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# YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD TEAM DOWN

At the start of play in the Bermuda Bowl quarter-finals on Tuesday, **USA I** was down to **England** by 63 IMPs with 48 boards to play. **England** had looked strong in taking the big lead, so prospects were not good for the Americans. When the quarter-final was over, **USA I** was celebrating a remarkable comeback after outscoring their opponents 140-44 to win 195-162. **USA I**, the leading round robin qualifier, are now in the semifinals with a chance to capture another title. All members of the team have world championships to their credit.

That was not the only excitement in the final day of quarter-final play. In the *d'Orsi* Senior Trophy, **Denmark** made it to the semi-final with a I-IMP win over **France**. **Denmark** will play **India**, who advanced with a 3-IMP win over **Chinese Taipei**.

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

Semi-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

All Semi-final matches will be shown on BBO

In the VuGraph theater you can see:

10.00 SFI

VC China - Netherlands VG/BBOI

13.30 SF2

BB USAI - Poland VG/BBOI

16.30

To be decided

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Teams who do not qualify for the knockout phase of the Transnational can play in the **Wuhan Grand Prix** on Thursday and Friday. You can play in one or both of these Board-a-Match events. Register online or at the Hospitality Desk. There is no entry fee, provided you have played in the Transnational 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! Otherwise, you risk it being retained overnight!



#### **Press Conference**

The WBF Press Conference will be held on **Friday 27 September at 9.00** in the YOU HAO PALACE at the 3rd floor of the Venue.

#### **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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Notwithstanding anything that may appear elsewhere the following shall apply:

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









# **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



## Misdefend this Hand with Me in Wuhan

by Mark Horton

At the start of the fourth session of a long match, I pick up a promising collection:

Dealer South. None Vul.

**♠** A K 2

♡ 8 3

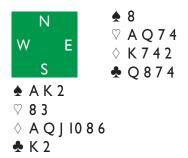
♦ AQJI086

♣ K 2

I start with I♣, which in our system promises a strong hand. When West overcalls 4♠ my partner doubles and I decide to pass, leaving us with this brief exchange:

West	North	East	South
_	_	_	♣*
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

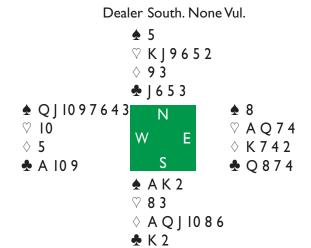
My partner leads the  $\lozenge$ 9 and dummy has bits and pieces:



When declarer plays dummy's two I follow with the six and declarer plays the five. Partner continues with the missing diamond and declarer again plays low from dummy, ruffs my ten and plays the ♠Q. I win with the ace as partner follows with the five. If partner has the ♣A we can do some

serious damage, but laying down the ♣K would be speculative. Trusting that partner has a second spade I exit with the ◇8. Declarer pitches the ♣9 and when partner cannot produce a trump dummy's king wins and declarer ruffs a diamond high and plays the ♣J. I can win that, but it proves to be the last trick for the defence, as declarer ruffs my diamond exit and eventually takes the heart finesse to arrive at ten tricks.

This was the layout:

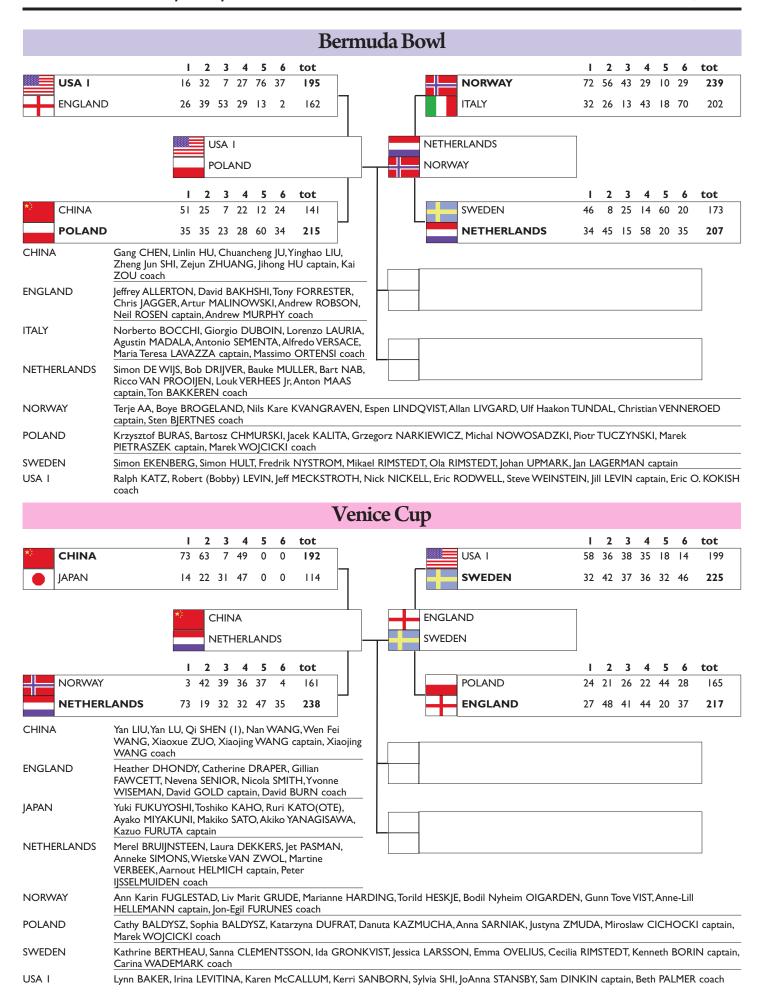


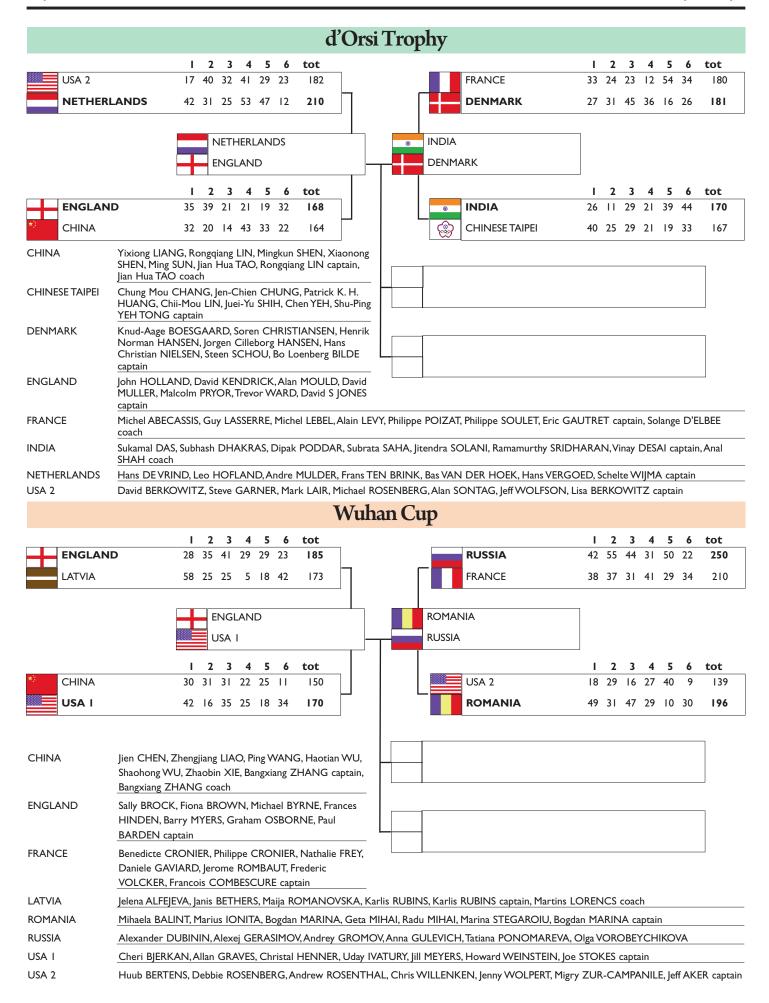
Post mortem

There was no need to take the risk that partner held only one trump. Exiting with a heart at trick four is one way to ensure the demise of the contract. Cashing the ♠A is also possible. If North does not signal for clubs a heart switch is then the winning defence.

At the other table, South unerringly switched to the  $\nabla 8$ .







# Repeating Suicide Squeeze

by Brian Senior

The Australian Seniors team picked up a nice swing on this deal from Round 5 of the Transnational Open Teams Swiss qualifying stage. In one room their opponents decided that the spade stopper was inadequate for 3NT and stopped in 3%, just making for +140. In the other room, Peter Buchen and Ian Thomson, for Australia Seniors, bid to 3NT via the auction below.

Round 5. Board 18. Dealer East, N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Buchen		Thomson
_	_	Pass	I ♦
Pass	2♣	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Two Clubs was natural and game-forcing and Thomson's double of the overcall was not penalty but showed hearts. Buchen asked partner for a spade stopper and Thomson duly bid 3NT as requested.

West led the nine of spades and East ducked to keep open communications with his partner. Thomson won the queen of spades and played a spade straight back to East!

East was now in the position of having to either cash the spades or probably never getting another opportunity to do so. A heart switch is best on the actual layout and leads to the demise of the contract, but East, as would many of us, decided to cash the spade winners and hope for the best.

On the third spade, West could pitch a club. On the fourth, declarer threw a heart from hand and a club from dummy, while West discarded a heart. But the fifth spade left West without recourse. In practice, he pitched a second club so that was that — declarer threw a heart from each hand and had one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs, so nine in all — but it would not have mattered had West chosen to unguard one of the red suits instead.

