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THE GOING GETS TOUGHER

Today's Programme
**Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup,
 d'Orsi Trophy, Wuhan Cup**
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



IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS

Minimum play requirements for
 Masterpoint awards
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We wanted to know which one was the most international of the teams participating in the Transnational and found four teams with players from three different NBOs. Team AURUSSIA only consists of four players, so we believe that Olga Pavlushko, Renee Cooper, Ben Thompson and Christina Lund Madsen are the most international!

Today, the last day of quarterfinal play in the main events – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy and the Mixed Teams – will mean the end for some teams, and the list of squads on the brink of elimination is surprising. Heading that group is **USA I** in the Bermuda Bowl. The team led by Nick Nickell qualified at the top of the round robin standings but trail England 55-118. **USA I** has a chance to regroup for three 16-board sets today, and the team is known for their ability to come from behind, but they are facing a difficult task.

Another favored team in danger of losing is **Sweden**, who qualified third in the Bermuda Bowl, but trail **The Netherlands** 78-94. The only team that appears to be secure is Norway, leading Italy 171-71.

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 (Changjiang Hall) on Saturday 28 September at 19.30, followed by a Buffet dinner in the Golden Ballroom on the 5th floor (the venue for the opening ceremony). 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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10.00 QF4		
SD	France - Denmark	VG/BBO I
BB	USA I - England	BBO 2
BB	China - Poland	BBO 3
BB	Sweden - Netherlands	BBO 4
VC	China - Japan	BBO 5
VC	Norway - Netherlands	BBO 6
VC	USA I - Sweden	BBO 7
VC	Poland - England	BBO 8
SD	USA2 - Netherlands	BBO 9
SD	England - China	BBO 10
MX	Russia - France	BBO 11
MX	China - USA I	BBO 12
MX	England - Latvia	BBO 13
MX	USA2 - Romania	BBO 15

Stanzas 5 and 6 to be decided



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Minimum play requirements for Masterpoint awards

Notwithstanding anything that may appear elsewhere the following shall apply:

- In the Rounds of 32, 16 and 8 combined: At least one third of the boards played by the team.
- In the Semi-final: At least one of the two sessions.
- In the Final: At least one of the three sessions.



Carry-over for teams dropping in to the third day of Swiss Qualifying.

Notwithstanding what is stated in § 8.2.3.iii of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest the following shall apply:

The teams will receive the same no. of VPs as the team in 32nd position after round 10, but will not face each other in round 11.

The Championship's Committee

At the IMSA World Masters Championship organized by IMSA, to be held in Hengshui, China (April 26th – May 3rd 2020) the first three NBO National Teams qualified in the 2019 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, in addition to the National Team of the host country (China), will be invited.

IBPA awards



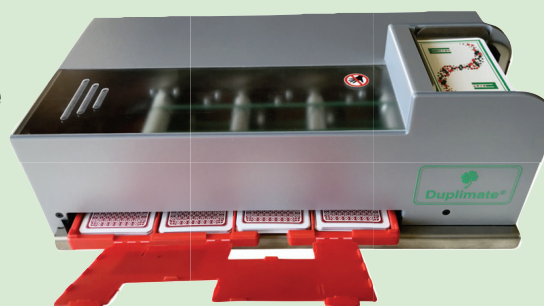
At the annual general meeting of IBPA, three awards were presented. The Alan Truscott Memorial award was presented to Simon Cocheme (for his humorous articles over the last two decades), the John E. Simon Award for sportsmanship was presented to the Australian junior team for their actions in correcting a scoring error in the recent Opatija knockout, which led to a match going to extra boards. And the Masterpoint Press book of the year was awarded to Jeppe Juhl's 'Master of Bridge Psychology – Inside the remarkable mind of Peter Fredin'.



Renee Cooper, Australia, accepts the sportsmanship award in the name of her Junior team

Championship offer

The new dealing machines that are [only] used during the championships will be sold at the end for **EUR 2299**. Price incl. aluminium carrying case and five years warranty. Cards and boards are also sold at **special prices**. Shipping at subsidised rates from Sweden. See the Duplimate stand or email anna@jannersten.com



A pleasant afternoon for the WBF

On Sunday 22nd September the WBF, represented by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona, together with his assistant Mrs Marina Madia, and with the Secretary to the Executive Council Mrs Arianna Testa, visited the Dong Feng Automobile Factory, in which the Industry Workers Bridge Activity organizes great bridge tournaments among the employees.

Later in the afternoon the President visited the Workers Union Activity Centre where the Wuhan Workers Bridge Pairs Tournament was taking place. The members of the Union usually participate in a wide variety of activities including Bridge courses, tournaments and seminars. The President had the pleasure of meeting:

Mrs Chen Fang, Vice Executive President of Wuhan Federation of Trade Unions, Mr Chen Guisheng, Director of Wuhan Workers Cultural Palace, and once more Mr Yuan Shanla, former Executive Deputy Mayor of Wuhan, for an exhaustive talk about Bridge activities in the City of Wuhan.

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

To conclude this exciting day, the President attended the Opening Ceremony of the 'Dongfeng Motor Wuhan Open 2019 WTA Tennis' and enjoyed the match Shuai Zhang vs Sloane Stephens (the American players won the match 7-5, 6-4).





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









Bermuda Bowl

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	USA I	16	32	7				55		NORWAY	72	56	43				171
	ENGLAND	26	39	53				118			ITALY	32	26	13			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	CHINA	51	25	7				83		SWEDEN	45	8	25				78
	POLAND	35	35	23				93			NETHERLANDS	34	45	15			
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

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	CHINA	73	63	7				143		USA I	58	36	38				132
	JAPAN	14	22	31				67		SWEDEN	32	42	37				111
		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	NORWAY	3	42	41				86		POLAND	24	21	26				71
	NETHERLANDS	73	19	32				124		ENGLAND	27	48	41				116
CHINA	Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN (1), 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 KAHO, 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			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	USA 2	17	40	32				89		FRANCE	33	24	23				80
	NETHERLANDS	42	34	25				101		DENMARK	27	31	45				103
		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	ENGLAND	35	39	21				95		INDIA	26	11	29				66
	CHINA	32	20	14				66		CHINESE TAIPEI	40	25	29				94
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 DE VRIND, 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			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	ENGLAND	28	35	41				104		RUSSIA	42	55	44				141
	LATVIA	58	25	25				108		FRANCE	38	37	31				106
		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot			1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
	CHINA	30	31	31				92		USA 2	18	29	16				63
	USA I	42	16	35				93		ROMANIA	49	31	47				127
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 COMBESCURE captain																
LATVIA	Jelena ALFEJEVA, Janis BETHERS, Maija ROMANOVSKA, Karlis RUBINS, Karlis RUBINS captain, Martins LORENCIS 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 I	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																

Board of the Day

by Mark Horton and Herman De wael

When I asked Herman to check the frequencies on Board 23 of Round 20, I was surprised at the answer. What looked like a difficult declarer problem, had been solved by over half of the field. Perhaps it was more of a defensive problem.

♠ A Q J 9 8

♥ J 10 9

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ K

N

W E

S

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 7 6 3

♦ J 4

♣ A Q 10 6

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Puillet	Zmuda	Bessis
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North got to be declarer in 4♠. Over the 96 tables of the four championships, 62 North players became declarer in 4♠. A further four played 4♠ doubled, while one table managed to reach 4♠ redoubled. Two pairs went slightly overboard in 5♠, one pair even attempted 6♠ (doubled, of

course). So a total of 70 North players were playing in spades.
Eight declarers were faced with the problem of making 4♠ from the South hand. An extra South had to contend with playing 6♠, strangely left undoubled.
Eight pairs found their spade fit unsatisfactory, and ended up playing 3NT, twice from the South side and six times from North.
This was, for example, what happened to the Chinese Open pair:

West	North	East	South
Ramirez	Ju	Cazabon	Z. Shi
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Some E/W pairs could not contain themselves from entering the bidding. Only two pairs managed a more or less satisfactory defence, in 2♦ or 3♦ doubled (collecting 800 and 1100 respectively). This was the bidding in India – England Seniors:

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Dhakras	Ward	Sridharan
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

(The deal was a push in the match, actually, as the other table got their 4♠ doubled, scoring 790).
Others ended up in clubs. One player essayed 3♣ doubled from West (ending up at –1700), six from the East side. A total of nine contracts for E/W.

This was the bidding in Netherlands – Chinese Taipei (Seniors):

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
2NT	Dble	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

An auction with South becoming declarer in the same contract was:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
1♥	Spades		
1♠	Support		



How would you play 4♠ on the lead of the ♥K, East following with the ♥2, encouraging.

If you decide to duck, West continues with the ♥Q, East playing the four.

Short of entries to hand, it would now be a mistake to play a spade – you must continue with the ♦J, covered by the king and ace. Now it looks as if you are well placed and can hope to lose just two spades. However, when you cash dummy's ♠A, West discards the ♦5. When you continue with the ♠Q, East wins and returns the ♥8. You win with dummy's jack, cash the ♦Q, overtake the ♣K, discard a diamond on the ♣Q and ruff a club to reach this position:

♠ —
♥ —
♦ 9 8
♣ J

♠ J 9
♥ —
♦ 6
♣ —

N
W
E
S

♠ 10 7 6
♥ —
♦ —
♣ —

♠ 5
♥ 7
♦ —
♣ 10

When you exit with a diamond East has to ruff and lead into dummy's trump tenace.

