

Issue No. 12

EMI-FINAL SURPRISE

On the first day of play in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy and Mixed Teams semi-finals, there was a mixture of emotions - from exhilaration to gloom and, perhaps, resolve to do better, especially in the camps of the favored teams. USA I, fresh off an amazing rally to overcome England on Tuesday in the Bermuda Bowl quarter-final, did not start well against Poland and were trailing 59-96 after 48 boards.

Norway, who defeated **Italy** to get to the semi-final round, was down 53-160 to the Netherlands. The Venice Cup team from **England** was also having trouble. The team had an impressive win over **Poland** in the QF, but after 48 boards in the semi-final, were down 43-137 to Sweden. China made a slow start, but came back strongly to lead Netherlands 81-62.

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.

Today's Programme			
BB,VC, DT, MT	Transnational	Wuhan Grand Prix	
Semi-finals	Round of 32		
10.00 - 12.20	10.00 - 12.00	SI 10.00	
13.30 - 15.50	12.20 - 14.20	S2 13.30	
	Round of I6		
16.30 - 18.50	15.20 - 17.20	S3 16.30	
	17.40 - 19.40	afterwards Prize Giving	

All Semi-final matches will be shown on BBO

In the VuGraph theater you can see: 10.00 SF4 VC China - Netherlands VG/BBO1 13.30 SF5 16.30 SF6 BBO

To be decided



Our amazing hospitality desk team: Joanna Kowalczyk, Gildana Caputo, Snowy, Virginia Chediak and Silvia Valentini

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!



Wuhan Grand Prix

Teams who did not qualify for the knockout phase of the Transnationals can play in the Wuhan Grand Prix today and tomorrow.

You can play in one or both of these Board-a-Match events. Register online or at the Hospitality Desk.

If you are not changing the roster, the hospitality desk is your best option. There is no entry fee, provided you have played in the Transnational Teams.

The **prize-giving** for **today's event** will take place in the **playing** area as soon as play has finished.



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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Supplemental Conditions of Contest 8.2.1

The teams placed 1-10 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-10. They, in that order, get to choose their "round of 32" opponents from the teams placed 17th-32nd in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seed nos. 32-23 respectively. The remaining seed nos. 11-22 are assigned in ascending order on the basis of the final ranking of the Swiss qualification.

Ibidem, I4

Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups (rearranged).

Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure by a captain to submit a line-up in a timely fashion will result in fines (see Section 22.2). The line-up for the first stanza of the round of 32, the Round of 8, the Final and Play-Off, must be submitted by the visiting team on or before 9.30 a.m. on September 26th, 27th and 28th respectively . From the second stanza of the Round of 32 and up to the second stanza of the round of 16, from the second stanza of the Round of 8 up to second stanza of the Semi Finals, and for the second and third stanzas of the Final (second only in the Play-Off) the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest. Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations Director. This will be a dedicated area, with computers available. Each team will also have its own dedicated page, with a password, in the wireless LAN set by the organizations so captains may access via their own laptops. Originally, the password for all teams is set as "0" (zero). If captains wish to change it, they have to seek help at the scoring desk. The system automatically records the time a line-up is made, so penalties for late line-ups will be automatic. A clock in the playing area will display the official time.

Ibidem, 15.2.2

1.1.1 Two stanzas (from Round of 32 up to Semi Finals, and Play-Off, integrated) Each team will have seating rights in one of the two. The higher seeded team sits NS in the Open Room in both stanzas and has seating rights in the second stanza unless decides otherwise.

I.I.2 Three stanzas (Final)

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

a) One team will have seating rights in two stanzas and the other in one.

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

Tie break:

ties will be solved in favour of the team who won the head-to-head to match in the Swiss, if any, otherwise in favour of the higher ranked team

Time schedule:

 R32, R16, QF, SF:
 10.00-12.00, 12.20-14.20, 15.20-17-20, 17.40-19.40

 Final and Play-Off:
 10.00-12.20, 13.30-15.50 (Play Off ends), 16.10-18.30

 Playing areas: Round of 32: Open Room 3rd floor (take the escalators behind the result screens), Closed Room BBO Booths. From the Round of 16 onward: BBO Booths.



