Hoong - ZHANG Yukun	-0.30	Singapore	240
AHASAN Md Rashedul - RAHMAN Md. Moshir	-0.41	Bangladesh	32
PEJACSEVICH Alexis - PELLEGRINI Carlos	-0.49	Argentina	272
GILL Peter - HANS Sartaj	-0.50	Australia	272
CAZABON Philippe - RAMIREZ Diego	-0.51	Chile	160
AMIRY Reda - SAMIR Ahmed	-0.58	Egypt	256
MATHIEU Philippe - SOUDAN Luc	-0.58	Guadeloupe	256
KRASNOSELSKI Mikhail - ORLOV Sergey	-0.58	Russia	240
LALL Justin - MOSS Brad	-0.62	U.S.A.	224
RAMADAN Baher - SALAH Ashraf	-0.63	Egypt	256
TISCORNIA Fernando - ZONCA Martin	-0.74	Argentina	224
KAMRUZZAMAN A H M - RAHMAN Md. Moshir	-0.74	Bangladesh	256
CHOWDHURY M.A. R. - ISLAM Mohammad Monirul	-0.82	Bangladesh	96
GARNIER Charles - KEMPCZYNSKI Alain	-0.87	Guadeloupe	240
CHOWDHURY M.A. R. - RAHMAN Md. Moshir	-0.94	Bangladesh	16
GERIN Dominique - PELLETIER Jean-Claude	-1.03	Guadeloupe	240
CHOWDHURY M.A. R. - HAQUE Shah Zia-ul	-1.08	Bangladesh	128
BOTBOL Joseph Alain - SIBONY Pierre	-1.31	Morocco	248
BELKOUCH Abdellatif - DINIA Mohammed	-1.35	Morocco	240
BOTBOL Joseph Alain - DAHAN Stephane	-1.38	Morocco	16
DAHAN Stephane - LAHLOU Fatim	-1.39	Morocco	216
HAQUE Shah Zia-ul - ISLAM Mohammad Monirul	-2.38	Bangladesh	32
CHOWDHURY M.A. R. - KAMRUZZAMAN A H M	-2.81	Bangladesh	16

## Venice Cup

Players	Butler	NBO	Boards
FUKUYOSHI Yuki - YANAGISAWA Akiko	0.67	Japan	256
DUFRAIT Katarzyna - ZMUDA Justyna	0.62	Poland	256
WANG Nan - ZUO Xiaoxue	0.61	China	240
SHEN (I) Qi - WANG Wen Fei	0.61	China	240
FUGLESTAD Ann Karin - HARDING Marianne	0.60	Norway	208
GRUDE Liv Marit - OIGARDEN Bodil Nyheim	0.56	Norway	272
BALDYSZ Cathy - BALDYSZ Sophia	0.54	Poland	224
VAN ZWOL Wietske - VERBEEK Martine	0.54	Netherlands	256
LIU Violet - YANG Ming-Ching	0.53	Chinese Taipei	240
GIBBONS Christine - GIBBONS Jenna	0.52	New Zealand	240
LEVITINA Irina - SANBORN Kerri	0.51	U.S.A.	288
BRYANT Brenda - SMITH Julie	0.48	Canada	48
KANE Helen - SYMONS Anne	0.46	Scotland	240
DRAPER Catherine - FAWCETT Gillian	0.44	England	272
GRONKVIST Ida - RIMSTEDT Cecilia	0.42	Sweden	288
DEAS Lynn - SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	0.42	U.S.A.	272
DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena	0.36	England	256
REESS Vanessa - ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	0.36	France	240
HESKJE Torild - VIST Gunn Tove	0.34	Norway	256
CLEMENTSSON Sanna - OVELIUS Emma	0.32	Sweden	192
LIU Yan - LU Yan	0.31	China	256
KHONICHEVA Elena - RAKHMANI Diana	0.31	Russia	240
BAKER Lynn - McCALLUM Karen	0.31	U.S.A.	224
BLANK Sonda - WOLPERT Hazel	0.28	Canada	320
KAZMUCHA Danuta - SARNIAK Anna	0.26	Poland	256
SMITH Nicola - WISEMAN Yvonne	0.26	England	208
PASMAN Jet - SIMONS Anneke	0.25	Netherlands	240