When 4♠ was played by North, it was generally made after East led the ♦10, but it is a much tougher proposition if East leads a heart.

One way to go down is to duck the initial lead, when West will probably switch to a diamond. Declarer wins in hand with the jack and plays a spade, West pitching a club. If declarer puts in dummy's queen (which sort of feels right), East wins and plays a heart. Declarer wins with the ace, cashes two clubs pitching a heart, plays a diamond to the

queen and a diamond, but East ruffs and plays a heart and declarer must lose another trick for one down.

Let's see how 4♠ should be played, courtesy of Eric Rodwell:

West	North	East	South
Padon	Rodwell	Birman	Meckstroth
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥2 and West won with the queen and switched to the ♦5. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played a spade. When West discarded a club, Rodwell found the winning line when he put up the ace. He unblocked the ♣K, crossed to dummy with a heart, and pitched a heart and a diamond on the top clubs, before ruffing a heart. Down to ♠QJ9 ♦AQ he was sure enough of the position to claim ten tricks.

He was the only declarer who played from North and received a heart lead to make 4♠.

This was the full deal:

♠ —
♥ 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

♠ A Q J 9 8
♥ J 10 9
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ K


♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ J 4
♣ A Q 10 6

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Bermuda Bowl RR - R23

USA 2 v England



David Bird

England had started the final day of the round-robin in eighth place, the last position that would qualify for the knock-out stages. The two opponents they had still to face were high-riding China, to be followed by the USA 2 team including three current holders of the Bermuda Bowl.

My alarm clock woke me at the requested 6am and I entered my computer room with eyes still half-closed. Good news awaited me. England had recovered from the previous day's drubbing by Sweden and beaten the host nation by 51 IMPs to 35. Wonderful! Whether they could finish the job and qualify... well, I would find that out soon enough.

The first serious swing went to USA 2:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 2

♥ A K Q 8 3

♦ K 7 4 3 2

♣ 3

N

W

E

S

♠ K Q J 3

♥ 9 7 5

♦ A 8

♣ K 5 4 2

♠ 10 8 4

♥ J 10 6

♦ Q 10 6 5

♣ 10 9 8

♠ A 9 7 6

♥ 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ A Q J 7 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Fleisher	Forrester	Martel
—	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Andrew Robson led the ♠4 and Chip Martel won the third round of the suit. The heart suit divided well and declarer played five rounds, Tony Forrester reducing to: ♠Q ♦A ♣K52. A finesse of the ♣Q won the next trick and declarer then played a diamond to the king and the bare ace. Forrester could cash the ♠Q but then had to lead away from his ♣K5. Declarer repeated the club finesse and had his +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Malinowski	Lall	Bakhshi
—	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the auction was identical, as was the play to the first three tricks. David Bakhshi then led the ♦9 to West's ♦10 and dummy's king. A diamond return put the contract one down, and USA 2 collected 12 IMPs.



Team USA 2

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 7

♥ K 10 2

♦ K 2

♣ K 10 6 4 3

♠ A Q 10 8 3

♥ A Q J 9

♦ 9 5 4

♣ A

N

W

E

S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7

♦ A Q J 7 6 3

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 5

♥ 8 6 5 4 3

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 2

West	North	East	South
Robson	Fleisher	Forrester	Martel
—	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Martin Fleisher had no alternative but to lead away from a king. He judged that the ♦2 was the least risky start available. Robson won with dummy’s queen and finessed the ♠8, losing to the jack. North’s club switch went to the jack and the bare ace. All followed to the ♠A, and North’s ♦K appeared on the next round of diamonds. It was +650.

West	North	East	South
Moss	Malinowski	Lall	Bakhshi
—	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Brad Moss took another bid over 4♠ and the diamond slam was reached. The fact that North had opened the bidding made the slam better than it may at first appear.

Declarer won the club lead, played a trump to the jack and finessed the ♠Q, losing to the king. He won the ♦K return, crossed to the ♥A and led the ♥Q for a ruffing finesse. The established ♥J would subsequently allow him to discard a spade and ruff the spade suit good. As it was, the ♥10 fell. Declarer could ruff one club and discard the other on the ♥9. Plus 1370 was worth another 12 IMPs for USA 2.

After three more boards, the score had climbed to 35-8 in the Americans’ favour. This might have been a major worry for England supporters. However, the teams in 9th and 10th positions, New Zealand and Israel, were losing to the Netherlands and Egypt respectively.

A reassuring bombshell plus-score was what England needed. Perhaps Board 13 would provide it.



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 10 8 7 4 3

♥ 10

♦ K 9

♣ K Q J 10

♠ —

♥ J 7 6

♦ 10 8 7

♣ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

N

W

E

S

♠ A J 6 5 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ A J 6

♣ 9

♠ Q 9

♥ Q 8 5 4 2

♦ Q 5 4 3 2

♣ A

West	North	East	South
Robson	Fleisher	Forrester	Martel
—	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The BBO archive takes the view that it was West who administered the final penalty double. Hoping that I have not exceeded my brief, I have transferred this double to Forrester in the East seat.

The ♥K was led, drawing the ♥6 and ♥10 from the closed hands. Fleisher won the club switch with dummy’s ♣A. At this point, the well-known expert Mr. GIB announces that the ♦Q or a low heart will allow declarer to escape for one down.

Fleisher preferred to lead a low diamond to the king and ace. He won the diamond continuation with dummy’s queen and ruffed a heart in his hand. All roads now seemed to result in two down. A trump to the queen was not optimal, West showing out. A diamond ruff was then needed, but declarer opted to ruff another heart.

Forrester ruffed the ♣K with the ♠J and removed dummy’s last remaining trump with the ace. He was left with ♠65 ♥K ♦J, while declarer held ♠K10 ♣QJ. Because declarer had not ruffed a diamond rather than a heart earlier, Forrester was now able to force him twice. The penalty had grown to +800.

West	North	East	South
Moss	Malinowski	Lall	Bakhshi
—	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Malinowski and Bakhshi stopped at a safe level and were doubled there. West may have been apprehensive, but there was little he could do about it. He had to hope for the best.

Justin Lall led the ♥A, switching to ace and another trump. Declarer won with dummy’s queen, continuing with a diamond to the king and ace. A second diamond to the queen was followed by a diamond ruff. Declarer then played good clubs, conceding two trump tricks for +670.

The resultant 16-IMP swing more or less assured England's qualification for the knock-out stage.

On the next board, different game contracts were reached:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 2

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ Q 7 3

♣ 8 5

♠ A J 10 5

♥ 5

♦ 10 8

♣ K Q J 7 6 2

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6

♦ K J 9 4 2

♣ 4 3

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♠ 8 4

♥ K Q 10 4 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ A 10 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Fleisher	Forrester	Martel
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A 2♣ response by Robson would have been an artificial game-force. His actual 3♣ was natural and forcing to game. Forrester rebid 3♦, natural, or at least showing a stopper in the suit. It was risky for South double this bid. When Robson rebid 3NT, Martel may have regretted his decision not to double.

Sure enough, North led a spade rather than a lethal diamond. It was +460 for the England pair.

West	North	East	South
Moss	Malinowski	Lall	Bakhshi
—	—	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Lall opened INT but was able to show his five hearts subsequently. The Americans landed in the club game. How would this play when Malinowski found the lead of the ♦3?

To make the game, declarer must overtake the ♣9 at trick two and finesse the ♥10. If South wins with the ace, declarer can set up three spade discards on dummy's heart suit. If instead South holds up the ♥A, declarer can continue with the ♥K and make an overtrick.

Lall missed this line of play, failing to overtake the ♣9. He overtook the ♣10 on the next trick and played a heart to the ten and ace. A diamond or low spade return then defeats the contract. Bakhshi duly returned the ♠3. Declarer rose with the ♠A and... oh no... 'Claim accepted +400' flashes up on my screen. The rest of the play record is not present.

There is no way home after the start portrayed in the record. If declarer crosses to the ♣A to discard a diamond and spade on the ♥KQ, he will have to lose two spade tricks. If instead he plays a spade or a diamond, the defenders can cash two winners for one down.

Ah well, England gained 1 IMP and lost the match eventually by only 35-33. All four England teams reached the knock-out stages. May I congratulate all the players involved, also the captains and coaches.



Team England

Are You Satisfied?

by Marek Wójcicki

Those words of the old pop song could be the question for Zhuang Zejun, sitting in the East position in the closed room during the first stanza of the Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal...

Not vulnerable against vulnerable, sitting East, after North's Pass, he opened 1♣ (Precision, 16+) with:

♠KQ ♥AK5 ♦KQ7 ♣KQJ73

and the bidding quickly came back to him :

West	North	East	South
Gang Chen	Nowosadzki	Zhuang	Kalita
–	Pass	1♣	Dble
All Pass			

I think that many people would not be satisfied and tried to get a better score reodubling, or in any other way, but Zhuang passed.