Fall North American Bridge Championships

Inaugural running of the Soloway Knockouts

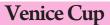
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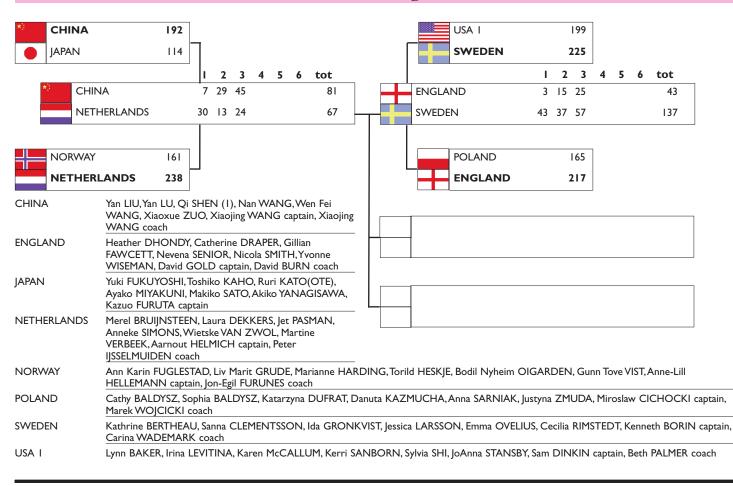
Playing site is the Marriott Marquis.

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

Bermuda Bowl





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Wuhan Cup

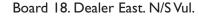
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CHINA	Jien CHEN, Zhengjiang LIAO, Ping WANG, Haotian WU,				
	Shaohong WU, Zhaobin XIE, Bangxiang ZHANG captain, Bangxiang ZHANG coach				
ENGLAND					
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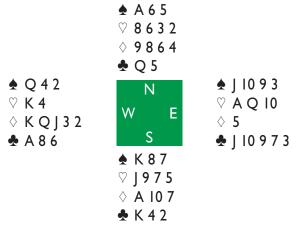
Searching for those elusive IMPs – and finding them!

by Brent Manley

Day one in the Bermuda Bowl quarter-final round did not produce what USA I, leader of the round robin qualifiers, was hoping for against England. After the first three rounds, the Americans were trailing by more than 60 IMPs at 55-118. They would need a serious rally on Tuesday if they were to get back into the match for a chance to play for the title.

The first set of the second day started well for USA I, but it didn't end that way. Even so, USA I kept it close, losing QF 4 by just 2 IMPs. This board was one of two 10-IMP swings for USA I early on in the set.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
_	_	Pass	$ \diamond$
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2 ◇	Pass	3NT	All Pass

World Championship Book 2019 Pre-ordering

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

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

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

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

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

2. By email from Brian Senior, the editor, and pay by PayPal. The address is bsenior@hotmail.com Rodwell started with the \heartsuit 6: 10, jack, king. At trick two, Jeffrey Allerton played the \bigstar Q from hand, ducked by both defenders. Allerton continued with the \bigstar 4 to dummy's nine and Jeff Meckstroth's king. A heart went to dummy's queen and the \bigstar J was played, Rodwell winning the ace to clear the heart suit. Declarer cashed the \bigstar 10, then played dummy's low club to his six and Rodwell's queen. Rodwell got out with the \diamondsuit 9. The defense already had two spades and a club, so when Meckstroth won the \diamondsuit A, he had the setting trick, the \heartsuit 9 to cash for +50.

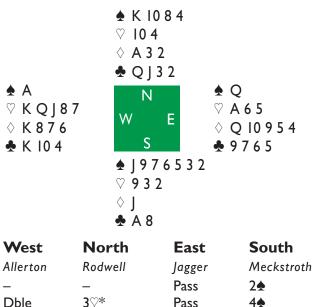
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Forrester	Weinstein	Robson
_	_	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The swing was 10 IMPs because Bobby Levin, at the other table, received a diamond lead and continuation. He played a spade for North, who tried hearts. Levin continued with spades and made an overtrick for +430.

USA I scored 10 more IMPs on this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



All Pass

 $3\heartsuit$ spade raise showing shortness

Allerton led the $\heartsuit K$ and, when that held, continued with the jack to Chris Jagger's ace. The $\diamondsuit 10$ went to the jack, king and ace, and Meckstroth ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a heart in dummy. The play record is incomplete, but the stage was set for Meckstroth to ruff a diamond to hand and play a trump. West would play the trump ace perforce, East following with his singleton queen. West would then have to lead a club for the free finesse or play a red suit for a ruff-sluff, allowing Meckstroth to pitch his club loser. The contract was the same at the other table, but Bobby Levin cashed his A at trick two and thus avoided the endplay. That was one down for +50 to USA I.

The swing gave the Americans a 20-8 lead in the set, but England hit back with a big swing on this deal:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
_	Pass	INT	Dble
Rdbl All Pass	Pass	2♣	2◊

Meckstroth had no difficulty with this contract, easily coming to 11 tricks for +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Forrester	Weinstein	Robson
_	Pass	♣	$ \diamond$
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2 📤	2 ◇	3 📥	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

At the other table, Andrew Robson took the club lead in hand, played a spade to the table and a diamond to his king. He then conceded two red aces and so also took 11 tricks. That was good for +1150 to his side for a 14-IMP swing. England won the set 29-27 IMPs to maintain their big lead. By the end of the fifth set, however, USA 1 had closed to within 2 IMPs with one set to go.