Say that West throws a second heart. Declarer can win East's diamond exit and play ace and another heart to the jack, and that squeezes West again in the minors. Or perhaps West chooses to unguard the diamonds? Declarer wins East's return and cashes the  $\heartsuit$ A then all the diamonds, and this time West is squeezed in hearts and clubs. It is a repeating squeeze and, once East decides to cash his spade winners, there is no escape. By giving up the club guard first, West merely deprived declarer of the pleasure of operating the repeating part of the squeeze.



The Australian Seniors team, now competing in the Transnational



#### Wuhan Cup QF S2

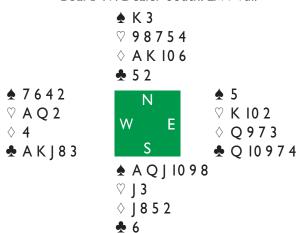
#### Russia v France



After the first segment of all four Mixed Teams quarterfinals, the scores were by no means very close, with one exception. Both Latvia and Romania were well ahead against England and USA 2. China were leading USA 1 by 12 IMPs and the only close match was Russia v France, with Russia leading by just 4 IMPs.

There had been no carry-overs, so the IMPs scored were coming directly from the matches in progress. Russia and France had already scored 80 between them over the first segment and Russia had added two more since then, so with the score at 44-38 to Russia, this was Board 19.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
_	_	_	2♠
3♣	4♠	5♣	All Pass

Gerasimov's pre-empting level was not high enough to silence Bénédicte Cronier. For Philippe, a further bid was automatic, independent of any action taken by North or not. With many trump tricks for the taking and only two losers, II tricks were always there; France a fine +600.

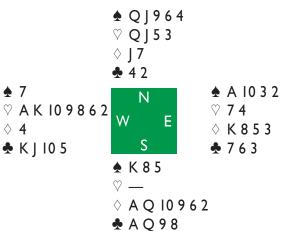
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
_	_	_	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Overcalling at the level of four was asking just too much from Gromov. Volcker, however, found a bid, so the French ended up in game at this table, too. With the diamonds 4-I and the hearts 3-3, the defenders need to prevent declarer establishing hearts. They can do it by having West shift to a diamond early to remove one of dummy's late entries, but he did not do so; another +420 and 14 IMPs to France.

And next:

## Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
I♡	Pass	I <b>♠</b>	2♦
4♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South found a nice revealing double that, for a change, was only useful to her own side. Well timed, down two and +500 to Russia.

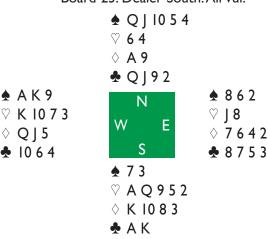
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
I♡	Pass	I♠	2♦
2♡	Pass	Pass	3♣
30	All Pass		

The quieter approach by Gromov paid its dividends when he escaped undoubled, and moreover went one trick less down; France only +100 but 9 IMPs to Russia.

Five more Russian IMPs on slightly better part-scores and then a case of right-siding a game contract.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
_	_	_	♣*
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After the Strong Club start, diamonds were never mentioned in the Russian auction. What is more, as the cards lie, East will never get the lead. West did her best and led the  $\Diamond Q$  but declarer won the king in hand, unblocked the top clubs and tried a spade. West ducked this and declarer cashed dummy's clubs and diamond and exited in spades, emerging with +630. If Bénédicte wins the first spade, she could try another diamond but she will be endplayed later anyway.

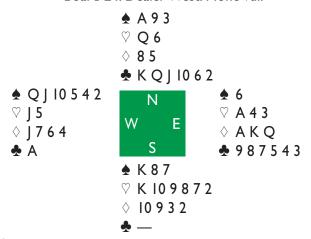
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
_	_	_	Ι♡
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After a different auction, Gulevich as East seized her only chance to lead anything with both hands. She pulled out the  $\heartsuit$ J. Declarer, not knowing that this lead had been from  $\heartsuit$ Jx, did not go for an endplay but simply finessed the  $\heartsuit$ 9 on his way back to hand later after dummy's  $\triangledown$ Q lost the first trick to the  $\triangledown$ K. When West won the  $\triangledown$ I0, that was the defence's fifth trick, to add to the  $\triangledown$ K, a diamond and the top spades. The play had gone:  $\triangledown$ K,  $\diamondsuit$ J back to the king, two clubs,  $\diamondsuit$ A and two more clubs and then the failing heart finesse; Russia another +100 and 12 IMPs more to them.

Once again, the difference in pre-empting level decided the outcome of a board on deal 24:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Looking at four tricks, Philippe had no option but to bid one more. Well done; France +420. West's  $\lozenge J$  was the gamegoing trick, of course.

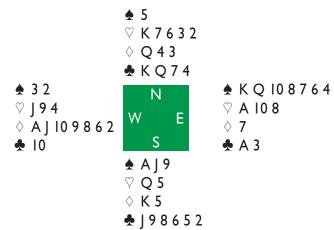
The contract might have been defeated easily (?), had South ruffed partner's  $\clubsuit K$  lead at trick one. When he discarded a heart, not knowing that a ruff would not see declarer's club loser fall on thin air, declarer was home.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
2♠	3♣	Dble	3♡
All Pass			

In spite of the 100 honours, 3♣ would not have been a pleasure for declarer. When 3♥ escaped without a double, Frey went two down in peace for +100 to Russia but 8 IMPs to France.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
_	_	♠	Pass
INT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

If, before turning your attention to trumps, you use dummy's two entries to play hearts, you will bring home your spade game with ten tricks. That's exactly what Philippe Cronier did, of course; France +620.

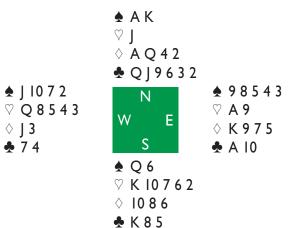
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
_	_	I♠	Pass
INT	Dble	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

Gulevich's 3♠ was not high enough to deter Frey. Everybody was happy after her 3NT bid (or maybe not) and the contract went two down on a spade lead. The defence simply held too many outside aces to give declarer any chance at all; Russia +200 but another 9 IMPs to France, who at this point were trailing by just 1 IMP: 69-70.

A better-scoring game and an overtrick had made it 74-69 to Russia when Board 30 arrived:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
_	_	I♠	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

What now? Lead the unpromising partnership suit, spades, or try something else? Philippe Cronier led a diamond, which cost a vital tempo. In the end, declarer even made two overtricks: Russia +460.



Andrey Gromov, Russia

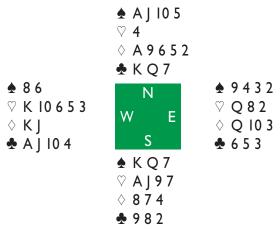
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
_	_	I ♠	Pass
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Different auction, same contract, but a different lead and different outcome. Two down on a spade lead; Russia +100 and another 11 IMPs to them.

Another lead problem against 3NT on the next board.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
B Cronier	Vorobeychikova	P Cronier	Gerasimov
_	_	_	Pass
Ι♡	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣J and persisted with clubs after winning the first diamond trick. Declarer had all the time in the world to come to 10 tricks; Russia +630.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Volcker	Gulevich	Frey
_	_	_	Pass
I	Dble	2♡	Dble
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

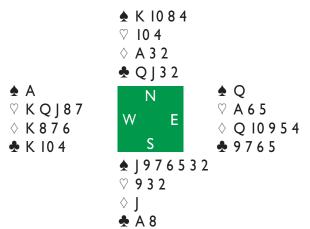
Gulevich's polite heart raise was all Gromov needed to decide that leading the partnership's suit might be best. Right he was when the first heart produced the queen and ace. When East correctly overtook West's  $\lozenge J$  at the next trick (declarer ducking a diamond) and pushed a heart through, Gromov, who still held the  $\triangle A$ , simply established the 13th heart. One down; Russia another +100 and another 12 IMPs to them. They had won the segment 55-37 and extended their lead to 22 IMPs at 97-75.

# The Icing on the Cake

by Brian Senior

Roughly a third of the field made  $5\lozenge/\heartsuit$  on the E/W cards on this deal from Set Four of the quarter-finals, so those N/Ss who bought the hand in  $4\spadesuit$  were already ahead of the game. Actually making  $4\spadesuit$  was therefore just the icing on the cake.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



In the Open match between China and Poland, Zheng Jun Shi received the lead of the king of hearts from Poland's Jacek Kalita, who continued with the  $\heartsuit Q$ , Michal Nowosadzki overtaking with the ace and switching to the ten of diamonds to the jack, king and ace. Shi ruffed a diamond, ruffed his last heart, then ruffed dummy's last diamond. Only now was it time to play on trumps, and when Kalita proved to have the bare ace he was endplayed, forced to either give a ruff and discard or lead away from the king of clubs, either of which would give the contract; +420.

Four Spades was also the contract at the other table, were Gang Chen also led the king of hearts. However, at trick two he cashed the ace of spades before continuing with the  $\heartsuit Q$ . Zejun Zhuang overtook and he too found the wrong minor-suit switch, but it didn't matter as, with the  $\triangle A$  out of the way, Chen could sit and wait for declarer to take the club finesse; down one.

Altogether, 22 Souths played in 4♠, with 10 making and 12 going down.

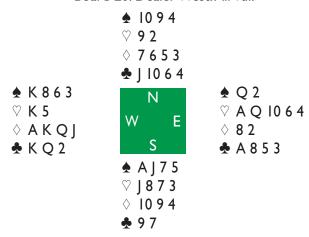


## **Strip Squeeze Missed**

by Povl Sommer, captain of the Danish Mixed team

In the quarter-final match between Denmark and France both Wests went down in a possible slam on Board 20 of Set Four.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



Both defenders, Nielsen and Lebel, led the ten of spades against 6NT. Now both declarers covered with the queen, losing to South's ace, and back came the five of spades. Now there was no chance as the cards lay.