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PAVLUSHKO Olga - YAKOVLEVA Maria	0.23	Russia	255
BERNSTEIN Cindy - WHEELER Sally	0.22	U.S.A.	192
KOO Hor-Yung Charmian - WONG Wai Man Flora	0.21	China Hong Kong	256
BESSIS Veronique - PUILLET Carole	0.20	France	256
BRYANT Brenda - NISBET Pamela	0.20	Canada	288
KATO(OTE) Ruri - MIYAKUNI Ayako	0.20	Japan	256
BRUIJNSTEEN Merel - DEKKERS Laura	0.19	Netherlands	240
BUUSTHOMSEN Signe - HOUMOLLER Bjorg	0.19	Denmark	255
KAHO Toshiko - SATO Makiko	0.16	Japan	224
NISBET Pamela - SMITH Julie	0.16	Canada	32
SHI Sylvia - STANSBY JoAnna	0.12	U.S.A.	224
BERTHEAU Kathrine - LARSSON Jessica	0.10	Sweden	256
NEWTON Shirley - WILKINSON Jenny	0.10	New Zealand	256
MENEZES Lucia - VIDIGAL Ana Carolina	0.09	Brazil	368
LESLIE Paula - PUNCH Sam	0.05	Scotland	256
MOURGUES Jennifer - TARTARIN Anne-Laure	0.03	France	240
BILDE Lone - RASMUSSEN Helle	0.00	Denmark	256
SMITH Julie - WOLPERT Hazel	0.00	Canada	32
CHEN Yin-Shou - LIN Yin-Yu	-0.01	Chinese Taipei	256
EYTHORSDDOTTIR Hjordis - LEWIS Linda	-0.01	U.S.A.	272
DIKHNOVA Tatiana - GROMOVA Victoria	-0.03	Russia	240
HSIAO Kuan-Chu - LIN Chien-Ya	-0.04	Chinese Taipei	240
HOULBERG Anne-Sofie - MADSEN Christina Lund	-0.07	Denmark	224
AGHA Rubina - RAZA Fatima	-0.10	Pakistan	288
SELLAMI Hedia - TRABELSI Ferdaouss	-0.11	Tunisia	254
TANG Tsz In - TUNG Sau Yin Joyce	-0.12	China Hong Kong	256
McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz) - McQUAKER Fiona	-0.16	Scotland	240
DOSSA Qudsia - RAZA Fatima	-0.19	Pakistan	32
BATRA Puja - SHARMA Asha	-0.20	India	238
MUNDELL Giselle - ZETS Avril	-0.29	Australia	256
DAWSON Helena - PITT Helene	-0.31	Australia	240
ICHILCIK Lorna - KAPLAN Rena	-0.32	Australia	240
KAMAL Nikita - THAKUR Meenal	-0.38	India	208
ABID Najim - PIRZADA Shahnaz	-0.54	Pakistan	224
HOWARD Pat - JOSA Denise	-0.57	Trinidad and Tobago	256
MEIRELES Jacqueline M. - PACHECO Juliana	-0.59	Brazil	368
BAKERI Rupa - KSHIRSAGAR Alka	-0.65	India	254
DOSSA Qudsia - HAI Rubina Saeed	-0.70	Pakistan	140
BOOTH Christine Nicolle - CHAN Pui Yi Pearlle	-0.74	China Hong Kong	224
ARMSTRONG Vanessa Margaret - RAWSON Tanya Anne	-0.74	South Africa	240
CROSSE Patricia Jane - HEWITT Beverley Priscilla	-0.76	South Africa	240
ROSSLEE Diana - STANTON Carol	-0.80	South Africa	256
HAI Rubina Saeed - RAZA Fatima	-0.84	Pakistan	32
BACCAR Hedia - SFAR Najet	-0.84	Tunisia	218
DALDOUL Aicha - DALDOUL Meriem	-0.97	Tunisia	224
CARTNER Linda - PALMER Glenis	-1.03	New Zealand	240
FLETCHER Deborah - XAVIER Alana	-1.07	Trinidad and Tobago	240
HOWARD Kalifa - PARMANAN Sharon	-1.22	Trinidad and Tobago	240
KAMAL Nikita - SHARMA Asha	-1.72	India	32
BACCAR Hedia - DALDOUL Aicha	-1.81	Tunisia	16
BACCAR Hedia - SELLAMI Hedia	-2.44	Tunisia	16
BLANK Sondra - SMITH Julie	-2.50	Canada	16
AGHA Rubina - PIRZADA Shahnaz	-3.50	Pakistan	16