South led the diamond ace and dummy (dis)appeared:

♠J10954 ♥Q963 ♦962 ♣4

Not so bad, but...

North played a jack and ruffed the diamond continuation. Now the ace of spades – South discards ♥2... Spade ruff, diamond ruff. Spade again – ruffed with the seven of trumps, over-ruffed with the eight. South played the jack of hearts. Declarer took the trick with the ace and played the trump king. South won with the ace and it was the setting trick. One down.

This is the complete deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

South's double was a red or black two-suiter and North, being vulnerable against not, probably preferred non-vulnerable overtricks to vulnerable undertricks...

In the replay E/W played 3NT with an overtrick and Poland gained 11 IMPs.

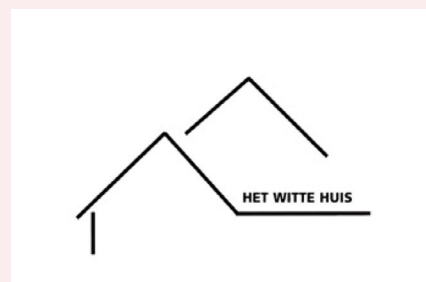
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David Bird

Bermuda Bowl RR - R23

Sweden v China



Three teams were contesting the top spots on the leaderboard as the last round-robin matches began – USA I, Sweden and China. Marc Smith and I took our seats, knowing that both Sweden and China had impressed us greatly in earlier matches.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	O. Rimstedt	Ju	M. Rimstedt
1♠	Dble	INT*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jheng Jun Shi's 3♠ rebid may seem on the light side, but he was playing Precision Club and therefore limited to 15 points. The likely spade game would surely have gone down, but Chuancheng Ju gave his side a chance by preferring 3NT. A club lead would have put this two down. Mikael Rimstedt had no side entry, though, and preferred to lead a diamond. East's enterprise was then rewarded to the tune of +600. Well bid!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Liu	Upmark	Hu
1♠	Dble	2♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Johan Upmark's transfer response showed a sound raise to at least 2♠. Fredrik Nystrom had little reason to consider any rebid but 4♠. Two top hearts and a heart ruff put South on lead. A club switch, resulting in two down, would have been irresponsible. He switched to a trump and declarer was later able to dispose of his club loser. It was still one down and a much-applauded 12 IMPs to the home nation.

A hush descended as that welcome visitor, a slam board, arrived at the table.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	O. Rimstedt	Ju	M. Rimstedt
–	–	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

South opened with a spade pre-empt and everyone watching knew the meaning of North's 4♣ response. Well, Al Hollander did, anyway. It was Pre-empt Roman Key-card. What else could PRKC stand for? The responses, in ascending order, are: no keycards, one keycard without the trump queen, one with the trump queen, two without and two with. The 4♥ response therefore showed the ♠K but no ♠Q.

Since non-vulnerable three-level opening are sometimes made on six-card suits nowadays, there was no reason for North to bid anything other than his actual 6♠. Declarer won the ♥10 lead with dummy's jack and found that trumps were 2-2. Such is life, and it was +1010 for Sweden.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Liu	Upmark	Hu
–	–	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Yinghao Liu's 4♣ was the familiar PRKC convention. This partnership frequently opens 3♠ with six cards at this vulnerability. With an extra card, Linlin Hu felt entitled to pretend that he held the ♠Q! When he subsequently showed the ♥K, Liu leapt to 7♠. This is better than the 40% chance for a 2-2 break, since you can follow Restricted Choice if the queen or jack falls from West under dummy's ace. Not that this makes it a sound grand slam, of course.

It's unusual to lead away from a queen against a grand slam, but Nystrom chose a diamond lead. Hu won with

dummy’s ace and played the two top trumps, finding the favourable break. I cannot tell you the Chinese equivalent of a ‘Sorry about that’ apology to the opponents. Had you asked me the Latin for ‘Hannibal’s soldiers advanced ten thousand paces in a day’, I could have been more helpful. Anyway, it was 11 somewhat fortunate IMPs to China, who now led 23-0.

Ola Rimstedt closed the gap with a sharp double on this board:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 10
♥ 10 7
♦ 7
♣ A 10 8 7 5 3 2

♠ K 9 7
♥ A J 9 8 5
♦ A 8 3
♣ J 6

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♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 4 3 2
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ K 4

♠ Q 8 6 4 3
♥ 6
♦ K J 10 9 6
♣ Q 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	O. Rimstedt	Ju	M. Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2NT*	Dble
Rdbl	3♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

East’s 2NT indicated a heart raise with at least four trumps. South’s double was competitive, showing spades and diamonds, usually with club tolerance. I was surprised by West’s redouble, on a 13-count with eight losers. He had Pass and 3♥ available to distinguish between weak and minimum hands. No doubt partly because of his partner’s show of strength, East then bid 4♥.

Ola Rimstedt found a Tiger Double of this contract. A diamond lead went to the ten and ace. Shi then drew trumps and led the ♣J, North rising with the ace. After a passive club return, declarer had no way to avoid four further losers in spades and diamonds. The inhabitants of India’s Ranthambore National Park no doubt roared their approval of the +500 earned by North’s enterprising double on their behalf.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Liu	Upmark	Hu
—	—	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Hu and Liu shut out the Americans and picked up +170 when the club suit behaved. It was a somewhat late 8-IMP launch of the Swedish score.

The last board of the match sealed a big win for China:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K 7 4
♥ K J 7 3
♦ A 9 8 5
♣ 7 6

♠ A J 10 6 5 3 2
♥ A 6
♦ 7 4
♣ A Q

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♠ 9
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 10 6
♣ K 10 9 8 4 3 2

♠ Q 8
♥ 10 9 8 4 2
♦ K J 3 2
♣ J 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	O. Rimstedt	Ju	M. Rimstedt
1♣*	1♥	3♣	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

Sweden’s chosen tactics against the strong club include four-card overcalls. The method was not destined for success on this deal. When the 1♥ overcall attracted a 4♥ raise, Ola Rimstedt felt entitled to lead the suit from the dreaded KJxx. If the Swedish pair had not entered the auction, North would, of course, have recalled the advice in my book ‘Winning Suit Contract Leads’. Computer simulations there warn that leading from the king-jack against a suit contract is a poor idea.

A minor-suit lead would have beaten the spade game. As it was, Shi won the first trick with dummy’s ♥Q and led the ♠9. When South covered, Shi won with the ace and played the ♠J to North’s king. The defenders claimed two diamond tricks but declarer had the remainder for +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Liu	Upmark	Hu
1♣*	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Nystrom won the trump lead with the ace, continuing with the ♠A and a spade ruff. A trump to the queen and a second spade ruff established that suit. All 13 tricks were made for +190.

China collected 10 IMPs on the board and won the match by 48-10. The 17.85-2.15 VP margin allowed them to overtake Sweden and finish the round robin in second place, behind USA 1. The China team can be very proud of its excellent performance so far.



Martin Cantor

D'Orsi Trophy RR 23

England v Chinese Taipei



England were as good as certain to qualify, however Chinese Taipei nerves were on edge – they could miss out with a poor result for them and a big win for Turkey. On the first board England ‘surged’ into a 4-IMP lead when their modest 2♥ bid made an unnecessary three overtricks while in the other room their almost as modest 3♣ contract was down just one. Chinese Taipei surged back to level the match on the next when the English declarer went off in a makeable 2♠ contract, while at the other table the BBO record shows it making (the official record shows 2♥ rather than 2♠ making, but “whatever” as the young folks say). After a flat Board 3, Chinese Taipei took the lead when Kendrick and Ward for England got over-ambitious.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



John Holland, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Chii Lin	Ward	Chung
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At least that was the auction shown on BBO, but I suspect that in reality West's second bid was 3♠. South led a club and declarer had seven tricks. In the Open Room the operator wasn't able to follow the auction, but West declared 3♠ and could make it in his sleep.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shih	Holland	Huang	Mould
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Chii Lin	Ward	Chung
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At first glance it looks as though the almost obligatory ♥7 lead will let 4♠ make if South covers, declarer's hearts providing two club discards. On second glance it doesn't help, since the hearts are blocked and after drawing trumps declarer has no quick way back to hand to cash them (other than with a trump, and then he can't get his club ruff). Huang thought long and hard about passing 3NT – his additional heart stopper(s) making that attractive, but in due course he wisely decided that partner's minimum overcall was unlikely to hold enough in both minors to go with his major-suit values. Mind you, if North decides that

a heart lead is unlikely to defeat 3NT, and leads a small club instead, then 3NT is home and dry. On the other hand, a diamond lead followed by a club switch beats it by two tricks if either diamond lead is ducked, three if both are covered. At the table Chung in the Closed Room did cover the ♡J, Mould in the Open didn't. One down at both tables, but some flat boards are more interesting than others.