In a fitting finish to a remarkable comeback, USA I took the final set 37-2 to win 195-162.

On Wednesday, the first day of semi-final play in the main events, USA I was off to a slow start, trailing Poland 20-3 after 16 boards. It's not how the Americans wanted to start out, but history shows that you don't get rich betting against the Nick Nickell team.

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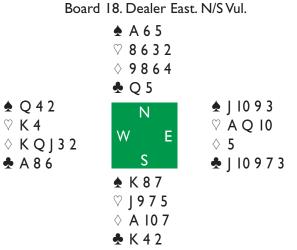
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Wuhan Cup QF S4 Russia v France

At the half-way mark, two of our four quarter-final matches were very close, one looked pretty well decided, and there was Russia v. France. On Monday, Russia had won all three segments, by 4, 18 and 13 IMPs respectively, for an overall lead of 35. Elsewhere in the Bulletin, there is a report on the second segment of this quarter-final. On Tuesday morning, I decided to go after Russia and France again, hoping to see either an early decision or a fine recovery and, above all, some exciting boards. When the segment was over, I did not feel disappointed at all, though a rather high number of boards were pretty routine and thus flat. The non-flat specimens, however, offered ample compensation.

On the opening board, France scored an extra undertrick worth 2 IMPs and this was the next board:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
_	_	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2NT	All Pass

A well-controlled approach saw the French auction come to an end in 2NT. North led a heart and Gaviard quite rightly went after the spades as she was aiming at only eight tricks. When South discarded a club on the 13th spade, an overtrick resulted; France +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	_	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led a low spade away from A65 and dummy's $\bigstar J$ won the first trick. Declarer, targeting nine tricks, then ran

the \clubsuit J to North's queen and a heart came back, taken by dummy's queen. The \clubsuit 10 won the next trick and a diamond went to declarer's $\Diamond K$. The $\Diamond Q$ was then taken by South's ace and a spade went to North's ace. Philippe Cronier exited in hearts with the clubs still blocked and thus declarer had to win in hand and could only concede one down as he still had to lose one more diamond to North; France another +50 and 5 IMPs more to them. Another flat board and then a slam:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

K 8 6 3 K 5 A K Q J K Q 2	 ▲ 10 9 4 ♡ 9 2 ◇ 7 6 5 3 ▲ J 10 6 4 W E S ▲ A J 7 5 ♡ J 8 7 3 ◇ 10 9 4 ♣ 9 7 	 ▲ Q 2 ◇ A Q 10 6 4 ◇ 8 2 ◆ A 8 5 3
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Open Room

 \heartsuit

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
2NT	Pass	3◊*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4 🙅	Pass
4 ♡	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

A natural enough transfer auction to basically a good slam. Clubs 3-3 will see you home and so will the timely drop of the \heartsuit J. These two conditions amount to a combined chance of about 70%. Not today; one down and a not unfortunate +100 to Russia.

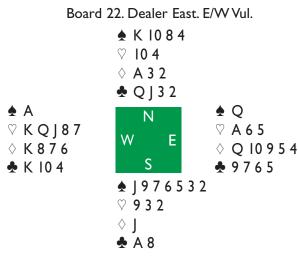
(You will have read elsewhere how declarer can make the contract after the lead of the $\bigstar 10$, which was the one made at this table. Alas, declarer put up dummy's queen at trick one.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
♣	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

No excursions into outer space by the Russians, this time. Eleven tricks in a very solid 3NT; +660 and 13 IMPs to them.

An interesting defensive problem arose after yet another flat board.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
_	_	Pass	2◊*
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4 ♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After South's Multi, North became declarer in $4 \pm$ and got a diamond lead. Gromov won in hand, ruffed a diamond and led a spade up. West won the ace and, no matter what she did, the defence would always come to two hearts and a club for one down; France +100.

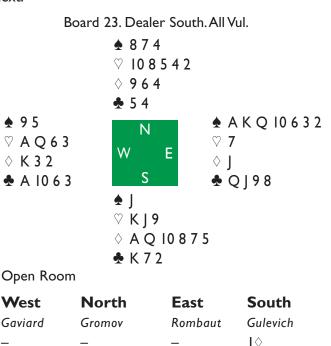
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	_	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

No Multi and no intervention at the other table. Once again, a one level higher pre-empt silenced the opponents. West was on lead, however, and led a natural enough $\heartsuit K$. Another heart went to East's ace but, when she returned a diamond rather than a club, Bénédicte Cronier did not hesitate to take her chance. She played $\diamondsuit A$, diamond ruff, last heart ruffed, last diamond ruffed and a spade. When both defenders followed suit, she could claim as West was on lead and had no good return; France another +420 and 11 more IMPs.