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Players	Butler	NBO	Boards
LIN Chii-Mou - SHIH Juei-Yu	1.94	Chinese Taipei	16
HRISTOV Hristo - VANCHEV Angel	1.38	Bulgaria	16
HOLLAND John - MOULD Alan	0.91	England	303
SUN Ming - TAO Jian Hua	0.83	China	96
CHUNG Jen-Chien - LIN Chii-Mou	0.79	Chinese Taipei	271
GARNER Steve - WOLFSON Jeff	0.75	U.S.A.	255
HOFLAND Leo - VAN DER HOEK Bas	0.74	Netherlands	223
LING Roger - YEUNG Peter	0.61	China Hong Kong	112
DHAKRAS Subhash - SRIDHARAN Ramamurthy	0.58	India	240
KANETKAR Avi - NEILL Bruce	0.56	Australia	240
ABECASSIS Michel - LEVY Alain	0.54	France	288
KASLE Gaylor - MORSE Dan	0.52	U.S.A.	128
LEBEL Michel - SOULET Philippe	0.52	France	288
BOESGAARD Knud-Aage - NIELSEN Hans Christian	0.48	Denmark	240
BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	0.38	Poland	336
LIANG Yixiong - SUN Ming	0.38	China	144
BJARING Christer - OSTBERG Johnny	0.37	Sweden	255
MULDER Andre - VERGOED Hans	0.36	Netherlands	255
FITZGIBBON Nicholas - MESBUR Adam	0.36	Ireland	288
HANSEN Jorgen Cilleborg - SCHOU Steen	0.32	Denmark	272
INCE Mehmet Ali - KOKTEN Namik	0.29	Turkey	254
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	0.27	Indonesia	336
DAS Sukamal - SAHA Subrata	0.25	India	240
BERKOWITZ David - SONTAG Alan	0.23	U.S.A.	240
LAIR Mark - ROSENBERG Michael	0.21	U.S.A.	240
KWIECIEN Michal - STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.20	Poland	336
BOYD Peter - ROBINSON Steve	0.19	U.S.A.	272
EKINCI Orhan - KARADENIZ Mesut	0.19	Turkey	160
HRISTOV Hristo - VALKANOV Yordan	0.19	Bulgaria	16
PODDAR Dipak - SOLANI Jitendra	0.18	India	256
BRAMLEY Bart - WOOLSEY Kit	0.15	U.S.A.	336
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - ZORLU Nafiz	0.13	Turkey	320
CHUN Peter - LI Vincent Hoi Yuen	0.13	China Hong Kong	111
SHEN Mingkun - SHEN Xiaonong	0.10	China	320
CARRUTHERS John - KIRR Martin	0.09	Canada	272
FALLENIOUS Bjorn - NILSLAND Mats	0.09	Sweden	240
IMAKURA Tadashi - INO Masayuki	0.08	Japan	256
CHIU Karic - LI Vincent Hoi Yuen	0.08	China Hong Kong	144
HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	0.05	Canada	224
KENDRICK David - WARD Trevor	0.04	England	239
LIN Rongqiang - TAO Jian Hua	0.02	China	112
CHANG Chung Mou - HUANG Patrick K. H.	-0.01	Chinese Taipei	224
CHRISTIANSEN Soren - HANSEN Henrik Norman	-0.04	Denmark	224
MAEDA Takashi - OMASA Akito	-0.04	Japan	256
MAESEL Helge - MAESEL Roald	-0.06	Norway	240
BAKKE Tor - MARSTRANDER Peter	-0.06	Norway	240
RUSEV Tony - VALKANOV Yordan	-0.06	Bulgaria	16
HUANG Patrick K. H. - SHIH Juei-Yu	-0.06	Chinese Taipei	95
MULLER David - PRYOR Malcolm	-0.08	England	192
LING Roger - TSE Edmund	-0.08	China Hong Kong	127
COMELLA Amedeo - SABBATINI Stefano	-0.09	Italy	255
ASTORE Giancarlo - LIGAMBI Luigi	-0.11	Italy	239
BRAITHWAITE Andrew - DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival	-0.11	Australia	256
AXDORPH Mats - EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	-0.12	Sweden	240