After 11 boards Chinese Taipei led 29-7 and were looking extremely good for qualifying, especially as Turkey had only a modest lead over Indonesia. England pulled a few back on this with a finely balanced sacrifice.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10

♡ K 9 6 4 3

◇ J 7 5 3

♣ 10 9 4

♠ Q

♡ A 10 7 2

◇ A 10 9 2

♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 8 3

♡ Q J 5

◇ Q 8 6 4

♣ A K Q 6

♠ A K J 9 7 6 5 4 2

♡ 8

◇ K

♣ J 7

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shih	Holland	Huang	Mould
Pass	Pass	1♦	4♠
All Pass			



David Kendrick, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Chii Lin	Ward	Chung
2♡	Pass	2NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5◇	Dble	All Pass	

England scored 680 in the Open when a club wasn't led, and lost 500 in the Closed, to gain 5 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ —

♡ J 7 6

◇ 10 8 7

♣ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

♠ K 10 8 7 4 3

♡ 10

◇ K 9

♣ K Q J 10

♠ A J 6 5 2

♡ A K 9 3

◇ A J 6

♣ 9

♠ Q 9

♡ Q 8 5 4 2

◇ Q 5 4 3 2

♣ A

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shih	Holland	Huang	Mould
—	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♠
All Pass			



Trevor Ward, England

Closed Room				Open Room			
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Chii Lin	Ward	Chung	Shih	Holland	Huang	Mould
–	1♠	INT	2♥	–	–	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦	2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
All Pass				2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
				3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Trevor Ward’s INT overcall wouldn’t be everyone’s choice. I was expecting South to double it, and West to escape into 2♣, which looks to have chances to make, possibly doubled by North, or perhaps N/S would subside in a part score. Well, subside in a part score is just what they did when South chose to show his two suits rather than doubling. Unfortunately for them, it was the wrong suit and too high, and there was no way to avoid –300. That INT isn’t a universal choice was confirmed by Huang’s pass in the open room, and the ensuing normal auction left John Holland in a comfortable spot for +110 and a surprising 10 IMPs. Another 10 went England’s way on the next board.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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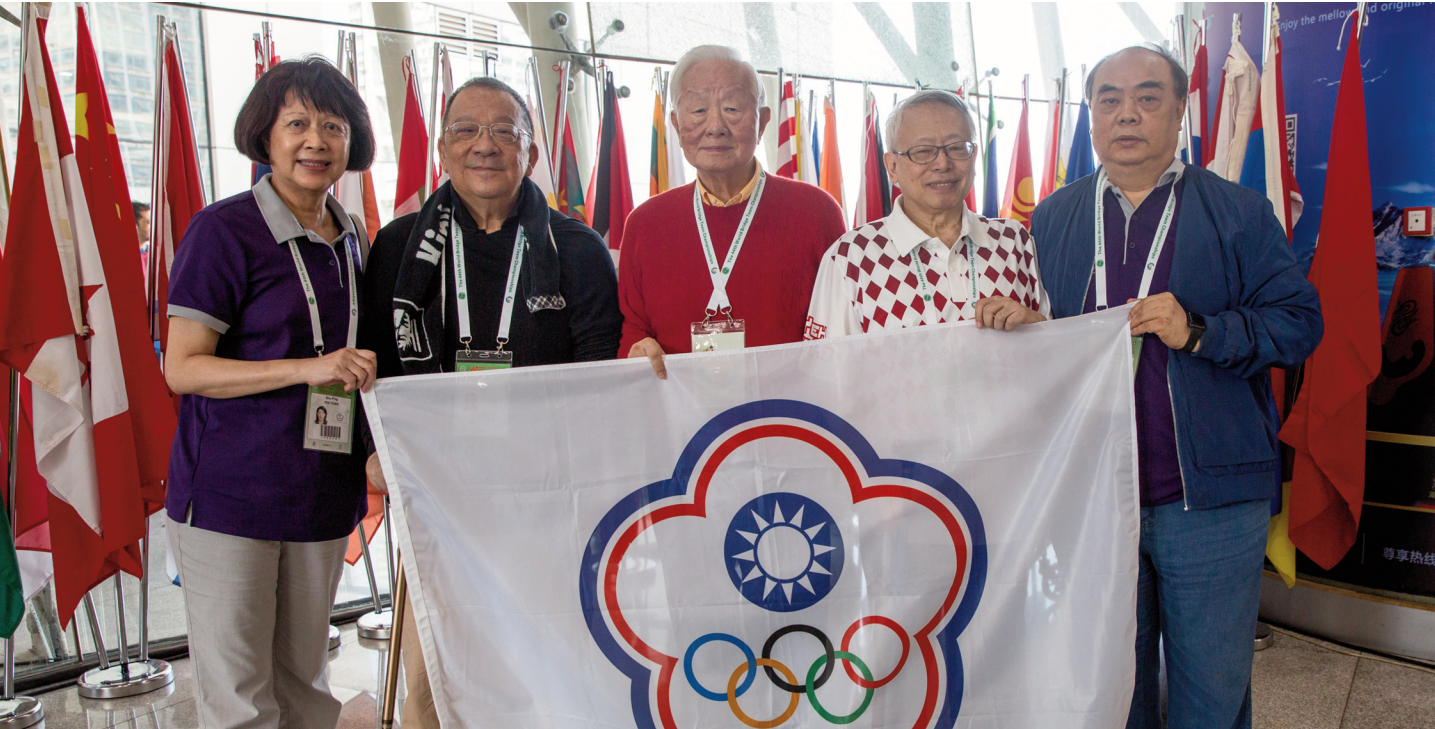
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♠ K 9 3	♠ 8 4
♥ A 7 6	♥ K Q 10 4 3
♦ K J 9 4 2	♦ A 6 5
♣ 4 3	♣ A 10 9

The Open Room auction is one that many pairs might well duplicate, indeed 16 of the 24 tables in the Seniors played 3NT, and only two others played the club game, the other six stopping in a club part score. 3NT went off on the obvious diamond lead where it would make with diamonds 4-4, or on a non-diamond lead. Meanwhile 5♣ made by taking the deep heart finesse, then setting up the fifth one and getting all three spade losers away. So, did Kendrick and Ward (specifically Kendrick with his 4♣ bid) judge well to play the minor-suit game rather than 3NT? Or did they get lucky with the heart position? Whatever you decide, England were now 32-29 up, and the teams swapped nine more in the last two boards for a final score of 38-32 (11.76-8.24) to England, who ended the round robin in fourth while Chinese Taipei took the last qualifying spot, over 7 VPs clear of Turkey, who could only muster 7.97 in their final match.



The Chinese Taipei Seniors

Cutting it close

by Brent Manley

In the penultimate round of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying series on Sunday, England and China sat down for a match that had major implications for England. China was comfortably placed in third with two rounds to go. England, on the other hand, was in the eighth and last qualifying spot with Italy right behind them in ninth place, just 2.23 victory points away from making the cut themselves. A combination of a big win for Italy and the same for China might keep England from the knockout phase, which started yesterday. Observers pulling for England no doubt were pleased to see the team – Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, Artur Malinowski and David Bakhshi – jump out to an early lead with a 12-IMP swing on the first board when Robson made twelve tricks in 5♦ doubled for plus 650 while his teammates defeated a 4♠ contract in the other room for plus 50. For this round, China was represented by Gang Chen, Linlin Hu, Yinghao Liu and Zejun Zhuang.

After three boards (17, 18, and 19), England was ahead 18-10 and the margin was about to grow wider.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 7 3
♥ J 8 7 5 2
♦ J 6
♣ 8 5

♠ K 6
♥ 10 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ A K 9 7 4

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♠ A J 8 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A Q 10
♣ J 10 6

♠ Q 5 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ K 9 7 2
♣ Q 3 2

West	North	East	South
Robson	Chen	Forrester	Zhuang
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Chen led the ♠10, covered by the jack, queen and king. Robson cashed the ♣A, playing the Jack from dummy, then played a heart to dummy's queen and called for the ♣10. When that held the trick, Robson played the ♣6, Zhuang following with the queen. Robson won and played a spade to dummy's 8. He was soon claiming plus1370 with five clubs, three spades, three hearts and a diamond. That was a 12-IMP swing because the contract at the other table was 3NTby East for plus 690.

There was more bad news for China on the next deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 8 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 10 6 5
♣ J 7 5

♠ K 9 7 6 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ Q 9
♣ 10 9 8

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♠ 10
♥ 10 6 5 4 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 6 4 3 2

♠ A J 5 3
♥ A Q
♦ K J 7 3
♣ A K Q

West	North	East	South
Robson	Chen	Forrester	Zhuang
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Forrester led his singleton spade, taken in dummy by the ace. Chen considered his next play for some time before playing a diamond to his ace and another to dummy's jack. Robson won the trump queen, cashed the ♠K and gave his partner a ruff for two down and plus 200 for England.

At the other table, Malinowski played in 6NT as North. On the spade lead, he played low, losing to the king. When he got in at trick two, he cashed winners except for diamonds before taking the right view in the key suit to score plus 1440 and earn 17 IMPs for his side.

England came away with a 51-35 victory, worth 14.18 VPs to 5.82 for China. With the win, England moved from the final qualifying spot to seventh place in the round robin standings.

When the scores from the last qualifying round were revealed, it was clear how close it was between England and Italy. The Italians had defeated Argentina 53-11, earning 18.33 VPs, enough to move into the qualifying eighth spot in the round robin standings, just 2.85 VPs behind England.