Next:



Gulevich apparently thought she was holding a good hand when partner bid I^{\heartsuit} , but opposite partner's near-Yarborough this was not quite the case. On a heart lead, Rombaut did not lose any tricks; France +1390.

4♠

Dble

Closed Room

Pass

All Pass

 $|\heartsuit$

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	_	_	$ \diamond$
Pass	\square	♠	Dble
Rdbl	2♡	4♠	All Pass

The quieter approach in the Closed Room led to a less spectacular contract in which declarer could afford to play safe for 12 tricks. Not that it mattered, this time; Russia +680 but 12 more IMPs to France. Their deficit had been halved to 18 at this point.

One more excursion to Flatland and then this case:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	 ▲ — ♡ A 10 8 4 ◇ A Q 10 8 ♣ J 4 	6 5 2
 ▲ Q J 9 ♡ J 5 2 ◊ J 7 4 3 ▲ 10 8 3 	N W E S ♠ K 8 4 3 ♡ K 9 7 3	 ▲ A 10 7 6 5 2 ♡ Q 6 ◊ K 9 ♣ 9 5 2
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Open	Room
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West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
_	I \diamond		Dble*
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠*
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	4 🌺
Pass	4 \diamond	Pass	40
All Pass			

On a spade lead, declarer ruffed and played to ruff one more spade before starting to draw trumps. One overtrick resulted; Russia +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	$ \diamond$		2 📥
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	20
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	60
All Pass			

Once Bénédicte heard about the 4-4 fit, she jumped straight to an interesting slam. The red suits will have to behave a little so this was her successful line: Spade ruff, $\Diamond A$, diamond ruff (thank you), $\heartsuit KA$ and another diamond ruff. Because the \clubsuit J also serves as an entry to the diamonds, the suit can be run and West can score his high trump whenever he wants; France +980 and 11 more IMPs to trail by just 7. What a recovery we had seen! Next came:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
_	_	I \diamond	
Dble	Rdbl	2 📥	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

A typical competitive partscore auction in which the French had the last word and the Russians the last laugh. Down two undoubled; Russia +200.

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	_	$ \diamond$	
Dble	Rdbl	2 ◇	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

No Russian urge for the last word at the other table but yet another last laugh to add to the +200 already scored next door; one down, another +100 and 7 IMPs to double the lead...

Three boards later:

Board 2	9. Dealer N	orth. All Vul.
	 ▲ A K 3 2 ♡ 8 7 5 4 ◊ 9 8 3 	
 ▲ J 10 5 4 ♡ Q J 3 2 ◊ Q ♣ J 9 8 7 	 ▲ 6 2 N W E S ▲ 7 6 ♡ K 10 ◊ K J 10 6 ▲ A K 	 ▲ Q 9 8 ♡ A 9 6 ◇ A 7 ▲ Q 10 5 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Gromov	Rombaut	Gulevich
_	Pass	♣	$ \diamond $
\heartsuit	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Gromov, with his double, showed spades, but Gulevich showed fine card evaluation when she jumped to 2NT. Gromov had an easy raise and then Gulevich had no trouble in making her contract when she won the club lead, crossed in spades and led a diamond to dummy. When he called for the king, in view of East's opening bid of course, he was home. One overtrick; Russia +630.

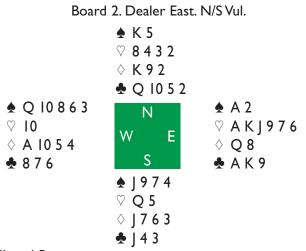
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	P Cronier	Ponomareva	B Cronier
_	Pass		$ \diamond $
Dble	\square	Dble	3♢
All Pass			

On this auction, it was much more difficult for South to imagine the full value of the hand. With no heart stopper in sight, Philippe Cronier could hardly do anything but pass partner's jump; two overtricks, France +150 but 10 IMPs to Russia, who thus lost the segment by 31-41 IMPs, but had held on to a decent lead: 172-147 with 32 boards to go.



After a very good fourth set, Denmark led France 139-92. Could they maintain, or even increase, their lead ahead of the final set? We shall see. They started off on the right track when they scored 5 IMPs on the first board, the French bidding to $4\heartsuit$ in one room, $4\clubsuit$ doubled in the other, both contracts failing by one trick. The odd thing here was the actions of the two Wests, if you count Pass as an action. Holding \bigstar A K J 8 2 \heartsuit Q J 8 4 \diamondsuit 7 \clubsuit Q 6 2, Henrik Hansen for Denmark passed at the two level after seeing I \heartsuit - Pass- $2\heartsuit$, while Lebel for France was willing to come in at the three level after I \heartsuit -Pass-3 \clubsuit *. The French hit back on the next hand.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebel	Schou	Soulet	J Hansen
_	_	2◊*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Soulet's 2 \diamond call was hearts – weak or strong. His rebid showed the strong hand and he ended up playing 3NT. When South led the \diamond 7 he had an easy route to nine tricks by giving up a heart. 4 \heartsuit can always be made double dummy, losing just one trick in each side suit, and in practice it was made both times it was bid in the d'Orsi. The Danish pair in the other room had other ideas, though whether they both had the same one is open to question.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
H Hansen	Abecassis	Christiansen	Lévy
_	_	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5 ◇	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