If declarer had decided to play the two of spades from the table at trick one, the ten would have run to his king. He could try the three top clubs, getting the bad news that the clubs were four-two, then take all four diamonds, discarding one heart and the useless fourth club. South has to discard two low spades to keep his heart guard, and declarer cashes the king and ace of hearts. Declarer pauses to check what is going on but, after South has discarded the jack of spades, the actual layout is a huge favourite. Accordingly, he exits with the queen of spades to South's ace and the heart return round to the queen-ten gives the contract.

I wonder if any declarer at any of the other 30 tables made 6NT this way?



The answer to Povl's question is that three declarers made 6NT in the suggested fashion. They were Makiko Sato of the Japanese Venice Cup team, Jill Meyers of USA1 Mixed, and Hans Vergoed of Netherlands Seniors. Well done to them. A total of 18 declarers who received a spade lead went down (ed.).



Ron Tacchi

Venice Cup QF S3

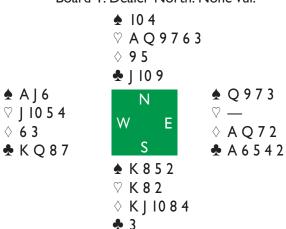
### Sweden v USAI



After two stanzas of six, USA I hold a mere twenty IMP lead over Sweden – the closest of the four quarter-finals. With 64 boards still to play, the match becomes more than just a question of skill, but of concentration and focus. The teams have already endured eight days of relentless competition; now they must maintain their discipline and play in the moment. Sweden obviously needs to peg back the American team so as to start the second day on an even footing, whilst their opponents will be keen to deliver a knock-out blow.

Team USA I employ five-card majors with two-over-one and a strong NT which occasionally is 14-16 for the Stansby/Shi partnership. Similar methods are employed by their opponents but Övelius/Clementsson at times use a weak no-trump.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Övelius	Stansby	Clementsson	Shi
_	2♡	Dble	3♡
3NT	All Pass		



Sylvia Shi, USA I

Nobody did anything obviously foolish, but the result did not give that appearance. North led the fourth highest of her longest and strongest to South's king of hearts and she returned the eight to the ten and queen with dummy discarding one diamond and one spade. North continued with the nine of diamonds and declarer rose with dummy's ace. The queen of spades was fatally covered by the king and ace. Declarer now cashed her two high clubs and led a third. I suspect a *fingerfehler* as she inexplicably played a small one from dummy, her nine tricks (the spade ten falls and gives declarer an entry to dummy to cash the fifth club) suddenly shrinking to four.

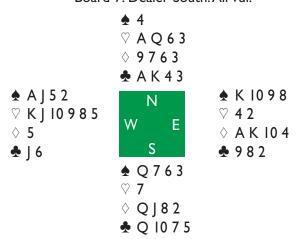
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	3♡	Dble	4♡
Dble	All Pass		

The exuberance of youth (anyone younger than fifty is a youth to me) allowed North to value her hand worthy of a three-level pre-empt, and she soon found herself in Four Hearts doubled. There were five tricks to lose for -300 and LL IMPs out rather than 3 IMPs in.

On Board 2 Sweden lost a further 5 IMPs from two onelevel contracts, one failing and one making.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Övelius	Stansby	Clementsson	Shi
_	_	_	Pass
ΙŸ	Pass	I <b>♠</b>	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♡*	All Pass		

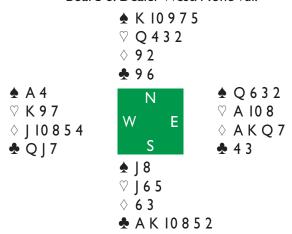
2NT was apparently some form of game try. Some of us might have contented ourselves with a mere  $3\heartsuit$  with the West hand. The cards were not kindly placed for declarer, so after the lead of  $\clubsuit$ AK she failed by three tricks.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	_	Pass
$I \heartsuit$	Pass	l <b>♠</b>	Pass
2♠	Dble	Rdbl	2NT*
3♠	All Pass		

After the intervention by N/S, East was not encouraged to risk a game contract. South led the queen of diamonds, won by declarer's ace, and she then cashed the king discarding one of dummy's losing clubs. A heart to the jack and queen followed and North cashed the king of clubs and exited with a diamond, ruffed in dummy. The king of hearts brought the ace from North, who now needed to continue with a club to defeat the contract. However, she led another heart and now declarer was back in control. South had not helped her partner by discarding her two diamonds, promoting declarer's ten to a winner. Had she not done so, then North could have led any card to defeat the contract. This was another 10 IMPs to USA 1, who had outscored Sweden by 31 IMPs over the first seven deals.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Övelius	Stansby	Clementsson	Shi
INT*	Pass	2◊*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
INT 10-13 2♦ GF Stay	rman		

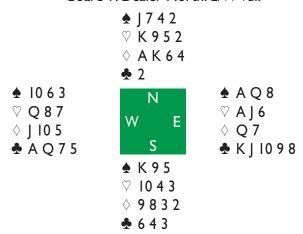
A success for the weak no-trump. East forced to game with Stayman and they duly arrived in 3NT, the par contract. Whatever suit the defence attacked would set up declarer's ninth trick, though she could equally easily do it herself; nine tricks and +400.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
$  \diamond \rangle$	Pass	I♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	5◊	All Pass

I must confess nothing would persuade me to open the West hand with One Diamond, but doing so gave South the chance to show her club suit. Now it was difficult for E/W to stop in 3NT and unfortunately for them the game contract they tried was Five Diamonds. Three rounds of clubs put paid to any chance declarer may have had; 10 IMPs back to Sweden.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



#### Open Room

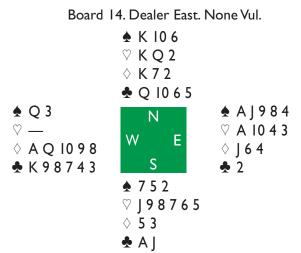
West	North	East	South
Övelius	Stansby	Clementsson	Shi
_	I ♦	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It is a matter of partnership agreement as to how good a diamond stop one needs to have in order to bid INT over a Double. It paid handsome dividends here as East was strong enough to go directly to the NT game. When North cashed the  $\lozenge$ AK and continued the suit, declarer only needed the heart finesse for her ninth trick.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	I ♦	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2◊*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

In the Closed Room West elected to show her club suit. When East made her diamond cue-bid West did not rate her \$\Implies 105\$ as a stop and so the partnership landed in Five Clubs. On the third round of diamonds, declarer discarded a spade from dummy. On this layout this resulted in two undertricks, since declarer had to lose a trick in each major; had she discarded a heart, then after a successful heart finesse she could have eliminated that suit and eventually played a small spade towards dummy and covered whatever card North played. That was 13 IMPs back to Sweden, who now had lost only 8 IMPs in spite of the bad start to the stanza.



West	North	East	South
Övelius	Stansby	Clementsson	Shi
_	_	I♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Had South started with a small heart, the contract would have had no chance. However, the lead was the ace of clubs and, although there was still time to beat the contract by switching to a heart, the defence was now more difficult as, after taking two hearts, North must switch back to clubs.

However, South continued with her attack on the club suit and the trick was taken by dummy's king. The queen of spades was covered by the king and won by declarer's ace and the jack of diamonds was passed to North's king. North now attacked the heart suit, but it was too late, as declarer rose with the ace, cashed her diamonds and was prepared to take the spade finesse to make her contract. But North had already discarded a spade and so the ten showed up, which must have calmed East's nerves.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	Pass	Pass
I ♦	Dble	l <b>♠</b>	2♡
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After the take-out double, South could be confident that North would have some useful cards in the suit and when a heart was led East took her ace immediately and tried the diamond finesse, its failure spelling doom for the contract, as North now continued the heart suit. The defence took five hearts, a diamond and the ace of clubs, for three off and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

It was, as football pundits are wont to say, a game of two halves, but at the end USA I had squeaked the stanza 38-37 and so were now leading by 21 IMPs. Both teams will probably feel relieved that the score was not worse. There was everything to play for.



The Swedish Venice Cup team



#### Bermuda Bowl QF S3

## USA I v England

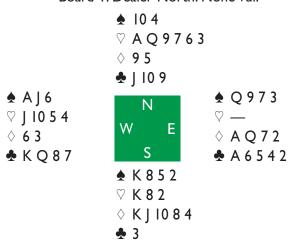


USA I had topped the round robin table and it was no surprise that they chose England as their quarter-final opponents. They had won their round robin encounter by 14.8 VPs to 5.2.

England won the first 16-board set of the quarter-final by 26-16, and were leading by 65-48 after the second set. Marc Smith and I were hoping for more of the same as we took our seats for the third set (out of six).

There was not long to wait for the first action.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Weinstein	Forrester	Levin
_	2♡	Dble	4♡
Dble	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Andrew Robson's responsive double is normally played to deny four spades. Forrester duly continued with 4NT, asking partner to choose a minor suit. It seemed that the resultant club game might need some careful play.

Steve Weinstein led the  $\heartsuit$ A, ruffed in the dummy. Robson finessed the  $\clubsuit$ J successfully, ruffed another heart in dummy and continued with the  $\clubsuit$ Q. Bobby Levin declined to cover and the queen was run, pinning North's  $\spadesuit$ 10. How should declarer continue?