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VALKANOV Yordan - VANCHEV Angel	-0.25	Bulgaria	224	CHEN Jien - WANG Ping	0.36	China	256
GUMBY Pauline - LAZER Warren	-0.27	Australia	240	STOKKA Adam - STRANDBERG Ylva	0.33	Sweden	256
O'BRIAIN Micheal - O'BRIAIN Padraig	-0.27	Ireland	240	GRZEJDZIAK Igor - GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	0.31	Poland	255
ALMADI Akeil - ELAGAMAWY Mohamed	-0.29	United Arab Emirates	303	NOGUEIRA Heloisa - THOMA Marcos	0.31	Brazil	238
LASSERRE Guy - POIZAT Philippe	-0.29	France	160	HAMMELEV Johan - KREFELD Camilla Bo	0.28	Denmark	271
CAITI Stefano - MATTIOLI Giuliano	-0.30	Italy	240	FREY Nathalie - VOLCKER Frederic	0.27	France	240
BAUQUIER Denise - LAGACHE Philippe	-0.31	Reunion	208	MARKS Rafal - OGLOBLIN Dominika	0.25	Poland	303
STABELL Leif-Erik - STABELL Tolle	-0.33	Norway	256	ASBI Taufik Gautama - BOJOH Lusje Olha	0.24	Indonesia	368
NURHALIM Apin - POLJI Bert Toar	-0.33	Indonesia	79	IONITA Marius - STEGAROIU Marina	0.22	Romania	256
JACOB Tom - MACE Brian	-0.33	New Zealand	256	CHAVARRIA Margherita - GANDOLIA Alessandro	0.21	Italy	304
DEVRIIND Hans - TEN BRINK Frans	-0.35	Netherlands	256	FAN Kang-Wei - TSAI Po-Ya	0.21	Chinese Taipei	320
HAMEL Patrick - LAGACHE Philippe	-0.39	Reunion	96	BERTENS Huub - WOLPERT Jenny	0.21	U.S.A.	272
BERCUSON Ken - MITTELMAN George	-0.41	Canada	240	BEKKOUCHE Nadia - BLAKSET Lars	0.19	Denmark	256
MILNE Randal - O'BRIEN Brendan J	-0.46	Ireland	208	JANEJUNJONG Kanokporn - PLENGSAP Kridsadayut	0.17	Thailand	256
POLJI Bert Toar - SUGIARTO Tanudjan	-0.49	Indonesia	160	SACUL Denny - SUMAMPOUW Conny	0.16	Indonesia	336
POPLILOV Lilo - POPLILOV Matilda	-0.50	Bulgaria	240	HACHEM Dalia - SALAMA Karim	0.16	Egypt	32
GIRAUD Christian - HAMEL Patrick	-0.55	Reunion	64	HENNER Christal - IVATURY Uday	0.12	U.S.A.	208
DOLBEL David John - HUMPHRIES Denis	-0.55	New Zealand	224	CASPERSEN Henrik - FARHOLT Stense	0.09	Denmark	208