Eighth or Ninth?

by Herman De wael

There is an enormous difference in these championships between finishing eighth and ninth in the Round Robin. Finish in eighth place and you keep your chances alive of a World championship. Ninth and you are relegated to the Transnationals. Winning the championship after finishing eighth in the Round Robin was last achieved by the French Women in Chennai 2015. At the same championships, the Swedish Seniors also finished eighth in the Round Robin, but they lost the final.

Now of course you should have gathered enough points in the rounds before the last one to secure your place (something that 18 teams had managed) but if it has to be in the last round, then so be it.

At the start of the last round, these were the positions 7-10 in the different series, with the team they were about to meet (and the position that team was in – teams marked * are already certain of having qualified).

In the Bermuda Bowl

7 England	267.60	play	USA 2 (15)
8 New Zealand	257.82		Netherlands (5*)
9 Israel	257.05		Egypt (21)
10 Italy	255.81		Argentina (20)

In the Venice Cup

7 Sweden	262.50		Netherlands (4*)
8 Japan	261.82		Canada (9)
9 Canada	248.05		Japan (8)
10 USA 2	246.67		England (6)

In the d'Orsi Trophy

7 China	251.68		Denmark (5)
8 Netherlands	249.62		Italy (15)
9 Turkey	247.03		Indonesia (20)
10 USA 1	244.12		Japan (18)

In the Mixed Teams

7 Latvia	257.14		Brazil (15)
8 Sweden	252.71		Barbados (22)
9 USA 1	248.07		Egypt (21)
10 Denmark	246.19		Romania (3*)

Board one was a part-score, invariably scoring for North/South. The Israeli Open team managed a very special result, when both tables played a NT contract by E/W, doubled and going for 1100 or 1400. The Israeli E/W were in 2NT doubled rather than INT doubled and suffered the extra 300, losing 7 IMPs. They dropped behind Italy to tenth. The Dutch and Turkish Seniors both beat an opponent's contract, both picking up 5 IMPs to maintain their respective positions, but with the Dutch moving into the more comfortable seventh spot.

Board 2 saw E/W play 2♠ or 3♦, some declarers failing by one trick. The Canadian Women and the Turkish Seniors

were amongst those, widening their deficit on eighth place.

Most of the field played 2NT in South on Board 3, going two down. No changes to the rankings.

On Board 4, about half of the pairs attempted a game contract, to no avail. Italy Open was on the right side of such a game swing, which propelled them up to eighth place. So were the Women of USA 2, moving them up into ninth. China and Turkey Seniors both dropped the 6 IMPs. Sweden Women suffered a smaller loss, but still enough to let Japan move up into seventh. Sweden Mixed also dropped the game swing, but their advantage over ninth was still significant.

Board 5 saw most of the field in 3NT, with many declarers failing to meet that challenge. Another game swing to Italy Open saw them consolidate eighth position. Japan Women moved up to seventh, while the Denmark Mixed team lost their connection to the leaders.

Board 6 was a slam, almost universally bid and made with an overtrick. The noteworthy swings were in favour of pairs reaching seven. That was achieved by the Canadian Women, who moved a little closer to Sweden and Japan. The Turkish Seniors also bid the grand to get a little closer to the qualifying spot. Sweden Mixed were gifted 11 IMPs by their opponents failing to find the slam.

On board 7, most E/W pairs went down in 4♥. New Zealand Open allowed their opponents to make that contract, but Israel allowed their opponents to make a doubled part-score, meaning both teams dropped further behind Italy. Canada Women picked up another 5 IMPs, but they remained much too far behind their immediate opponents Japan. The Dutch Seniors tried and succeeded in 3NT, augmenting their comfortable seventh position. USA 1 mixed found another makeable game contract: 5♣ doubled. They were getting closer to Sweden in eighth.

Board 8 mainly had failing contracts, in both directions. There were few swings in our matches, and no changes in position.

Half-way through the match, these were the teams in places eight and nine:

BB	Italy	271.37	New Zealand	264.07
VC	Japan	272.43	Canada	257.44
DT	Netherlands	264.81	Turkey	256.42
WC	Sweden	264.74	USA 1	263.99

Board 9 contained a spade fit providing 11 tricks, while 12 tricks were available in diamonds. Brad Moss and Justin Lall for USA 2 were among just six pairs (with Brazil Women, Poland and Turkey Seniors, and Poland and Indonesia Mixed) who reached the slam in diamonds; this cost England Open 12 IMPs.

Argentina Open attempted the spade slam, giving Italy yet another 12 IMPs and an ever more comfortable qualifying position, now even ahead of England. Netherlands Seniors also played 6♠ and this, together with the Turkish 6♦, saw the difference between Netherlands in eighth and Turkey in

ninth drop down to 2 VP. The USA 2 Women passed Canada into ninth place when their opponents stayed out of the spade slam but sadly also the game contract. Meanwhile, one overtrick IMP was enough to push Israel past New Zealand into ninth place in the Open. This is the bidding of Brad Moss and Justin Lall to the diamond slam:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 7

♥ K 10 2

♦ K 2

♣ K 10 6 4 3

♠ A Q 10 8 3

♥ A Q J 9

♦ 9 5 4

♣ A

N

W

E

S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7

♦ A Q J 7 6 3

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 9 5

♥ 8 6 5 4 3

♦ 10 8

♣ J 9 5 2

West	North	East	South
Moss	Malinowski	Lall	Bakhshi
–	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

On Board 10, most people went down in 4♥ by West, but there were several other results. Our four featured Senior teams all had positive comparisons on this one, which didn't change anything to their relative positions, of course. Denmark Mixed had a double disaster on the board, dropping more than 3 VP away from the still close battle with Sweden and USA 1. INT and 3NT were both popular contracts on Board 11. With nine tricks possible, there were swings in all directions. Israel Open suffered the biggest loss, but it only saw them a bit further down in their tenth place. China Seniors used a large positive swing to build a welcome buffer over their followers. USA 1 Mixed used a big swing on this board to jump ahead of Sweden. This was the South hand on Board 12:

♠ A K J 9 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K ♣ J 7

so the number of 4♠ contracts (and even 5♠ ones) was not surprising. 11 to 13 tricks were taken, and the swings were of two IMPs at most.

Board 13 had doubles galore. Out of 93 tables (one match had to be abandoned, and one score was adjusted), 63 tables played a doubled contract and one table played INT redoubled. Twelve of the doubled contracts and the redoubled one were made. No wonder then that there were many double-digit swings. England Open had one of those (+16), which finally lifted them out of the danger zone. Israel suffered a -12, putting paid to their chances. USA 2 Women also dropped out of contention, as did the

Turkish Seniors. The Dutch Seniors (+12) and the Chinese (-12) used the board to swap places once more, while a +15 for Denmark saw them pass Sweden into ninth place, but that was too little, too late.

The final three boards produced the odd swinglet here and there, but only one change in the rankings, when Canada dropped 12 IMPs (to Japan, who they had long ago lost sight of) to drop into tenth behind USA 2. One of our featured teams, Sweden, scored 10 IMPs on Board 15. This saw them shoot ahead of their opponents in their match, the Netherlands. This meant that the Dutch Women finished the round-robin in eighth place (still qualifying). Also, Chinese Taipei Seniors had two bad boards, meaning they too dropped into eighth place, below China and the Netherlands.

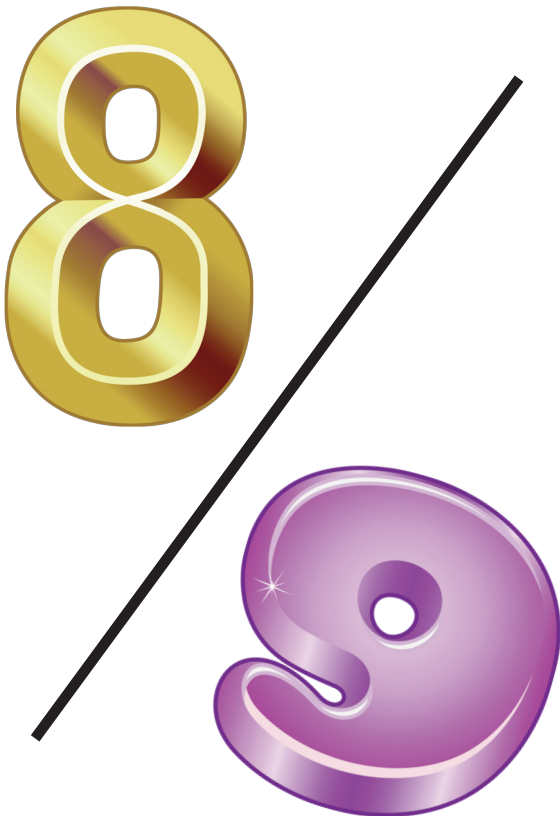
So the main change that occurred in the rankings during the last match was the rise of Italy Open from tenth place to eighth, at the expense of New Zealand and Israel.

In the Women's tournament, Sweden and Japan switched places seven and eight a few times. Canada and USA 2 also swapped ninth and tenth places a number of times, but neither was able to challenge for a qualifying spot.

Similarly, in the Seniors' series, China and the Netherlands played leapfrog for seventh place.