Robson drew trumps in three rounds and continued with his last trump. Levin had to find a discard from  $\bigstar K8 \ \heartsuit K \ \diamondsuit KJ8$ . If he threw the  $\heartsuit K$ , Robson could establish a heart trick. (It might nevertheless have been South's best choice, in case declarer had  $\heartsuit J9$  left.) A spade discard would allow declarer to establish dummy's  $\bigstar 9$ . Levin therefore threw the  $\diamondsuit 8$ .

Robson ducked a round of diamonds, won the spade return and led a diamond to the ace. The  $\Diamond K$  fell from South and the  $\Diamond Q$  was good for an eleventh trick. It was a finely played hand, rewarded by +400 on the scorecard.

#### Closed Room

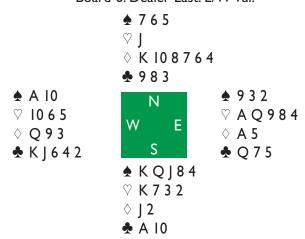
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Malinowski	Meckstroth	Bakhshi
_	2◊*	Pass	3♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Artur Malinowski led the  $\heartsuit 7$  to David Bakhshi's king. The  $\heartsuit 8$  was returned to the jack and North's queen. Meanwhile, Eric Rodwell had thrown spades from the dummy. He won the  $\diamondsuit 9$  switch with dummy's ace, and at first it seemed that he might have made the game with three spade tricks, pinning North's 10, had he kept three spades in the dummy. The flaw in this analysis was that the club suit would be blocked after three rounds. Declarer's spot-cards in the suit were higher than those in the dummy.

Rodwell called for the  $\Phi Q$  and David Bakhshi covered. (If three spades had been kept on the table, he would have had to withhold his king, to ensure that the  $\Phi 9$  did not become an entry for the blocked clubs.) Declarer took four rounds of clubs, ending in his hand. He then cashed the  $\Phi 1$  and conceded two down. It was 11 IMPs to England.

I rarely describe part-scores, but there was interest on this board at both tables:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Weinstein	Forrester	Levin
_	_	I♡	l 🏚
2NT	3♦	All Pass	

Forrester led the  $\heartsuit A$ , after which  $3 \diamondsuit$  can be made. He switched to the  $\clubsuit 5$  and Weinstein won with dummy's  $\clubsuit A$  immediately, leaving defensive communication in the suit intact. Now the defenders were in with a chance.

Declarer discarded a club on the  $\heartsuit K$  and ran the  $\lozenge J$  to East's ace. To beat the contract, West will need to score his

 $^{\circ}Q$ . If Forrester plays the  $^{\circ}Q$  next, declarer ruffs and plays a spade. His aim is to reach dummy, to finesse again in trumps. West wins with the  $^{\bullet}A$  and, after declarer's failure to duck in clubs, can cross to the  $^{\bullet}Q$  for a fourth round of hearts. This allows West to throw the  $^{\bullet}10$ . The entry for the trump finesse will then be dead. My thanks to co-commentator, Marc Smith, for this analysis.

When Forrester played the  $\Phi Q$  instead, a second trump finesse could not be prevented and  $\pm 110$  was the result.

#### Closed Room

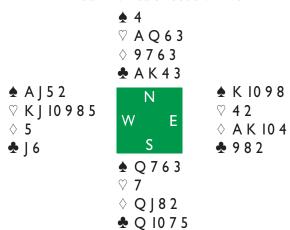
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Malinowski	Meckstroth	Bakhshi
_	_	I	♠
2NT	3♦	3♡	All Pass

Meckstroth won the spade lead with dummy's ace and played a heart to the queen, which was allowed to win. He continued with a spade to South's jack. When Bakhshi switched to the  $\lozenge$ J, Meckstroth played low from dummy. To make the contract, he must duck in his hand also. He opted to win with the  $\lozenge$ A and then ruffed the  $\clubsuit$ 9. The  $\heartsuit$ 10 was run to the South's king, and Bakhshi then forced him with a spade.

When declarer drew trumps and played a club, Bakhshi took the  $\triangle$ A and the defenders scored the last three tricks to put the part-score two down.

That was 3 IMPs to England.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Weinstein	Forrester	Levin
_	_	_	Pass
100	Pass	l <b>♠</b>	Pass
2♠	Dble	Rdbl	2NT
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West's 3♠ would have gone down, and Levin's further push to 4♣ surprised us. When this ran to Forrester in the East seat, he produced a similar Tiger Double to the one that I reported yesterday. He placed his partner with a very likely singleton diamond.

Robson led the singleton  $\lozenge 5$ , Forrester winning with the  $\lozenge K$  and cashing the  $\lozenge A$ . He continued with the  $\lozenge 10$ , a suit-preference signal for spades. Robson ruffed and some players might then have cashed the  $\triangle A$  for a safe one down.

Robson knew that Forrester held two diamond spotcards, otherwise South would not have bid clubs rather than diamonds. The  $\lozenge 10$  was therefore a clear-cut suitpreference card. He returned a low spade to East's king and ruffed a fourth round of diamonds. It was a splendid +500 instead of a minus score in  $3\spadesuit$ .

#### Closed Room

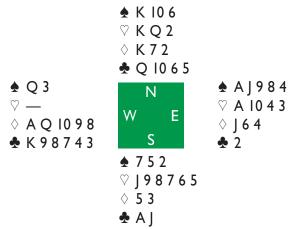
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Malinowski	Meckstroth	Bakhshi
_	_	_	Pass
$I \heartsuit$	Pass	l 🏚	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Bakhshi led his  $\heartsuit 7$  to the jack and queen, Meckstroth following with the  $\heartsuit 4$ . Malinowski switched to the  $\clubsuit A$ , Bakhshi playing the  $\clubsuit 7$ , and continued with the  $\clubsuit K$ . On this trick Bakhshi played his  $\clubsuit Q$ , a suit-preference card for hearts.

North cashed the  $\heartsuit$ A and played a third heart, ruffed with dummy's king. The  $\clubsuit 8$  was run successfully. The  $\clubsuit 9$  was then covered with the queen and ace. Declarer had  $\clubsuit J5$  opposite  $\spadesuit 10$ , but had no way to draw South's  $\spadesuit 76$ . He was two down, and England scored another 12 IMPs.

On our next deal, both sides reached game on a combined 21 points.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Weinstein	Forrester	Levin
_	_	I♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Robson's 2 was not natural. It was an artificial gameforce. When he then showed preference for spades, Forrester's jump to game indicated a minimum hand with no interest in any higher contract. Levin found a heart lead, which was good for the defence. Forrester ruffed with dummy's  $\clubsuit 3$  and continued with the  $\spadesuit Q$ , covered with the king and ace. All followed to the  $\spadesuit J$  and Forrester played a third round, finding a 3-3 break.

The contract was still destined to fail. With no trumps left in dummy, it might have seemed natural for North to play the  $\heartsuit K$ . Declarer would then lose one trick in each suit. Weinstein preferred to lead the  $\clubsuit 6$ , and his partner won with the ace. It was still necessary to play hearts, but this was harder to see from the South seat.

When Levin returned the  $\clubsuit J$ , declarer ruffed with his penultimate trump and ran the  $\lozenge J$ . North ducked, but a second round of diamonds to dummy's 10 allowed Forrester to face his cards and claim +420.

#### Closed Room

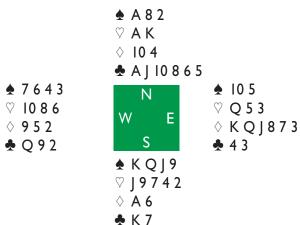
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Malinowski	Meckstroth	Bakhshi
_	_	I♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bakhshi led the  $\heartsuit 7$  to the queen and ace. The  $\diamondsuit 6$ , to the five, eight and seven, was followed by the  $\clubsuit Q$ , covered by the king and ace. The  $\lozenge J$  was run to Malinowski's king. The  $\heartsuit K$  and another heart then put 3NT three down.

England gained I I IMPs, their third double-digit swing of the session. Only two boards were left, could they inflict any further damage on their mighty opponents?

Most things in this life are possible. Let's see.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Weinstein	Forrester	Levin
_	_	_	2◊*
Pass	2NT	3◊	Pass
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Levin's 2♦ opening was Flannery, showing four spades and five hearts. This convention is subjected to much abuse and ribaldry from the BBO commentators, few of whom are willing to name it explicitly. 'The dreaded F-convention,' is an oft-heard description. Terence Reese began this trend

when he wrote scornfully that 'Flannery shows a hand type that causes no problems whatsoever for natural bidding'. This was a slight exaggeration. Even so, I have always been amazed that so many top US players, including world champions, employ the convention.

As you see, clubs were never mentioned, and Levin ended in a 5-2 heart fit. He won the diamond lead, played dummy's  $\heartsuit$ AK and crossed to the  $\clubsuit$ K. After a club to the ace, he discarded his remaining diamond on the  $\clubsuit$ J, West winning with the queen. Declarer ruffed the diamond return and played good spades, losing tricks to the  $\heartsuit$ 10 and  $\heartsuit$ Q for a safe +620.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Malinowski	Meckstroth	Bakhshi
_	_	_	$I \heartsuit$
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♠
Pass	3◊	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Malinowski won the  $\Diamond Q$  lead in dummy, continuing with the king and ace of trumps. He was combining the second-best play in trumps, viewed alone, with the additional chance that he could then dispose of his diamond loser.

Unwilling to rely solely on the  $\clubsuit Q$  being accompanied by at least three spades, declarer next cashed the  $\heartsuit AK$ . The  $\triangledown Q$  did not fall, but (for what it was worth) both defenders followed upwards in hearts.