HRISTOV Hristo - RUSEV Tony	-0.55	Bulgaria	224	GARAFULIC Sandra - RAVENNA Pablo	0.08	Brazil	238
NORANI Nermeen - SUMAR Humayun	-0.56	United Arab Emirates	335	LIMSINSOPON Kirawat - SITTHICHAROENSAWAT Pavinee	0.05	Thailand	256
OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	-0.60	Japan	224	DAVIES Catherine - PATTERSON John	0.04	New Zealand	272
MIDFA Ahmed - VALRANI Darshan	-0.63	United Arab Emirates	16	BJERKAN Cheri - WEINSTEIN Howard	0.03	U.S.A.	224
SHIH Juei-Yu - YEH Chen	-0.63	Chinese Taipei	128	UGGERI Paolo - VANUZZI Marilina	0.01	Italy	160
LIANG Yixiong - TAO Jian Hua	-0.64	China	64	CHEN Li-Jen - SO Ho-Yee	-0.02	Chinese Taipei	256
DORDHAIN Patrice - GIRAUD Christian	-0.68	Reunion	144	FRASER Douglas - FRASER Sandra	-0.03	Canada	240
ELAGAMAWY Mohamed - MIDFA Ahmed	-0.73	United Arab Emirates	48	WOJCIESZEK Jakub - WOJCIK Marta	-0.03	Poland	176
BAUQUIER Denise - GIRAUD Christian	-0.75	Reunion	64	DUBININ Alexander - PONOMAREVA Tatiana	-0.08	Russia	255
DORDHAIN Patrice - HAMEL Patrick	-0.77	Reunion	160	BEAUCHAMP David - TUTTY Jodi	-0.09	Australia	256
TSE Edmund - YEUNG Peter	-0.87	China Hong Kong	127	ERIKSSON Daniel - HELIN Malin	-0.11	Sweden	224
HARTONO Michael Bambang - NURHALIM Apin	-0.91	Indonesia	160	BETHERS Janis - ROMANOVSKA Majja	-0.14	Latvia	367
CHIU Karic - CHUN Peter	-0.93	China Hong Kong	112	COOPER Renee - THOMPSON Ben	-0.14	Australia	240
MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.97	Poland	64	MCAVOY Constance - MCAVOY James	-0.19	Canada	240
PALMER Barry - STUCKEY Neil	-1.09	New Zealand	256	FISCHER Stephen - RANKIN Pele	-0.20	Australia	240
MIDFA Ahmed - SUMAR Humayun	-1.13	United Arab Emirates	16	KHANDELWAL Himani - KHANDELWAL Rajeev	-0.24	India	272
SUMAR Humayun - VALRANI Darshan	-1.38	United Arab Emirates	16	NAIDOO Bindya - SINHA Priya Ranjan	-0.24	India	224