The Mixed series also saw a change in qualifiers, with USA 1 passing Sweden, who then also dropped behind Denmark into tenth.

The final qualifiers were (Open) England and Italy, (Women) Japan and Sweden, (Seniors) China and the Netherlands, and (Mixed) Latvia and USA 1.



by Herman De wael

NBO	nr teams	avg VP
China	4	12.48
England	4	12.43
Romania	1	12.24
Netherlands	3	12.08
USA	8	11.92
Poland	4	11.86
Sweden	4	11.77
Latvia	1	11.76
Norway	3	11.58
France	3	11.53
Israel	1	11.39
Denmark	3	11.19
Chinese Taipei	3	11.12
Turkey	1	11.09
Italy	3	10.60
Japan	2	10.56
Russia	3	10.51
Scotland	1	10.44
Ireland	1	9.68
Indonesia	3	9.66
Australia	4	9.62
Canada	4	9.54
India	4	9.49
Brazil	2	9.38
Thailand	1	9.37
Chile	1	9.35
China Hong Kong	3	9.28
New Zealand	4	8.74
Singapore	1	8.64
Argentina	1	7.42
Bulgaria	1	7.37
Egypt	2	7.05
UAE	1	6.81
Reunion	1	6.43
Barbados	1	6.22
Bangladesh	1	6.16
Tunisia	1	5.52
Pakistan	2	5.42
Guadeloupe	1	5.41
South Africa	1	5.33
Trinidad & Tobago	1	4.67
Morocco	2	3.72

Europe	1	11.37
North America	2	11.13
Asia Pacific	6	9.94
South Pacific	7	9.18
South America	3	8.88
Asia & Middle East	4	7.72
Africa	8	5.55
Central America & Carribean	5	5.44

by **Brian Senior**

E/W had always bid and supported spades and the normal opening lead was therefore a spade from West. Where declarer won the first trick and played a club, West needed to rise with the ace and return the queen of hearts. Even with the aid of Smith Peters, or in this case the lack of a Smith Peter, that is not an easy defence to find, and I do not believe that anyone found it. However, what about the tables where declarer played on diamonds at trick two?

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

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♠ A K 5
♥ 6 3
♦ K 9 7 6 5 4
♣ 10 3


West	North	East	South
<i>Myers</i>		<i>Brock</i>	
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Mixed Championship, Romania's Marina Stegaroiu and Marius Ionita also defeated 3NT after a spade lead and declarer playing on diamonds. Ionita discarded all his clubs then the six and seven of spades, and when declarer ran out of diamonds and led a club up, Stegaroiu rose with the ace and played the queen of hearts, again down one.



VC Quarter-final I

Poland v England



Brian Senior

Poland qualified in second place, England in fifth, but with only a little over half a match between their scores, so qualifying form did not offer a strong indication as to who would come out on top in their quarter-final meeting. England has been near the top of Women's bridge for several years, while Poland is an up and coming team who are only very recently joining the top table of the Women's game and challenging to win major championships.

The quarter-final matches would be played over two days, 6 x 16-board sessions, with no carry-over from the round robin stage.

likely – no doubt on a diamond lead Katarzyna Dufrat would have put in the eight or a similar card. In practice, Justyna Zmuda led the jack of hearts, which ran round to declarer's queen. Senior tried to split the spades, playing three rounds to Zmuda's queen, and Zmuda continued the heart attack. Senior ducked the king then won the next heart and played a spade to her nine followed by the queen of diamonds. Dufrat won and returned a diamond to the king but declarer had eight tricks and no prospect at all of finding a ninth, so was down one for –50 and 4 IMPs to Poland.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.				Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.			
<div><div><div>♠ 7</div><div>♥ 7 6 4</div><div>♦ A J 10 9 8 3 2</div><div>♣ K 5</div></div><div><div>♠ 10 8 6 5 4</div><div>♥ A 5 3</div><div>♦ —</div><div>♣ A 8 7 4 2</div></div><div><div>N</div><div>W E</div><div>S</div></div><div><div>♠ A K 9 2</div><div>♥ Q 8</div><div>♦ K Q 6 4</div><div>♣ 9 6 3</div></div><div><div>♠ Q J 3</div><div>♥ K J 10 9 2</div><div>♦ 7 5</div><div>♣ Q J 10</div></div></div>				<div><div><div>♠ K Q</div><div>♥ 10 3 2</div><div>♦ A K J 9 8 7</div><div>♣ 10 9</div></div><div><div>♠ A 10 9 6</div><div>♥ 9</div><div>♦ 6 5 4</div><div>♣ K 7 6 4 3</div></div><div><div>N</div><div>W E</div><div>S</div></div><div><div>♠ 5 4 3 2</div><div>♥ A Q 7 5</div><div>♦ Q 10 3</div><div>♣ A 2</div></div><div><div>♠ J 8 7</div><div>♥ K J 8 6 4</div><div>♦ 2</div><div>♣ Q J 8 5</div></div></div>			
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda	Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
–	3♦	Pass	Pass	–	–	1♣	1♥
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
				Pass	4♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith	C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
–	3♦	Pass	Pass	–	–	1♣	1♥
Dble	All Pass			Dble	2♣	2♠	Pass
				3♠	All Pass		

The first bid of the match was a pre-empt, both Norths opening 3♦. This ran round to West who doubled, and East had to decide whether to play for a penalty, bid 3NT, or jump to 4♠.

You can put me in Sophia Baldysz's camp on this one, but don't tell my wife who bid 3NT at the table.

Sophia led a top spade against 3♦ doubled and got a clear signal from mother, Cathy Baldysz so, being a dutiful daughter, duly switched to a club. Cathy won the ace and switched again to ace and another heart. The defence had its three side-suit winners in the bag and Sophia had two trump tricks to come; down one for –100.

The defence could have organised a heart ruff for down two, but with no game on their way would have been OK about simply going plus.

Senior's 3NT might have had chances had the defence kicked off with a diamond to the ace, but that was never

For England, Heather Dhondy bid her spades and Dufrat cuebid in support of hearts. When Senior's spade raise came back to her, Dufrat jumped to the heart game, ending the auction. That looks to be a lot of bidding on those North cards – I would have thought that 3♥ was sufficient if 3♦ would have been forcing. Dhondy led the four of clubs, Senior winning the ace and continuing the suit. Dhondy won the ♣K and switched to ace and another spade to dummy's king. Zmuda led a heart to her jack followed by a diamond to dummy's ace to lead the ten of hearts. Senior won the ace of hearts and returned a spade to declarer's jack and had to come to the queen of hearts for down two and –200.

Cathy doubled to show four spades and Yvonne Wiseman too supported her partner's hearts via a cuebid. However,

when Cathy next raised to 3♠, Wiseman felt that she had bid her hand and was not willing to go on to the four level, so 3♠ became the final contract. Nicola Smith led her singleton diamond and Wiseman played three rounds, Smith ruffing. She returned a heart round to declarer's queen and Sophia played two rounds of trumps then claimed nine tricks for +140 but 2 IMPs to England.

It could have been more, of course, as South's diamond ruff was actually good news for declarer, not the defence. Less dynamic defence should lead to a one-trick defeat.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

Cathy opened the strong variety of the Polish Club and the 1♦ response was any 0-6 or some minor-based hands in the 7-11 range. When Cathy made a natural rebid, Wiseman could double for take-out. Smith contented herself with a quiet 2♠ bid on the South cards but, when her opponents now bid confidently to the heart game, Smith came again with a 4♠ save. That could have cost –500, giving a modest profit so long as 4♥ was making, but Cathy had a shapely hand and took the push to 5♥. Wiseman cashed the top spades then switched to a diamond for her partner's ace. Smith switched to a club, Cathy winning and leading a heart to the king and a heart back. She thought for a little then finessed, losing to the queen, and was down two for –200.

In the other room, Dhondy could open a natural 1♥ and jumped to game at her next turn facing the simple raise. Zmuda, like Smith, had contented herself with a quiet 2♠ in response to her partner's take-out double but, unlike

Smith, she did not sacrifice over 4♥. Dufrat cashed the spades then switched to a club. Dhondy won and led the jack of hearts to the king then back to her ten, losing to the queen for down one and –100; England 3 IMPs.

Should Dhondy have got the hearts right? Well, maybe, but it wasn't clear. North's take-out double was a pointer in favour of finessing, but if hearts were three-one might someone have saved at favourable vulnerability?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

You misguess the play of a game contract and the bridge gods promptly put you in game on the next deal as well, again with a crucial decision to make. The Polish N/S pair bid and supported hearts but Senior cuebid 3♥ and trusted her partner to have sufficient in the suit to play the no trump game. Dufrat led a heart round to Dhondy's jack. Dhondy cashed all the spades then led the jack of clubs and was at the critical decision point when Zmuda played low. There wasn't a lot to be learned from the opposing discards, most of which were hearts, but it was North who had overcalled and South who had made only a simple heart raise, so Dhondy played low, playing Zmuda for the queen, and lost to that card on her left. Dufrat played ace and another diamond so the defence collected three of those and the ace of clubs for down one; –100.