Malinowski crossed to the  $\bigstar K$  and led the  $\heartsuit 7$ , ruffing in his hand. This ran the risk that East held the  $\bigstar Q$  and no more hearts. If instead West had the  $\bigstar Q$  and no more hearts, he might have been able to ditch a spade from three cards.

It's hard to judge whether the heart ruff was a better idea than simply playing for a discard in time on the spade suit. As the cards lay, both lines would succeed. When the hearts broke evenly, Malinowski crossed to the  $\mathbf{\Phi}Q$  and ditched his diamond loser on the  $\heartsuit$ J. It was +1370 and another 13 IMPs for England.

After a memorable display of razor-sharp bridge, England had taken the third segment by 52 IMPs to 7 and would lead overnight by 118-55. If the Americans achieve a truly wonderful comeback tomorrow, good luck to them. It will not erase my lasting enjoyment at having witnessed today's session.





Venice Cup QF S4

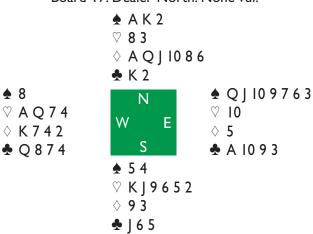
#### USA I v Sweden



44th World Team Championships

At the midpoint of their Venice Cup quarter-final, USA I led Sweden by I32-III IMPs, a useful lead to have but far from decisive.

Board 17. Dealer North, None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	I♦	4 <b>♠</b>	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	1♦	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

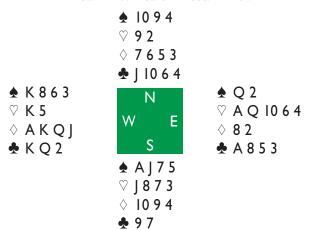


Jessica Larsson, Sweden

For Sweden, Jessica Larsson overcalled 4♠, which would also have been my choice with seven-four shape, and that silenced everyone. Lynn Baker led the nine of diamonds, Karen McCallum overtaking with the ten and returning the ◇J. Larsson ruffed high and played a spade, McCallum winning and playing another low diamond. Larsson again ruffed high and played a second spade. Again, McCallum won and played a diamond, so Larsson ruffed and drew the missing trump. She cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to the queen and king, ruffed the return and played a club. That lost to the jack but declarer had the last two tricks for down two and −100.

For USA I, Irina Levitina overcalled a level lower and 3♠ went back round to Cecilia Rimstedt, who took a shot at 3NT. Suspecting that this would be based on long diamonds, Ida Grönkvist did not correct to hearts, so 3NT became the final contract. Levitina led the queen of spades, Rimstedt winning with the king and leading the eight of hearts to the ten, jack and queen. Kerri Sanborn returned the seven of clubs – low, ace, low, and Levitina returned the ♣9 to the jack, queen and king. Rimstedt led a second heart to the king and ace, so Sanborn led a club, Levitina winning the ten and returning her last club to Sanborn, who returned a low diamond and had to come to the ♦K for down two and –100; 5 IMPs to USA I.

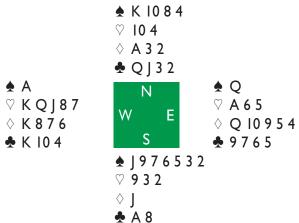
Board 20. Dealer West, All Vul.



West Bertheau 2NT 3NT 4♦	North McCallum Pass Pass Pass Pass	East Larsson 3♦ 4♣ 5NT 6NT	South Baker Pass Pass Pass All Pass
<b>West</b> Sanborn	North	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4◊	Pass	4NT	Pass

Both Wests opened 2NT and both Easts transferred to hearts then showed their second suit. Eventually, both Wests became declarer in 6NT and both Norths led the ten of spades. Both declarers covered with the queen so both Souths won the ace and returned a low spade. Without the spade return, there would have been the communications for a squeeze: with South guarding hearts and North guarding clubs neither would be able to cover the spade suit. However, after the spade return there was no squeeze due to lack of communications and, in the fullness of time, both declarers were down one for -100 and a push board. However, read about what might have happened elsewhere in this bulletin.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

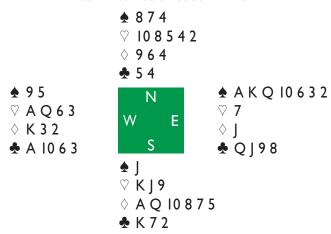


West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	_	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

Partner doubles South's spade pre-empt and RHO raises to 4♠; what would you do, if anything, with the East cards? Levitina went quietly. Sanborn led the king of hearts against 4♠, saw the dummy and cashed the ace of spades before continuing with the queen of hearts. Levitina overtook with the ace and switched to the nine of diamonds for the jack, king and ace. Grönkvist messed around for a bit, but had no option but to take the club finesse for her contract and, when the king was offside, was down one for −50.

Larsson bid 4NT over 4♠, showing two places to play, and Kathrine Bertheau responded 5♦ and played there. McCallum led the king of spades, Bertheau winning the bare ace and leading the king of diamonds from hand. McCallum won the ace and returned a diamond, so Bertheau won that and drew the missing trump, then cashed the hearts, crossed to dummy with a trump, and led a club towards her king; I I tricks for +600 and I I IMPs to Sweden.

Board 23. Dealer South, All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	_	_	I♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	_	I♦
Pass	Pass	46	All Pass

Now it was the West players' turn to have to judge whether or not to bid on facing partner's 4\(\phi\) overcall. With good controls sitting over the opposing opening bid, Bertheau took the high road, asking for key cards then bidding the small slam on finding partner with two plus the



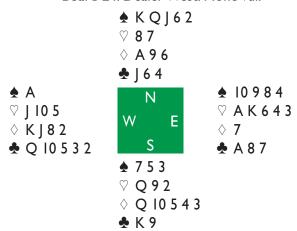
Kathrine Bertheau, Sweden

trump queen. Baker led ace and another diamond and, once trumps were not four-zero offside, the contract depended on the club finesse. That, of course, was working, so Larsson chalked up +1430.

Sanborn took the low road and passed out 4♠ and Levitina too made 12 tricks, but that was only worth +680 so Sweden gained 13 IMPs.

Just when Sweden appeared to be making serious progress, the momentum of the set swung back towards the Americans:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



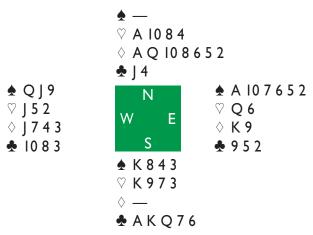
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
Pass	INT	2♣	2♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

McCallum opened 1NT, 10-12, and Larsson overcalled  $2\clubsuit$ , both majors. Baker competed with  $2\diamondsuit$  and Bertheau was happy to defend, so that was that when Larsson didn't feel that she was worth a second action. Bertheau cashed the ace of spades then switched to the jack of hearts. Larsson won the king and gave her partner a spade ruff, won the heart return and gave her a second ruff. Bertheau led a club, so Larsson won the ace and there was still a trump trick to come; down two for -100.

Rimstedt opened 2 with the North hand, described on their card as 11-14 with at least five spades and balanced (5-4-2-2 with the second suit a minor possible). When 2 came round to Sanborn she doubled and Levitina jumped to 4. Grönkvist led the three of spades to dummy's bare ace. Levitina played a low diamond, which lost to South's ten, and Grönkvist led a low heart to dummy's jack. Now Levitina played the king of diamonds to the ace and ruff then led the eight of clubs, Grönkvist going in with the king and leading the nine of hearts. Levitina won that in hand, ruffed a spade, came to hand with the ace of clubs, and drew the last trump. She could cash the clubs now and had 11 tricks for +650 and 11 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



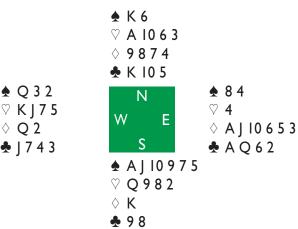
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	1♦	I♠	Dble
Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	I ♦	I <b>♠</b>	Dble
2♠	4♡	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♡	All Pass	

South started with a negative double then, when partner jumped to 4%, went on with RKCB. In response, Rimstedt showed two key cards without the trump queen and Grönkvist feared two losers so passed out 5%. Levitina led the ace of spades. Rimstedt ruffed and cashed the jack of clubs then played a second club to dummy, ruffed a low spade, then played ace of hearts, ace of diamonds for a spade pitch, and a heart to the king; 12 tricks for +480.

McCallum responded 5NT to Key-card, showing two key cards plus a useful void, so Baker had to bid the small slam. Larsson too led the ace of spades. McCallum ruffed, played ace of hearts and a heart to the king, ruffed a second spade and threw the last low spade on the ace of diamonds. Then she played on clubs and had to lose only one trump trick; +980 and another 11 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



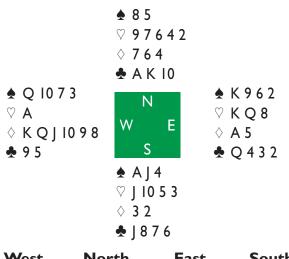
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	_	I ♦	I♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<b>West</b> Sanborn	<b>North</b> Rimstedt	<b>East</b> Levitina	<b>South</b> Grönkvist
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		Levitina	Grönkvist
Sanborn –	Rimstedt –	Levitina  ♦	Grönkvist  ♠

After identical starts to the two auctions, Larsson rebid her six-card diamond suit while Levitina preferred to introduce the clubs. Showing the clubs worked out better as Sanborn now competed to 34, knowing of the fit, while Bertheau did not compete facing the diamond one-suiter. That meant that Baker was allowed to play in 24, while Grönkvist was pushed to the three level.