## Wuhan Cup

Players	Butler	NBO	Boards				
ALFEJEVA Jelena - RUBINS Karlis	0.87	Latvia	368	CHODCHOY Taristchollatorn - JITNGAMKUSOL Terasak	-0.46	New Zealand	224
GROMOV Andrey - GULEVICH Anna	0.82	Russia	270	CUMMINS Patricia - ROTCHELL Douglas	-0.47	Barbados	224
HINDEN Frances - OSBORNE Graham	0.71	England	272	AUDICHE Christina - EL AHMADY Waleed	-0.52	Egypt	112
BROWN Fiona - BYRNE Michael	0.62	England	239	EL AHMADY Waleed - HACHEM Dalia	-0.55	Egypt	144
GRAVES Allan - MEYERS Jill	0.60	U.S.A.	304	WU Shaohong - XIE Zhaobin	-0.60	China	48
CHEN Jien - WU Shaohong	0.59	China	64	FOSTER Rhonda - MCCULLY Gerry	-0.64	Canada	256
ROSENBERG Debbie - ROSENTHAL Andrew	0.58	U.S.A.	192	BENKIRANE Fattouma - SAID Edahabi	-0.71	Morocco	255
MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu	0.57	Romania	256	BLACKMAN Dave - HINDS Roglyn	-0.76	Barbados	144
LU Yi-Zu - YANG Hsin-Lung	0.54	Chinese Taipei	160	HENRY Annette - HENRY Stephen	-0.76	New Zealand	240
BALINT Mihaela - MARINA Bogdan	0.52	Romania	224	AUDICHE Christina - SALAMA Karim	-0.76	Egypt	176
BROCK Sally - MYERS Barry	0.51	England	224	BANDESHA Muhammad Ghalib Ali - SARFRAZ Fahmida	-0.78	Pakistan	32
LIAO Zhengjiang - XIE Zhaobin	0.49	China	240	IRAQI Houria - KACIMI Moulay Ahmed	-0.84	Morocco	239
WU Haotian - WU Shaohong	0.45	China	128	MALIK Sajid Nabi - SAIGOL Rehana	-0.94	Pakistan	222
GAVIARD Daniele - ROMBAUT Jerome	0.45	France	240	BANDESHA Muhammad Ghalib Ali - SAIGOL Rehana	-0.95	Pakistan	143
ANDERSSON Gunnar - STRANDBERG Gudrun	0.43	Sweden	256	HINDS Roglyn - RECHTMAN Neal	-1.05	Barbados	224
CRONIER Benedicte - CRONIER Philippe	0.41	France	256	SEFITA Ernis - SOEBROTO Anthony	-1.09	Indonesia	32
WILLENKEN Chris - ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	0.40	U.S.A.	272	SARFRAZ Fahmida - SHAH Saeed Uz Zafar	-1.39	Pakistan	333
ATTANASIO Dario - MANARA Gabriella	0.39	Italy	272	ELAWAD Ali - LAMRANI Laila	-1.49	Morocco	240
GERASIMOV Alexej - VOROBAYCHIKOVA Olga	0.37	Russia	208				

# RESULTS

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 22

Match		IMPs		VPs	
BANGLADESH	CHILE	27	45	5.40	14.60
GUADELOUPE	MOROCCO	41	17	15.74	4.26
NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	47	29	14.60	5.40
NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	45	23	15.38	4.62
SWEDEN	USA 2	39	73	2.69	17.31
USA 1	INDIA	6	29	4.44	15.56
ISRAEL	CANADA	29	58	3.42	16.58
CHINA HONG KONG	SINGAPORE	43	28	13.97	6.03
NETHERLANDS	ARGENTINA	34	19	13.97	6.03
CHINA	ENGLAND	35	51	5.82	14.18
INDONESIA	RUSSIA	58	42	13.93	5.82
EGYPT	POLAND	14	48	2.69	17.31

### Round 23

Match		IMPs		VPs	
GUADELOUPE	BANGLADESH	70	39	16.88	3.12
MOROCCO	CHILE	42	45	8.84	10.91
NORWAY	CHINA HONG KONG	30	51	4.81	15.19
NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	23	21	10.61	9.39
SWEDEN	CHINA	10	48	2.15	17.85
USA 1	INDONESIA	21	22	9.69	10.31
ISRAEL	EGYPT	25	40	6.03	13.97
AUSTRALIA	SINGAPORE	22	46	4.26	15.74
ITALY	ARGENTINA	53	11	18.33	1.67
USA 2	ENGLAND	35	33	10.61	9.39
INDIA	RUSSIA	48	24	15.74	4.26
CANADA	POLAND	17	61	1.45	18.55

## Venice Cup

### Round 22

Match		IMPs		VPs	
PAKISTAN	CHINA HONG KONG	31	27	10.70	8.55
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	SOUTH AFRICA	22	36	6.25	13.75
TUNISIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	42	70	3.58	16.42
SWEDEN	JAPAN	28	34	8.24	11.76
CANADA	FRANCE	46	65	5.20	14.80
NORWAY	CHINA	19	25	8.24	11.76
POLAND	BRAZIL	44	30	13.75	6.25
RUSSIA	USA 2	77	36	17.96	1.79
ENGLAND	DENMARK	30	21	12.55	7.45
SCOTLAND	USA 1	43	39	11.20	8.80
AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	48	37	13.04	6.96
INDIA	NETHERLANDS	15	42	3.74	16.26