My now despairing Danish co-commentator Peter Lund offered the following insights into the bidding:

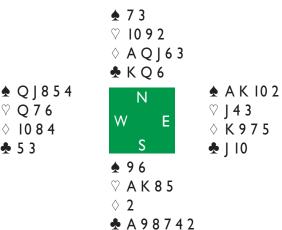
2♡ relay

2♠ asks thereafter natural and then controls.

East thought long and hard before his final pass, but it was too late already, and when South found the best lead of a small club he could only come to ten tricks and that meant 10 IMPs to France.

With a couple of medium-sized swings against two singles, France pulled another 9 IMPs back over the next nine boards to trail by 33. One of the flat boards had some interest.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



After unopposed auctions both Souths declared 5 \clubsuit on the lead of the \bigstar Q. The contract makes if you choose to play the ruffing finesse in diamonds, drawing trumps along the way to ruff the fifth diamond good for two heart discards. But it's against the odds when \Diamond Kxx or Kx in West will see you home on the simple finesse. The sort of play you might try if you need a swing in the final set, but not here.

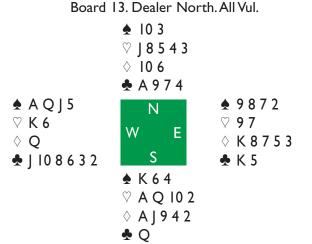
'Après ça le déluge', to misquote Général de Gaulle, as France piled on IMPs on each of the last five boards.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

 ▲ J 9 ♡ Q J 9 6 5 ◇ A Q 6 4 ◆ 10 4 	 ▲ K 4 ♡ 8 3 2 ◇ K 9 7 ◆ Q 9 8 6 5 N W E S ▲ Q 6 3 ♡ A ◊ J 5 3 2 ▲ A 7 3 2 	 ▲ A 10 8 7 5 2 ♡ K 10 7 4 ◊ 10 8 ♣ K
	📥 A J 7 3 2	

In both rooms West played in $4\heartsuit$ after East opened $1\bigstar$, no other suits being bid. As so often, the opening lead was crucial. In the Closed Room North led the $\diamondsuit7$, which gives the contract. In the Open Michel Abecassis did well to lead the $\clubsuit5$, and Alain Lévy did equally well to return the other minor-suit five to ensure a trick in each suit. Game was let through in the other room.

Next, just as on Board I, the same team declared four of each major, and just as on Board I both went down, losing a combined 300 or 7 IMPs:

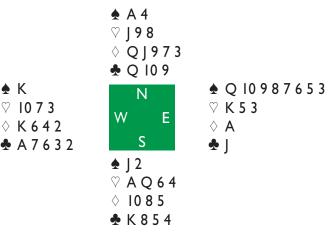


Open Room

West	North	East	South
H Hansen	Abecassis	Christiansen	Lévy
_	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	2 ◇	Pass	4 ♡
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Lebel	Schou	Soulet	J Hansen
_	Pass	Pass	$ \diamond$
♠	Dble	2♠	4 ♡
All Pass			

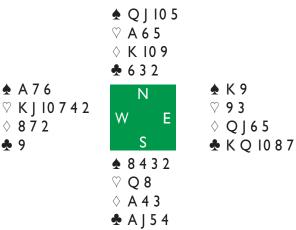
In the Open South's slightly off-centre INT opening certainly put the cat among the pigeons. The E/W convention card says that double is penalty oriented, but both the hand and the subsequent bidding seem to say it shows a four-card major and a longer minor. South led the \mathbf{AQ} , North gave this some thought, and put the ace up. Peter was trying to persuade East to drop the king under this, but why would he expect the lead to be a singleton, especially when he needs an entry to hand to finesse the trump? Apparently North was puzzled too, as he took some time before deciding that the lead was more likely to be a singleton than from KQ stiff. Eventually he returned a club for the ruff, South cashed his red aces and put dummy back on play to wait for his \mathbf{AK} . In the Closed Room West's obvious \mathbf{AP} lead gave declarer no chance. Then:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



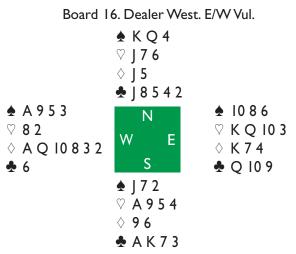
The opening lead was decisive again on this hand, after both Easts opened 4. In the Open Room the $\clubsuit5$ was taken by the ace, and with his only possible entry to the $\Diamond K$ gone declarer tried for his only legitimate chance of the $\heartsuit A$ onside. No such luck, one down. In the other room South led the ace of hearts. On another day this would have been a winning move, but today was not that day, and when he failed to switch to a club declarer also had an overtrick, which turned 10 IMPs into 11.