Bertheau led the queen of diamonds against 24, Larsson winning the and the bare king falling from Baker. Larsson switched to her singleton heart to the jack and ace and Baker played the king of spades, then a spade to the ace, not wishing to lose to a doubleton queen and run into a heart ruff. She had to lose two club tricks and one in each major but was home with eight tricks for +110.

Sanborn led a low club, Levitina winning the queen and switching to her heart. Again, that went to the jack and ace. Grönkvist needed to bring spades in without loss so played king then low to the jack and when that lost had also to lose a trick in each side-suit so was down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



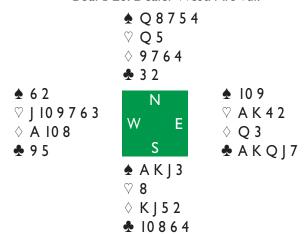
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
_	_	_	Pass
I♦	Pass	l 🏚	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	_	Pass
I♦	Pass	l 🏚	Pass
3♡*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♡ Mini-	-splinter		

Both E/W pairs bid easily to the spade game. Baker led a heart so Larsson had an easy time of it. She won the bare ace, crossed to hand with the ace of diamonds and pitched both of dummy's club losers on the king and queen of hearts. Next she led a spade to the queen and a second round to the nine and jack. Baker also had the trump ace but that was all; I I tricks for +450.

Grönkvist led a club and Rimstedt won the king and ace, then played a third round to declarer's queen, so Levitina did not have it as easy as had Larsson. However, at trick four she led a low spade to dummy's ten, and when that held could continue with a diamond to hand and a second spade up, losing to only the A; ten tricks for +420 but I IMP to Sweden. Well done to Levitina for flattening the board.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bertheau	McCallum	Larsson	Baker
2♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
2♡	Pass	4♡	Dble
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Bertheau opened with a multi  $2\lozenge$  and Larsson jumped to  $4\clubsuit$  to ask her to transfer to her suit, which she duly did. Larsson bid  $4\heartsuit$  and played there and Baker took the top spades but that was that for the defence; +450.

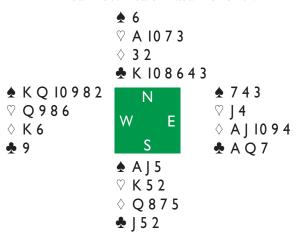
Sanborn opened a natural weak two bid and Levitina raised to game. Grönkvist doubled for take-out and Levitina doubled Rimstedt's 4♠ response. Levitina cashed the ace of clubs, the king of hearts and the king of clubs, then switched to a trump. In the fullness of time, declarer had to play on diamonds. Rimstedt started with a low card

West

Bertheau

to the jack and ace and had two diamond losers so was down two for -500 and 2 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



_	_	I ♣	Pass
I♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4 <b>♠</b>	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Rimstedt	Levitina	Grönkvist
_	_	I ♦	Pass
l 🏚	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

**East** 

Larsson

South

Baker

North

McCallum

Both E/Ws bid smoothly to the spade game. Rimstedt led the three of diamonds against Sanborn. According to BBO, where I was watching this table live, that went to the four, eight and king, and Sanborn, presumably fearing that diamonds were five-one to explain the lead of dummy's bid suit, took the club finesse then discarded her remaining diamond before leading a trump up. Grönkvist rose with the ace and returned a spade, and somehow the board was scored as down three for -I50. I challenge any reader to work out how declarer can be down three, but that is also what the official scoresheet tells us, so...

Anyway, things went rather better for declarer at the other table, where McCallum led a club. Bertheau rose with dummy's ace and played the jack of hearts and Baker did not cover with the king, so McCallum won the ace and returned a diamond to the jack, queen and king. With diamonds established, Bertheau changed tack and stopped playing on hearts, instead leading the king of spades from hand. Baker won that and cashed the king of hearts then got out with a diamond to dummy. Bertheau read the position perfectly, playing a winning diamond for a heart pitch followed by a trump to her ten, and had the rest for +420 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

The last two deals of the set were both making games by E/W, no swing, so Sweden had sneaked the set by 36-35 IMPs, but still trailed overcall by 147-167. There were two more 16-board sets still to play.



The USA I Venice Cup team

## Misdefend this Hand with Me in Wuhan

by Mark Horton

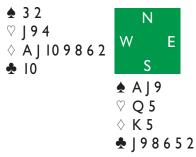
Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 9♡ Q 5◇ K 5♠ | 9 8 6 5 2

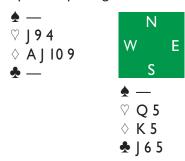
I am South and when the player on my right opens  $l \triangleq l$  have nothing to say and West responds INT. When East rebids  $3 \triangleq$  West advances to  $4 \triangleq$ , leaving us with this short sequence:

West	North	East	South
_	_	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4.	All Pass		

I can hope to have two trump tricks, but for the moment it is unclear where the other two we require will come from. Either red suit could be the right lead, but with trump control I opt for the \$\displayset\$6 and dummy is revealed:

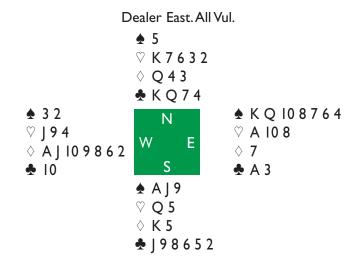


Partner plays the queen and declarer wins with the ace and plays back the three, ruffing with dummy's  $\clubsuit 2$  as partner contributes the four. He continues with the  $\clubsuit 3$  for the five, king and my ace. I must make some attempt to construct declarer's hand. If he has seven spades, then he might be something along the lines of 7-2-2-2, 7-2-1-3 or 7-3-1-2. If declarer is missing the  $\heartsuit A$  then exiting with a club must be safe. Declarer ruffs, cashes the queen of spades, (partner pitching the  $\heartsuit 2$ ) and plays a spade to my jack, partner parting with the  $\heartsuit 3$ . These cards remain:



My partner's discards suggest he started with five hearts and, as far as I can see, if declarer has three hearts including the king he cannot hope for more than nine tricks, so I exit with a club and declarer ruffs and plays another spade retaining three hearts and the  $\Diamond$ AJ in dummy.When partner

parts with the  $\heartsuit$ 6, declarer produces the  $\heartsuit$ A and follows it with another heart, establishing a heart as a tenth trick. The full deal:



Post mortem

Having ruffed a club, declarer should have taken a heart finesse, subsequently repeating the finesse when next in dummy. Partner might have tried coming down to  $\heartsuit$ K76  $\diamondsuit$ Q4 as then declarer would need to play a low heart. If I play low partner wins with the king and declarer will need to divine the heart position. Given that I did not lead a diamond honour, partner is marked with at least one of them and is known to have started with the  $\clubsuit$ KQ and the  $\heartsuit$ K, so declarer should not go wrong. I could have defeated the contract by switching to a diamond when in with the  $\clubsuit$ A or  $\clubsuit$ J. In retrospect, that should not have been a difficult play to find.

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- 2. By email from Brian Senior, the editor, and pay by PayPal. The address is bsenior@hotmail.com