### Round 23

Match		IMPs		VPs	
CHINA HONG KONG	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	51	5	18.77	1.23
TUNISIA	PAKISTAN	0	0	5.56	14.44
CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA	45	21	15.74	4.26
NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	10	25	6.03	13.97
JAPAN	CANADA	49	25	15.74	4.26
FRANCE	NORWAY	37	56	5.20	14.80
CHINA	POLAND	6	48	1.67	18.33
BRAZIL	RUSSIA	23	43	5.00	15.00
USA 2	ENGLAND	21	34	6.48	13.52
DENMARK	SCOTLAND	39	9	16.73	3.27
USA 1	AUSTRALIA	55	29	16.09	3.91
NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	23	43	5.00	15.00

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 22

Match		IMPs		VPs	
U.A.E.	USA 2	18	40	4.62	15.38
DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	19	31	6.72	13.28
NEW ZEALAND	REUNION	37	61	4.26	15.74
CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA	36	22	13.75	6.25
TURKEY	JAPAN	32	17	13.97	6.03
FRANCE	CHINA HONG KONG	45	18	16.26	3.74
INDONESIA	NORWAY	30	30	9.50	10.00
ENGLAND	CANADA	47	20	16.26	3.74
SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	38	49	6.96	13.04
ITALY	USA 1	46	86	1.91	18.09
IRELAND	POLAND	40	40	10.00	10.00
CHINA	BULGARIA	33	45	6.47	13.28

### Round 23

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	SWEDEN	35	34	10.31	9.69
NETHERLANDS	ITALY	59	31	16.42	3.58
REUNION	IRELAND	8	47	2.03	17.97
DENMARK	CHINA	35	35	10.00	10.00
U.A.E.	BULGARIA	22	49	3.74	16.26
INDIA	POLAND	25	45	5.00	15.00
JAPAN	USA 1	38	40	9.39	10.61
CHINA HONG KONG	AUSTRALIA	13	38	4.08	15.92
NORWAY	CANADA	22	34	6.72	13.28
ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	38	32	11.76	8.24
INDONESIA	TURKEY	45	38	12.03	7.97
FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	40	10	16.73	3.27

## Wuhan Cup

## Round 22

Match		IMPs		VPs	
THAILAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	35	34	10.31	9.69
PAKISTAN	ENGLAND	25	67	1.67	18.33
EGYPT	SWEDEN	31	57	3.91	16.09
POLAND	INDONESIA	25	18	12.03	7.97
ITALY	MOROCCO	81	20	20.00	0.00
USA I	RUSSIA	28	38	7.20	12.80
DENMARK	AUSTRALIA	53	22	16.88	3.12
INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	30	41	6.96	13.04
LATVIA	FRANCE	32	40	7.71	12.29
BRAZIL	BARBADOS	54	15	17.97	2.03
CANADA	CHINA	33	40	7.97	12.03
ROMANIA	USA 2	44	40	11.20	8.80

## Round 23

Match		IMPs		VPs	
USA 2	CHINESE TAIPEI	9	40	3.12	16.88
CHINA	ENGLAND	34	38	8.80	11.20
BARBADOS	SWEDEN	22	16	11.76	8.24
FRANCE	INDONESIA	18	54	2.41	17.59
NEW ZEALAND	MOROCCO	49	38	13.04	6.96
AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA	30	23	12.03	7.97
THAILAND	ITALY	41	7	17.31	2.69
PAKISTAN	POLAND	27	71	1.45	18.55
USA I	EGYPT	58	4	19.52	-0.52
DENMARK	ROMANIA	61	35	16.09	3.91
INDIA	CANADA	29	20	12.55	7.45
LATVIA	BRAZIL	32	20	13.28	6.72

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