Cathy opened the weak no trump variety of Polish Club and Sophia doubled the overcall to show her spades. Sophia doubled at her next turn and Cathy admitted to at least four clubs. Though Cathy next bid 3NT in response to Sophia's cuebid, Sophia was concerned that the hearts might not be up to the task – Cathy had not, after all, either

passed the double of 2♥ nor bid 2NT at that point. Knowing that there was a minimum of an eight-card fit, and possibly more, she jumped to 5♣, a hopeless contract when partner did turn up with powerful hearts. On a non-heart lead, 5♣ should be down two, but Wiseman had no strong reason to do other than lead the partnership's agreed suit, and the heart ran round to the jack and meant that Cathy could take three diamond discards in the dummy. However, there were two unavoidable trump losers and the defence still had one diamond to take so the contract was down one for -100 and a push board. England, however, had missed big opportunities on two successive boards.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♦	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both Souths could show diamonds via a transfer and both took a shot at 3NT on hearing of partner's diamond support.

Cathy led the four of spades, Smith ducking Sophia's jack then winning the ♠9 continuation with her king. She played the three of clubs now and Cathy grabbed her ace and led the ten of spades. Sophia overtook with the queen but it didn't matter as Smith won her ace and laid down the king of diamonds, unblocking dummy's ten. When the three-nil split came to light she led low to the jack, cashed the ace and rattled off the diamonds then led to the ♣K, not taking any risk for the sake of an overtrick; +400.

Dhondy too led a low spade, the three, to Senior's jack and Zmuda's ace. Zmuda led the three of clubs and Dhondy rose with the ace and played the ten of spades. Zmuda won and picked up the diamonds then, like Smith, settled for a safe nine tricks; +400 and no swing.

To beat 3NT, West had to win and lead the queen of

hearts when in with the ♣A. Can partner really have ♠KQJxx(x), or in Sophia's case ♠AQJxx? Smith Peters should resolve that issue, East's club card telling partner whether spades are running or it is time to try a switch, and perhaps if West assumes that declarer will get the diamonds right and will take the club finesse if she needs it, she can see that there are likely to be nine tricks if declarer has the ♥A or a second spade winner so that it is now or never.

Three No Trump by South was made nine times and failed six times, but the failures were sometimes because declarer got the diamonds wrong. You can read elsewhere about tables where the contract was beaten despite a winning diamond play.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Would you open the East hand as dealer with both sides vulnerable? My bet is that the majority who held the hand did so. If you do, you will probably match the English uncontested auction to 2♥, while if you pass your opponents are likely to bid uncontested to 3NT, as at Sophia's table.

Dufrat led the eight of diamonds against 2♥, Zmuda winning the king and cashing the ace. Dufrat showed an original odd number of cards by following with the two, and now Zmuda switched to a low spade, Dufrat winning the ace and switching in turn to the king of clubs. Dhondy won that and played the queen of spades to the king and ruff, ruffed a diamond to get to dummy, and took a club pitch on the jack of spades. Had that stood up, she would have been in good shape, but Dufrat ruffed and played the queen of clubs, and there was no way for Dhondy to avoid

two trumps tricks; down one for –100.

That would be quite a bargain should 3NT be making in the other room, but the cards lie badly for N/S and it always rated to be an uphill struggle. Sophia led a low spade and Wiseman ran that to her nine then unblocked the ace. She led the eight of diamonds and ducked it to Cathy's ten, and Cathy returned the five of clubs, low from a doubleton, to the king and ace. Sophia continued with her low club to partner's nine, ducked by Wiseman. I'm not sure how clever the low club return might have been had declarer held the nine instead of the seven, but maybe nothing else looked very attractive either. Cathy got out with a low diamond to the queen and ace and Wiseman tried to split the suit. When diamonds did not oblige, she exited with the fourth diamond and Cathy had to lead from the ♥K. Wiseman put up the queen and cashed the ♣Q but had only eight tricks so was down one for –100 and 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
Pass	Pass	1♣	INT
All Pass			

Senior's 1♣ could have been a doubleton. Zmuda doubled then rebid INT to show a hand too good for an initial INT overcall, and Dufrat raised her to game. Dhondy led the ten of spades, which ran to declarer's queen. With no likely dummy entry, Zmuda had little option but to play clubs from the top, continuing with a third round when the queen did not fall. Senior won the third club and returned a low diamond. Zmuda played low so Dhondy won the queen and played a spade and the defence took three of those for down one and –100.

Sophia's 1♣ was Polish, three-way, and Smith overcalled a slightly heavy INT. Wiseman was not tempted to try for game with her scrappy seven-count so the English pair had stopped at a safe level. Cathy led the seven of hearts to the

ten and ace and Smith played three rounds of clubs. Sophia won the ♣Q and returned a diamond. Smith played ultra-safe, rising with the ace and cashing her club winners before exiting with a diamond, but the defence had the rest; seven tricks for +90 and 5 IMPs to England.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
–	1♦	1♥	1♠
3♥	4♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
–	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

Though Dhondy's 3♥ raise was pre-emptive, she was vulnerable for the bid and Senior had enough to go on to game. Four Hearts is not a very good contract but it has one priceless merit – it makes. Zmuda's 1♠ had shown values but denied four spades and now, facing a partner whose diamonds could be rebid at the four level, she took the save in 5♦, doubled by Senior, who led ace and another heart. The second heart was ruffed and Dufrat drew trumps ending in dummy then led a club to the ten and queen. With no entry to the West hand (other than an initial low heart) there was no way to get a defensive spade trick and Senior just cashed the ♣A and settled for down one, the ♠Q going on the fourth club; –200.

Facing a 1♦ opening which would always contain at least five diamonds unless three-suited, Smith raised to 2♦ after the overcall. Wiseman was content to compete with 3♦ when Cathy raised to only 2♥, but when Sophia in turn competed to 3♥, Wiseman took the push to 4♦. It probably didn't occur to her that her opponents had been just competing the partscore when cold for game, albeit rather fortuitously, but Cathy gave it a look before passing out 4♦ – she did have an extra heart for her bidding to date and it sounded as though partner might have a singleton diamond. When Cathy finally passed out 4♦, Wiseman just lost one heart and two clubs so the contract was just made for +130 and 8 IMPs to England.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.			
<div><div><div>♠ 7 4 2</div><div>♥ A 10 9 2</div><div>♦ A 7 2</div><div>♣ J 7 4</div></div><div><div>♠ Q 10 6 5 3</div><div>♥ Q 7</div><div>♦ J 4 3</div><div>♣ K 9 2</div></div><div><div>♠ K</div><div>♥ K 8 6 5 3</div><div>♦ 10 6</div><div>♣ A 8 6 5 3</div></div><div><div>♠ A J 9 8</div><div>♥ J 4</div><div>♦ K Q 9 8 5</div><div>♣ Q 10</div></div><div><div>N</div><div>W E</div><div>S</div></div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	INT	2♠
3♥	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
—	—	2♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

Senior passed as dealer then overcalled INT to show a heart/club two-suiter and Dhondy competed with 3♥ but that was all and her opponents stopped accurately in 3♠, against which Senior led the five of hearts. Dhondy won the ♥A and switched to the four of clubs. Senior won the ace, cashed the king of hearts, then switched back to clubs. Dufrat, with no use for a second club trick, overtook the queen with the king to take the spade finesse. When the king appeared on her left she had just one diamond to lose; nine tricks for +140.

Sophia had the methods to permit her to open the East hand, 2♥ showing a weak hand with five hearts and a five-card or longer minor. Smith doubled and Cathy raised to game, bullying Wiseman into bidding 4♠, where she played. Sophia led the five of hearts, Cathy winning the ace and switching to the seven of clubs. Sophia won the ace and continued with a second club to dummy's queen. With a very important use for a second club trick, Wiseman did not overtake. Working out that there could be no point in trying to get to hand to take the spade finesse (East would be ruffing a diamond if she held ♠Kx(x), Wiseman laid down a hopeful ace of spades and would have felt very happy to see the king put in an appearance. She could draw trumps, discard the heart loser on the king of clubs, then knock out the ace of diamonds; ten tricks and +420 for 7 IMPs to England.



Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.			
<div><div><div>♠ K 10 3</div><div>♥ K J 10 7 6</div><div>♦ 5 4 2</div><div>♣ A 7</div></div><div><div>♠ 9 8 7</div><div>♥ A</div><div>♦ K Q J</div><div>♣ K Q J 8 6 2</div></div><div><div>♠ J 5 2</div><div>♥ 5 4 3</div><div>♦ A 10 7 6 3</div><div>♣ 4 3</div></div><div><div>♠ A Q 6 4</div><div>♥ Q 9 8 2</div><div>♦ 9 8</div><div>♣ 10 9 5</div></div><div><div>N</div><div>W E</div><div>S</div></div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Dufrat	Senior	Zmuda
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Wiseman	S. Baldysz	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The first rounds of the two auctions were identical but then Cathy rebid 3♥ to get in her opponents' way while Dhondy did not. You have to sympathise with Dhondy who, had, after all, opened 1♥ on a weak no trump, so why should she bid again?