# **Butler Transnational**

Players	Butler	NBO	Boards	BUCHEN Peter Walter - THOMSON Ian	0.76	Australia	80
BA Zhuoqiang -WANG Huijun	2.70	China	10	KANG Meng - LI Xiaoyi	0.75	China	100
LI Rui - XIN Guofang	2.10	China	10	CAO Xueliang - HUANG Hua	0.75	China	60
CAO Wenhui - ZHANG Hongkang	2.00	China	10	CHENG Xiaodong - WEI Xing	0.74	China	70
GU Yan - YU Fang	2.00	China	10	FENG Lan An - WU Xinmin	0.74	China	70
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	1.91	Indonesia	80	FU Zhong - HOU Xu	0.73	China	80
SHARMA Asha - THAKUR Meenal	1.90	India	20	HEWeiwei - LIU Song	0.73	China	80
SHI Xiaoling - ZENG Ziming	1.70	China	20	GUAN Yonggun - WANG Wei	0.70	China	100
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - RAVENNA Pablo	1.70	Brazil	10	LAM Leo - LEE NokYin	0.70	China Hong Kong	50
LI Jianwei - SHI Xiao	1.70	China	10	KWIECIEN Michal - STARKOWSKI Włodzimierz	0.69	Poland	80
KHIUPPENENYury - KHOLOMEEVVadim	1.50	Russia	70	LI Jianlei - QI Xiyuan	0.69	China	80
GUO Xiaorun - LI Zhi	1.48	China	40	SHAO Zijian - SHENYu Xiong	0.68	China	40
SHAO Zijian - SHI Bin	1.48	China	40	DONG Chunhui - MA Jihong	0.67	China	100
CAITI Stefano - MATTIOLI Giuliano	1.40	Italy	60	JIANG Huibo - XIN Guofang	0.63	China	90
GAN Xinli - WANG Weimin	1.33	China	30	SHI Jiangyun - ZHOU Shiwen	0.63	China	30
LI Lianjiang - ZHOU Jinguo	1.30	China	10	CHAN Richard - XU Zemin	0.60	Canada	60
BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas	1.29	Netherlands	70	LEVIN Amir - ROLL Josef	0.60	Israel	70
ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad - KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	1.24	Poland	50	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - DE MELLO Sylvia Figueira	0.60	Brazil	40
,			20	HU Jiaping - LI Jianhua	0.58	China	60
CHEN Hang - LI Xufeng	1.20	China		ASBI Taufik Gautama - BOJOH Lusje Olha	0.58	Indonesia	60
BATHURST Kevin - HURD John	1.18	U.S.A.	97	CHEN Yichao - HU Junjie	0.58	China	80
AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	1.15	Germany	100	BRAITHWAITE Andrew - DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival	0.58	Australia	80
HUYihong - ZHANG Hongjuan	1.10	China	50	LUO Yufeng - SONG Wei	0.57	China	60
KAMAL Nikita - KSHIRSAGAR Alka	1.10	India	20	HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	0.57	Canada	60
GAN Derun - HE Liqiang	1.10	China	20	FRIEDLANDER Ehud - LIRAN Inon	0.52	Israel	99
LIU Yaoyuan - SUN Chao	1.10	China	20	WU Xuenan - YE Fan	0.51	China	70
HU Xiao - ZHOU Feiwei	1.09	China	70	GEORGE Julius Anthonius - PARASIAN Robert	0.50	Indonesia	80
CHEN Jun - LIN Yan	1.08	China	40	KRASNOSSELSKI Mikhail - ORLOV Sergey	0.50	Russia	60
BOJOH Jemmy - KARWUR Franky Steven	1.07	Indonesia	70	CHEN Ge - CHEN Yong	0.50	China	60
BESSIS Thomas - LORENZINI Cedric	1.07	France	99	NIE Chunhui - TIAN Liwen	0.50	China	10
BIRMAN Alon - PADON Dror	1.07	Israel	60	NAIDOO Bindiya - SINHA Priya Ranjan	0.49	India	100
HUANG Weiming - TIAN Weiqiang	1.06	China	77	GUAN Yue - LIANG Junxiang	0.46	China	70
MORRISON Kim - WILSMORE Avon	1.05	Australia	60	BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	0.46	Poland	70
SHAO Songhua - WU Yong	0.98	China	40	BRAMLEY Bart - WOOLSEY Kit	0.45	U.S.A.	80
STABELL Leif-Erik - STABELL Tolle	0.97	Norway	60	CHEN Yong - LUO Yide	0.45	China	60
CAl Yang - LIU Jun	0.96	China	70	NADAR Kiran - SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	0.45	India	60
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SUN Yanhui - YIN Jia Shen	0.93	China	60	GAO Fei - YOU Jianyong	0.44	China	70
HAMMELEV Johan - KREFELD Camilla Bo	0.93	Denmark	70	DAI Jianming - RAN Jing Rong	0.44	China	70
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LI Zhigang - SHEN Guanyu	0.87	China	70	GONTHA Leslie - SUHENDRO Stefanus Supeno	0.42	Indonesia	50
RAVENNA Pablo - THOMA Marcos	0.87	Brazil	70	GAN Jian - JIANG Yisheng	0.41	China	70
GRZEJDZIAK Igor - GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	0.87	Poland	90	GAWRYS Piotr - KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.40	Poland	70
ANKLESARIA Keyzad - TEWARI Rajeshwar	0.87	India	60	GAN Ling - SHAN Sheng	0.40	China	70
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DESAl Vinay - SAMANT Keshav Sakharam	0.13	India	99	LIU Siyi - QI Linhua	-0.22	China	90
SEFITA Ernis - SOEBROTO Anthony	0.13	Indonesia	100	YAISAWANG Manthanee - YAISAWANG Supote	-0.23	Thailand	40
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LEE Nok Yin - LUI Barney	0.10	China Hong Kong	30	FAN Kang-Wei - TSAI Po-Ya	-0.25	Chinese Taipei	60
FAN De Mao - MAYi	0.09	China	100	DUANYi - ZHANG Jiong	-0.25	China	20
GUPTA Uttam - RAY Debasish	0.09	India	100	GU Yan - SHAO Songhua	-0.25	China	40
GAN Xinli - SHI Xiao	0.09	China	70	ZHANG Hongjuan - ZHANG Hongzhi	-0.25	China	40
SHEN Weiming - ZHANG Jiong	0.09	China	70	WU Yuwei - ZHANG Wei	-0.26	China	70
NEWTON Shirley - WILKINSON Jenny	0.07	New Zealand	100	LIU Hai Tao - ZHANGYizhuo	-0.26	China	100
PEJACSEVICH Alexis - PELLEGRINI Carlos	0.05	Argentina	60	JANEBUNJONG Kanokporn - PLENGSAP Kridsadayut	-0.26	Thailand	100
LI Jie - WANG Jihua	0.03	China	60	JIANG Dawei - ZHANG Wenshu	-0.26	China	80
GE Jianping - LIU Haifeng	0.03	China	60	LI Rong -YU Dan	-0.27	China	100
DWYER Kevin - HUANG Shan	0.03	U.S.A.	60	DAI Ke - LU Jiteng	-0.28	China	80
ATTANASIO Dario - MANARA Gabriella	0.03	Italy	70	YU Fang - ZHANG Ruihua	-0.28	China	80
GILL Peter - HANS Sartaj	0.01	Australia	70	CASPERSEN Henrik - FARHOLT Stense	-0.28	Denmark	80
AHASAN Md Rashedul - HAQUE Shah Zia-ul	0.01	Bangladesh	90	LIU Shu - ZHANG Ligang	-0.30	China	70
ADAMSON Alex - KANE Danny	0.01	Scotland	100	XIE Xueming - ZHAO Hongquan	-0.30	China	60
KANG Seongseok - LEE Soo Ik	0.00	Korea	100	KHOKHLOV Jouri - MATUSHKO Georgi	-0.30	Russia	69
DU Jian - LIU Yaoyuan	0.00	China	20	SHEN Siyuan - WU Shangjie	-0.31	China	90
MA Tao - ZHENG Xiangyun	-0.01	China	100	LIU Chuan - XIE Ziqiu	-0.33	China	70
LI Jie - LIU Jing	-0.01	China	70	BHATTACHARJEE Aniruddha - SANTRA Dipak	-0.33	India	100