In contrast to Boards I and I3, on number 15 the French played in two of each major at the two tables, making both with an overtrick for a double part score swing of 7 IMPs. System played a significant part here, when the Danish natural weak 2^{\heartsuit} opening allowed the French South to stretch to find a protective re-opening double, leading to them playing 2^{\clubsuit} . By contrast the French opened the West hand with a multi 2^{\circlearrowright} , South couldn't reasonably act over the 2^{\heartsuit} pass or correct relay, and North didn't have enough of either strength or shape to do anything but pass.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
H Hansen	Abecassis	Christiansen	Lévy
Pass	Pass	Pass	♣
$ \diamond $	2 桊	Dble	3 📥
3♠	Pass	4 \diamond	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebel	Schou	Soulet	J Hansen
$ \diamond $	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	Pass
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	All Pass		

On the final board Henrik Hansen chose not to open the bidding, whereas Lebel in the other room did. Perhaps perversely, this had the effect of driving the Danish pair one level higher than their counterparts, so $3\diamond$ with an overtrick for the French, $4\diamond$ one off for the Danish; a final 6 IMPs making 42 on the last five boards to leave the final score France 155 - 146 Denmark. One set left and all to play for.



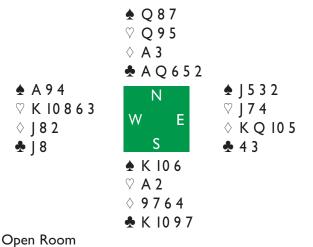


	Bermuda Bowl QF S6	
	USA I v England	
David Bird		

Overnight, England led USA I by 118-55. They dropped only 2 IMPs in the fourth set. Calamity then struck in the fifth set, taken 76-13 by the Americans. As Roland Wald and I took our seats for the final 16 boards, England led by only 160-158. Momentum was with the USA I team in a big way. What would happen?

The early boards were drab, showing no sense of occasion. I propose to brush the first eight of them under my computer-room carpet. We will start with this one:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3◇*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Eric Rodwell opened with a 14-16 point INT. Jeff Meckstroth's 2NT was Puppet Stayman, looking unsuccessfully for a 5-3 spade fit. Chris Jagger led the $\Diamond Q$, asking for an upside-down attitude signal (the $\Diamond 2$ from partner), and Rodwell won with the ace. By doing so, he gave himself a chance that the defenders' diamonds (a doubleton jack or 10 with West) would be blocked.

Three rounds of clubs were followed by a spade to declarer's queen. Rodwell then cashed two more clubs and finessed the $\bigstar 10$, drawing the ace. The defenders scored three diamond tricks, but dummy's $\bigstar K$ and $\heartsuit A$ then brought declarer's total to nine; +400.

Closed Room

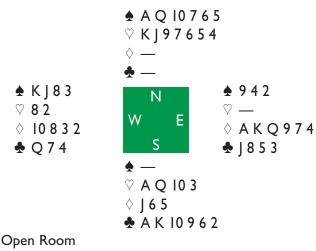
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Forrester	Levin	Robson
Pass	♣	Pass	♠*
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Tony Forrester decided not to upgrade to a 15-17 INT. The other seven tables in the quarter-finals all reached 3NT, which was made six times.

Playing in INT, Forrester did not finesse the $\bigstar10$ and made +120. USA I picked up 7 IMPs, the biggest swing of this segment so far.

North did his best to look casual as he sorted his cards for the next board:





West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
_	$ \heartsuit$	3♢	4♣ *
Pass	5⊘*	Pass	7 ♡
All Pass			

Many would open 1 \bigstar on the North cards, permitting a heart rebid after high minor-suit competition. Rodwell preferred 1 \heartsuit and this made the bidding easier than it might have been. Meckstroth's 4 \bigstar over 3 \diamondsuit agreed hearts and was presumably a cue-bid. Rodwell then bid Exclusion RKCB to show his diamond void. Meckstroth saw no need to tax his brain, calculating the agreed response on two key-cards, the trump queen and a void. He blasted straight into 7 \heartsuit .

Rodwell ruffed the $\Diamond K$ lead, cashed the $\bigstar A$ and ruffed a spade low. He then used diamond-ruff entries to his hand to ruff two more spades. He duly made the grand slam without any assistance from the $\bigstar AK$.