Well, with no 3♥ bid from the opposition, Dufrat could cuebid 3♥ herself and that clearly asked partner to bid 3NT with a suitable heart holding, while surely denying four spades, and Zmuda duly obliged. Wiseman could not cuebid so had to make do with a take-out double. Yes, there is a good case for saying that the double replaces a cuebid, but you sometimes do want to show extras with a more take-out orientated hand, so it was a bit more difficult for Smith, who opted for a 4♣ response and there was no longer a good game available to the English pair. Knowing from the double of 2♥ that Smith had spades, Wiseman took a stab at 4♥ over 4♣ and was left to play there.

Sophia led a heart against 4♠. Wiseman won the bare ace and played the king of clubs, Cathy winning and returning a diamond to the king and ace. Back came a second diamond so Wiseman won the queen and ran the nine of spades, losing to the ten. She won the club return and played a second spade, the eight being covered by jack, queen and king, and that was done down. Wiseman could win the diamond return, cash the ace of spades, and run the clubs; -100.

Three No Trump can be beaten, but it is where you would want to play and the winning defence is not easy to find. Dhondy led the jack of hearts to dummy's bare ace and

Zmuda played the king of clubs, ducked, then the queen. Dhondy won that and played a spade round to declarer's queen. Zmuda played a diamond so Senior won and returned a heart but Dhondy could take only two of those so the contract was just made for +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Did I say that the defence to beat 3NT was not easy to find? Over the four series, 3NT was played 23 times and it made... 23 times!

To beat it, E/W must lead a heart. West wins the second club and leads the jack of hearts to South's queen, declarer's eighth trick. But West is under no pressure on the run of the clubs and declarer has no entry to dummy's hearts to lead one to endplay her. Eventually, either West wins the ♠K or East the ♦A, and now the three heart winners can be cashed.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

N

W

E

S

♠ K 9 8 4 2
♥ K 4
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Baldysz</i>	<i>Wiseman</i>	<i>S. Baldysz</i>	<i>Smith</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs bid to the spade game, which looks to be an uphill struggle but, again, the defence isn't easy with West holding too much and having no obvious entry to the East hand.

Dhondy led ace and another heart to declarer's king. Zmuda played two rounds of clubs and Dhondy won the king and tried a diamond – not that it mattered at this point. Zmuda won the diamond and cashed the king and ace of spades then ran the clubs and had ten tricks for +420.

Cathy led a low club. Smith played low from dummy, won the jack with the ace and returned the ♣10. Cathy won that with the king and cashed the ace of hearts then, having received a discouraging signal from partner, tried a diamond. Smith won, played the ♠K, then a low spade and put in the ten. Winning the diamond return, she cashed the ♠A and claimed the rest; no swing at +420.

There had been some missed chances, but the set ended with England having a narrow advantage of 27-24 IMPs, but there was a long way to go.



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WUHAN XINGYUTU MEDIA	Wenjun CHEN, Zichao KANG, Zhenbo WU, Jin YAN, Shi Rock YAN, Qiang ZHANG, Zhenbo WU captain
WUHU BRIDGE TEAM	Ting CAO, Wei CHEN, Lan An FENG, Yong LI, Guowu LYU, Xinmin WU, Guowu LYU captain, Guowu LYU coach
XINJIANGYILI	Jiean GU, Weidong HUANG, Xiangdong LIU, Yong WANG, Qiang XIE, Jianzheng ZHOU, Weidong HUANG captain, Xiangdong LIU coach
YBT	Kuo-Paw CHENG, Ehud FRIEDLANDER, Inon LIRAN, Juei-Yu SHIH, Chen YEH, Yalan ZHANG, Chen YEH captain, Shu-Ping YEH TONG coach
YENOVA	Yue GUAN, Changcheng LI, Junxiang LIANG, Liangkai WU, Jun ZHANG, Xuejun ZHANG
YUNNAN	Rong LI, Tao MA, Yonghong XUN, Dan YU, Xiangyun ZHENG, Fangming LI captain, Yaoxing MA coach
ZHEJIANG JINJIANG	Yuanluo WANG, Yuanwei WANG, Xuenan WU, Yuwei WU, Fan YE, Wei ZHANG, Yuanluo WANG captain, Yuanwei WANG coach
ZHEJIANGQIANTANG	Jianming DAI, Yan HUANG, Jing Rong RAN, Lixin YANG, Yu ZHANG, Jie ZHAO, Feilan ZHANG captain
ZHONGSHAN JIEGAO	Xiaofeng GUO, Weiwei HE, Yong HUANG, Song LIU, Yiping LU, Zhijun ZHANG
ZJJDWUHANANYUAN	Wenbin CAI, Ming GENG, Donglin TAO, Tianqi WU, Xiangping ZHANG, Zhiqiang ZHU, Tianqi WU captain, Xiangdong YU coach



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Transnational Teams

After Round 5

1 INDONESIA OPEN	78.66	41 WUHU BRIDGE TEAM	53.43	81 BBC THAILAND	42.26
2 SHEN	76.43	42 CANADA SENIORS	53.28	82 ONE ESSENTIAL OF RED	41.34
3 ZHONGSHAN JIEGAO	74.81	43 PIONEERS	53.01	83 IRELAND	40.91
4 ISRAEL OPEN	74.49	44 DONGFENG FENGSHEN	52.94	84 THAILAND MIXED	40.74
5 RUSSIA OPEN	72.84	45 CCSA	52.68	85 ANIT NEGRA	40.73
6 AURUSSIA	70.91	46 HONG PRAISE TEAM	52.20	86 ZJJDWUHANUYUAN	40.47
7 POLMANY	69.64	47 SIVY A	51.78	86 LEWIS	40.47
8 INDONESIA MIXED	68.66	48 BEIJINGXUGUANG	51.09	88 WUHAN ENGINEERING	40.41
9 SHANGHAILVCHENG	68.15	49 ASYMCHEM	51.04	89 PK NZ	40.28
10 REIGNWOOD	67.76	50 HUBEI FUXING	50.61	90 DONGFENG AUTO CO LTD	39.98
11 DALIAN AOXIN	66.58	51 WARHORSE	50.56	91 NEIMENGGU	39.57
12 JXBA	65.54	52 YENOVA	50.11	92 NORWAY SENIORS	39.55
13 ZHEJIANGQIANTANG	65.11	53 CHANG HONG	49.84	93 POLAND SENIORS	39.28
14 PD TIMES	64.61	54 FAR EAST	49.44	94 FUJIAN BOSSOFT	39.03
15 BRIDGESCANER	62.72	55 HENGZHOU FINANCE	49.35	95 HUAXINHUANBAO	38.19
16 CRE8IVE	62.63	56 HIIMOTOR	49.26	96 CARIBBEAN PIRATES	37.09
17 AUSTRALIA MIXED	62.19	57 CHINA JUNIORS	49.07	97 WUHAN	36.21
18 SWISS TEAM	62.13	58 SANMING EDUCATION	49.00	98 NEWB	35.99
19 WUHAN DONGFANG	62.05	59 NEW ZEALAND OPEN	48.98	99 SHANGHAI GUHUA	35.77
20 GUIZHOU ZHENGYE	61.71	60 CHINESE TAIPEI MIXED	48.77	100 MINGXIN GROUP	35.51
21 YBT	61.26	61 SAN CHEN FUND	48.17	101 WUHAN JIANG AN AREA	34.69
22 AUSTRALIA SENIORS	60.72	62 POLAND MIXED	48.05	102 AUSTRALIA OPEN	34.28
23 JSQX NJZS BRIDGECLUB	59.92	63 TURKEY SENIORS	47.82	103 INDIA WOMEN	33.82
24 WE THE NORTH	59.84	64 JINSHUO	47.47	104 METALLURGY FED	32.79
25 ITALY SENIORS	59.83	65 CANADA CHINA UNITED	47.46	105 SEOUL MIXED	32.68
26 SEOUL OPEN	59.68	66 NAMO KK	47.38	106 ITS MAGIC	31.85
27 INDIA OPEN	59.02	67 ZHEJIANG JINJIANG	47.28	107 BANGKOK MIND SPORT	29.13
28 MILLENS	58.29	68 MIX DENMARK	46.71	108 TIANYA BRIDGE FATE	27.11
29 ITALY MIXED	58.18	69 SCOTMARK	46.46	109 OZ ANGELS	18.74
30 FORMIDABLES	57.32	70 INDIA TSANGPO	45.91	110 ENSEMBLE	10.88
31 BRAZIL MIXED	56.39	71 USA I SENIORS	45.60		
32 INDONESIA SENIORS	55.43	72 CHINA HUOCHETOU	45.11		
33 YUNNAN	55.13	73 KONG HAN	43.83		
34 NANGANG POWER	55.09	74 BRIDGEFRIENDS	42.96		
35 GINNAN	55.03	75 JILIN BA	42.94		
36 GALAGILE	54.87	76 BANGLADESH	42.74		
37 CHINA XHJT	54.84	77 SCOTLAND BLUE	42.69		
38 WUHAN XINGYUTU MEDIA	54.08	78 PSG	42.67		
39 HUBEI BRIDGE TEAM	53.70	79 XINJIANGYILI	42.46		
40 CHENGDU GUOLI	53.48	80 UICC WUHAN	42.38		