KANE Helen - SYMONS Anne	-0.33	Scotland	100	MILNE Liam - NUNN Tony	-0.88	Australia	60
KANETKAR Avi - NEILL Bruce	-0.33	Australia	60	MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.90	Poland	50
JIN Kai - ZHU Chenyu	-0.34	China	80	TENG Wenhong - YU Shurong	-0.90	China	40
YU Xiaoguang - ZHANG Shengle	-0.34	China	50	CAO Si Wei - LIU Siyi	-0.90	China	10
LI Jianwei - SHEN Jia Xiang	-0.34	China	90	EKINCI Orhan - KOKTEN Namik	-0.90	Turkey	10
WANG Deping - ZENG Zhaorong	-0.35	China	100	BATRA Puja - GUPTA Subhash	-0.90	India	100
CAI Wenbin - ZHU Zhiqiang	-0.35	China	40	MATHIEU Philippe - ROTCHELL Douglas	-0.91	Guadeloupe	70
LUYiping - ZHANG Zhijun	-0.35	China	60	MUNDELL Giselle - ZETS Avril	-0.92	Australia	60
YAO Zhongzhao - ZHANG Jie	-0.36	China	70	DU Jian - SUN Chao	-0.93	China	40
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BANDESHA Muhammad Ghalib Ali - MALIK Sajid Nabi	-0.39	Pakistan	100	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - THOMA Marcos	-0.95	Brazil	20
KAMAL Nikita -THAKUR Meenal	-0.40	India	10	CHEN Rugang - HUA Xiaoming	-0.97	China	30
CHOWDHURY M. A. R ISLAM Mohammad Monirul	-0.40	Bangladesh	30	CHOO Jane - TAN Gemma	-0.99	Singapore	100
ICHILCIK Lorna - KAPLAN Rena	-0.41	Australia	70	CAI Wenbin - TAO Donglin	-1.00	China	50
McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz) - McQUAKER Fiona	-0.42	Scotland	100	KHANDELWAL Himani - KHANDELWAL Rajeev	-1.00	India	20
FANG Guoxiong - LONG Jianghong	-0.43	China	40	DU Feng - SHI Jiangyun	-1.05	China	20
MAKMITREE Apisai - YAISAWANG Supote	-0.43	Thailand	40	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby - LUI Barney	-1.05	China Hong Kong	20
MAJUMDER Debabrata - MUKHERJEE Sumit	-0.44	India	80	GARAFULIC Sandra - RAVENNA Pablo	-1.05	Brazil	20
GU Jiean - ZHOU Jianzheng	-0.44	China	50	KAMAL Nikita - SHARMA Asha	-1.06	India	50
LIN Xi - YOU Zheng	-0.45	China	69	JIN Jing -WEIYu	-1.07	China	60
JANG Jung Bae - PARK Jungyoon	-0.45	Korea	100	KHANDELWAL Rajeev - KRISHNAN Ramratnam	-1.08	India	40
CHODCHOY Taristchollatorn - IITNGAMKUSOL Terasak	-0.45	Thailand	100	DU Bing - JIANG Tong	-1.08	China	50
KHANDELWAL Himani - KRISHNAN Ramratnam	-0.45	India	40	WANG Yuanluo - WANG Yuanwei	-1.08	China	60
HUYihong - ZHOUTao	-0.45	China	20	DUAN Yi - WANG Yongzhong	-1.10	China	70
PENG Chuan - ZHOU Jinguo	-0.48	China	50	HWANG lyn Ryung - PARK Myung Kee	-1.11	Korea	90
LIAN Ruoyang - WANG Xiangyang	-0.48	China	60	CHANWai Kit - WONG Shui No	-1.13	China Hong Kong	
HU Danhua - LI Xiaoyu	-0.48	China	60	HUANGYu - JIANG Renfu	-1.13	China	60
INCE Mehmet Ali - KOKTEN Namik	-0.49	Turkey	70	YU Zhenhai - ZHU Fushou	-1.15	China	80
BAKKETor - MARSTRANDER Peter	-0.50	Norway	60	HARTONO Michael Bambang - NURHALIM Apin	-1.17	Indonesia	60
HUANG Shan - MILLENS Joan	-0.53	U.S.A.	40	HUYihong - ZHANG Hongzhi	-1.20	China	10
CHEN Jun - HUO Shiyu	-0.53	China	60	GAO Tao - SHI Feng	-1.20	China	10
CHEN  i - DONG Lidang	-0.54	China	50	XU Tao - XUE Xin	-1.23	China	80
,	-0.55	China	80		-1.23	Poland	50
WANG Jun - ZHOUTao	-0.55 -0.55	China	20	MARKS Rafal - OGLOBLIN Dominika NEWELL Peter - REID Martin	-1.24	New Zealand	20
GAO Tao - SONG Wei	-0.57		30	OIN Huiyun -WAN Meikui			40
TAO Donglin - WU Tianqi		China		,	-1.28	China	
CHOWDHURY M.A. R RAHMAN Md. Moshiur	-0.57	Bangladesh	70	WEI Xing - ZHANG D. I	-1.30	China	30
CHEUNG Lik - LAU Edwin	-0.58	Singapore	60	WUYong - ZHANG Ruihua	-1.30	China	10
DU Feng - ZHOU Shiwen	-0.59	China	49	HAQUE Shah Zia-ul - ISLAM Mohammad Monirul	-1.30	Bangladesh	10
CHEN Gang - CHEN Hang	-0.60	China	30	NOGUEIRA Heloisa - THOMA Marcos	-1.30	Brazil	10
BARONI Irene - BESSIS Veronique	-0.60	France	20	SUYuan - XIEWeiping	-1.33	China	30
BAO Xiangdong - PING Zhiqiang	-0.60	China	10	MAKMITREE Apisai - YAISAWANG Manthanee	-1.35	Thailand -	20
LIU Sicheng - YIN Jia Shen	-0.60	China	10	BESSIS Veronique - THUILLEZ Laurent	-1.40	France	30
WU Liangkai - ZHANG Jun	-0.61	China	69	LI Ning - ZOU Xiaoyan	-1.40	China	10
DONG Jinhao - PING Zhiqiang	-0.62	China	60	HUANG Weidong - XIE Qiang	-1.40	China	60
LI Liyong -YU Mingquan	-0.63	China	100	LI Changcheng - ZHANG Xuejun	-1.45	China	60
JIANG Qiubo - LONG Jianghong	-0.63	China	30	FEI De - HUA Xiaoming	-1.47	China	30
JIANG Qiubo - ZOU Xiaoyan	-0.64	China	50	CHEN Gang - HUANG Xiaoming	-1.50	China	20
LI Xufeng - WU Yu	-0.64	China	70	WOJCIESZEK Jakub - WOJCIK Marta	-1.50	Poland	20
UGGERI Paolo - VANUZZI Marilina	-0.65	Italy	60	HOLLANDS Peter - HUMPHRIES Susan	-1.60	Australia	20
CHEN Wei - LYU Guowu	-0.67	China	70	LUO Zengqun - ZHANG Hongkang	-1.63	China	40
YU Hongwen - ZHANG Yu Sheng	-0.73	China	100	CHEN Biao - SHI Xiaoling	-1.63	China	30
CHEN Rugang - FEI De	-0.75	China	40	GUYan - WUYong	-1.65	China	20
BA Zhuoqiang -TIAN Liwen	-0.76	China	90	KIM Hyun Hee -YEA Eun Joo	-1.66	Korea	90
MCAVOY Constance - MCAVOY James	-0.76	Canada	50	CAO Si Wei - ZHANG Cheng Min	-2.00	China	10
BERNSTEIN Cindy - WHEELER Sally	-0.76	U.S.A.	80	HE Rong Hui - OH Mi Ran	-2.27	Korea	90
YAO Jian - ZHU Xiang	-0.77	China	60	LUANG-ON Chayes - RIAMSREE Asdang	-2.30	Thailand	10
FISCHER Stephen - RANKIN Pele	-0.77	Australia	70	YAO Zhi - ZHAO Jian	-2.90	China	10
CHEN Biao - WANG Canyun	-0.79	China	70	BLACKMAN Dave - ROTCHELL Douglas	-3.33	Barbados	9
NIE Chunhui - WANG Huijun	-0.81	China	90	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - NOGUEIRA Heloisa	-5.20	Brazil	10
BERCUSON Ken - MITTELMAN George	-0.84	Canada	70				
DAWSON Helena - PITT Helene	-0.84	Australia	70				
KIM Jin Kyoung - LEE Choonhee	-0.87	Korea	90				
DI FRANCO Massimiliano - KIM Hye Young	-0.88	Italy	100				



#### **Proposed Timetable and Catagories**

Open, Women's, Senior's, Mixed and Youth. (<26, <21 and <16 all subject to entries)

Bridgefest daily side events

Date	Event
Wed 15 April	Swiss Pairs
Thurs 16 April	Swiss Pairs
Fri 17 April	APBF Teams Q1
Sat 18 April	APBF Teams Q2
Sun 19 April	APBF Teams Q3
Mon 20 April	APBF Teams Q4
Tue 21 April	APBF Teams SF
	APBF Pairs Q
Wed 22 April	APBF Teams F
	APBF Pairs F
	Presentation and close

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#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Many hotels are offering special rates to APBF 2020 participants. For example: The Ritz-Carlton Perth, situated in the heart of Elizabeth Quay, will have 40 of its 204 rooms/suites available for the APBF, and the Melbourne hotel will hold 20 rooms for APBF participants.



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		Γr	ansnational Te	eams		
			After Round I	0		
I SHEN	143.34	41	CANADA Seniors	105.29	81	BEIJINGXUGUANG
2 INDONESIA Open	136.56	42	ITALY Mixed	104.85	82	WARHORSE
3 CRE8IVE	133.26	43	INDIA OPEN	104.83	83	PK NZ
4 RUSSIA Open	131.87	44	BRAZIL Mixed	104.38	84	TURKEY Seniors
5 POLMANY	130.27	45	AUSTRALIA MIXED	104.08	85	HUBEI FUXING
6 SIVY A	126.63	46	WUHU BRIDGE TEAM	103.98	86	CHINA JUNIORS
7 SWISS TEAM	125.19	47	HENGZHOU FINANCE	102.63	87	MINGXIN GROUP
8 BRIDGESCANNER	124.76	48	NORWAY Seniors	102.01	88	NAMO KK
9 INDONESIA Mixed	124.60	49	NANGANG POWER	101.96	89	WUHAN ENGINEERIN
10 REIGNWOOD	124.47	50	CHENGDUGUOLI	101.95	90	WUHAN JIANG AN A
II PIONEERS	121.56	51	CCSA	101.87	91	SCOTMARK
12 SAN CHEN FUND	120.92	52	SEOUL OPEN	101.19	92	FUJIAN BOSSSOFT
13 ISRAEL Open	119.78	52	HONG PRAISE TEAM	101.19	93	SEOUL MIXED
14 ZHONGSHAN JIEGAO	119.32	54	JXBA	100.96	94	BANGLADESH
15 WUHAN DONGFANG	119.31	55	CHINESE TAIPEI Mixed	100.69	95	BANGKOK MIND SPC
16 SHANGHAILVCHENG	117.47	56	Shanghai guhua	100.32	96	ZJJDWUHANYUAN
17 JSQX NJZS BRIDGECLUB	115.95	57	AUSTRALIA Open	100.10	97	ONE ESSENTIAL OF R
18 MILLENS	115.87	58	GINNAN	99.85	98	METALLURGY FED
19 YBT	115.28	59	ASYMCHEM	99.11	99	INDIA Women
20 INDONESIA Seniors	115.01	60	WUHAN	99.06	100	YENOVA
21 NEW ZEALAND Open	114.72	61	ZHEJIANG JINJIANG	98.94	101	JILIN BA
22 ZHEJIANGQIANTANG	114.66	62	HIIMOTOR	98.25	102	BRIDGEFRIENDS
23 ITALY Seniors	114.24	63	SCOTLAND BLUE	97.88	103	NEIMENGGU
24 DALIAN AOXIN	113.82	64	GALAGILE	97.88	104	ITS MAGIC
25 DONGFENG FENGSHEN	113.61	65	DONGFENG AUTO CO LTD	97.63	105	OZ ANGELS
26 CHINA XHJT	113.55	66	YUNNAN	96.72	106	XINJIANGYILI
27 AUSTRALIA Seniors	113.53	67	JINSHUO	96.14	107	CARIBBEAN PIRATES
28 INDIA TSANGPO	112.76	68	THAILAND Mixed	95.73	108	NEWB
29 FORMIDABLES	112.56	69	PSG	95.51	110	ENSEMBLE
30 WUHAN XINGYUTU MEDIA	111.31	70	HUAXINHUANBAO	94.82		
31 CANADA CHINA UNITED	110.52	71	AURUSSIA	94.14		
32 SANMING EDUCATION	110.51	72	UICC WUHAN	93.85		
33 CHINA HUOCHETOU	110.17	73	ANIT NEGRA	92.80		3
34 USA I Seniors	109.24	74	TIANYA BRIDGE FATE	91.43		
35 PD TIMES	109.03	75	WE THE NORTH	91.38		HOW
36 MIX DENMARK	108.24	76	CHANG HONG	91.32		XX
37 POLAND Mixed	107.32		HUBEI BRIDGE TEAM	90.87		14-28 SEP 2019
38 GUIZHOU ZHENGYE	107.23	78	IRELAND	90.70		<b>*</b>
39 KONG HAN	105.94		FAR EAST	90.64		
40 POLAND Seniors	105.54		BBC THAILAND	89.74		

