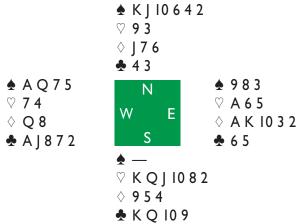
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Forrester	Levin	Robson
_	♠	2 ◇	3♣
3♢	3♡	Pass	4◊*
Pass	6♡	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

Forrester opened 1, and a 3 \diamond overcall might have made life more awkward for N/S. As it was, Robson was able to bid 3, then 4 \diamond to agree hearts and show a good hand. He didn't need to think too long before raising 6 \heartsuit to the grand. The play was the same as in the Open Room and no IMPs were exchanged.

In the Bermuda Bowl, only Norway and the Netherlands failed to reach 7 \heartsuit . In the Venice Cup, with one match already conceded, three teams out of six bid the grand. In the Seniors, four bid 7 \heartsuit , three bid 6 \heartsuit and one 5 \heartsuit . In the Mixed Teams, 7 \heartsuit was bid three times, 6 \heartsuit five times.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
_	_	_	$ \heartsuit$
Dble		2♡*	3♡
4♣	Pass	4 \diamond	Pass
5 🙅	All Pass		

It was not a pretty auction by E/W. I'm sure there must be at least twelve of you currently reading this report. Would you like to take your seats in the jury box? Who was to blame for reaching this unappetising contract?

"As I see it, m'Lud, Jagger should have bid a restrained $3\diamond$ at his first turn. He is rather strong for the bid, I concede, but if he starts with a cue-bid and bids diamonds later, this will be forcing."

Meckstroth removed some bidding space by rebidding 3, rather than showing good hearts with double.

"Members of the jury, you may like to consider the wisest second-round action from the defendant in the West seat. He would certainly be expected to say something if South had merely doubled 2° . Now that the bidding was so high, was he worth bidding 4° , carrying the bidding past 3NT? Remember that he had heard a spade bid over his AQxx."

Jagger had to bid $4\diamond$ over West's $4\clubsuit$, and his previous cuebid then came home to roost. He had not limited his hand and Allerton quite rightly assumed that he must bid again. East thought for quite a while over $5\clubsuit$, but had nowhere to go. West would have raised the diamonds with threecard support.

The England pair escaped a double, and North led the $\heartsuit 9$ to dummy's ace. Allerton played a trump to the king and ace, continuing with three rounds of diamonds to ditch his heart loser. He was still two down for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Forrester	Levin	Robson
_	_	_	\square
Dble	Rdbl*	2♡	3♡
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

For rester's redouble showed spades. East did choose to cue-bid now, but Weinstein kept quiet over the 3^{\heartsuit} rebid by South.

Robson led the $\heartsuit K$ against 3NT and Bobby Levin won the second round. He ran the $\bigstar 9$ to the 10, won the diamond return with dummy's queen and cashed the $\bigstar A$. After four more rounds of diamonds, he led a second spade. When South showed out, he rose with dummy's $\bigstar A$, conceding one down. E/W at the other table must have been relieved to lose only 2 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	 ▲ 10 6 4 2 ♡ 3 2 ◊ 9 7 5 ♣ J 10 6 3 	
 ▲ A 9 5 ♡ A 9 6 5 ◊ A J 10 6 ▲ A 5 	N W E S	 ▲ Q J 3 ♡ K Q J 7 4 ◇ 2 ♣ K 9 7 2
	★ K 8 7 ♡ 0 8	
	◊ K Q 8 4 3	
	♣ Q 8 4	
Don Room		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
_	_	\square	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3◇*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4 🙅	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Jagger showed a minimum hand with his 3 \clubsuit call over the Jacoby 2NT. West's 3 \diamond asked for a shortage and 3NT showed a diamond singleton. Over partner's 4 \heartsuit , Allerton closed the shop in 6 \heartsuit .

Twelve tricks are easy with the trumps breaking 2-2. The conversation online addressed whether thirteen tricks could be made after a lead of the \Diamond K. The tall, military figure of Mr. GIB was among the kibitzers and he assured us that nothing could be easier.

The general aim is a dummy reversal, followed by one of two squeezes. Declarer wins the lead with the $\diamond A$ and plays a trump to the king. A club to the ace permits the first diamond ruff, with a low trump. The king of clubs and a club ruff are followed by a second diamond ruff. Now the $\mathbf{\Phi}Q$ is led and the subsequent play depends on whether South decides to cover with the king.

First, let's see what happens if he does not cover. The $\mathbf{A}Q$ wins and declarer ruffs his last club with the $\heartsuit A$. Two rounds of trumps then squeeze South in spades and diamonds.

Next we will suppose that the riangle Q is covered by the king and ace. Declarer then ruffs dummy's last diamond with the $\heartsuit Q$, crosses to the $\heartsuit A$ (South's $\heartsuit 10$ appearing) and plays the $\heartsuit 9$ to squeeze North in the black suits.

How long did it take bridge writers to fathom such deals, before GIB and Deep Finesse were available? The famous Ottlik-Kelsey book, 'Adventures in Cardplay', was written many years before computer assistance. I still regard that as something of a miracle.

You will not be surprised to hear that only twelve tricks were made at the table. I am told that Italy bid and made $7\heartsuit$. Sadly, they had been 100 IMPs behind, and that session of their quarter-final was not shown on BBO. The play details are therefore not available to me.

Closed Room

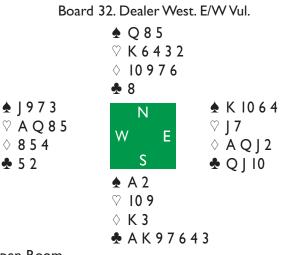
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Forrester	Levin	Robson
_	_	\square	Pass
2NT	Pass	3 🛧	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 \diamond	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		



Bobby Levin, USA I

A cue-bid auction carried Levin safely to 6^{$\circ}$ </sup>. Twelve tricks were made, and there was no swing.

With only one board left, USA I led by 21 IMPs. In the distance, the sound of a well-endowed lady singing could be heard.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allerton	Rodwell	Jagger	Meckstroth
Pass	Pass	INT	Dble
All Pass			

Some say that it is total madness to play a weak INT in third seat, when vulnerable against not. That's not a common view in England, of course. We tend to admire such bravery.

Meckstroth's penalty double was passed out and he began the defence with ace, king and another club. Jagger won and ran the \heartsuit J to the king. South had cleared the club suit with the \clubsuit 3 (reverse suit preference), so Rodwell played a spade to South's ace. Meckstroth scored his remaining clubs and that was 500 away.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Forrester	Levin	Robson
Pass	Pass	I \diamond	3NT
All Pass			

Weinstein led the \bigstar 3 and the game was two down. That was another 12 IMPs away, giving the USA I a winning margin of 195-162. A match of 96 boards is usually enough to bring the better team to the top. So it had proved, despite the early heroics from our lads. All agreed that it had been a splendid match!



Venice Cup SF SI China v The Netherlands

Brian Senior

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There is a lot of experience in the Dutch Venice Cup team and they are perfectly capable of beating anyone, however, I saw no reason to change my pre-tournament fancy for China to be the new champions comes Saturday evening. We should see – being tipped by me is usually a kiss of death to any team, however strong.

Boa ▲ 10 7 5 ♡ A ◇ 8 5 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 8		3 ▲ J 9 ♡ J 9 ◇ K ♣ 6 3	8 2 8 6 2
West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu
_	I¢	Pass	$ \heartsuit$
Dble All Pass	Rdbl	♠	INT
West	North	East	South
Shen	Verbeek	Wang	Van Zwol
_	INT	Pass	2 🙅

For the Netherlands, Martine Verbeek opened a 14-16 NT and was raised to game via Stayman by Wietske van Zwol. Qi Shen doubled the 24 response to show clubs, so Wenfei Wang did as requested and led her singleton club. Hoping to find her partner with a doubleton, Shen ducked the club so Verbeek won the jack. She led a spade to the queen followed by a heart up, Shen winning the bare ace and laying down a hopeful ace of clubs. No good news there so Shen led another club to clear the suit. Verbeek won the \clubsuit K and cashed the king of hearts, discovering the five-one break, crossed to the ace of spades and exited with a club. Shen won that and cashed her other club. Wang, who was guarding all the other three suits, was crushed by the play of the clubs and Verbeek had nine tricks without having to worry about the position of the king of diamonds; +400.

Pass

3NT

Despite also playing a 14-16 NT, Yan Lu chose to open a Precision $I \diamond$. It is hard to understand the logic behind this as she held at least one honour in every suit and was 4-3-3-3. Anyway, let's assume that she downgraded the hand

and deemed it too weak for INT. Yan Liu responded I \heartsuit and Laura Dekkers doubled. Lu redoubled to show threecard heart support and, after Merel Bruijnsteen showed her spades, Liu closed proceedings with INT. Dekkers led the five of spades to the jack and ace and Liu played a club to the jack followed by a diamond to her jack, then a heart up. Dekkers won the ace and played the ten of spades. Liu won the queen and led a club, Dekkers winning the ace and exiting with a spade to the king. As at the other table, East was in trouble. Bruijnsteen had pitched a heart on the second club, but when Liu cashed the king and queen of hearts followed by the \clubsuit K, she had to give up her diamond guard to keep the majors covered. Liu picked up three diamond tricks and ten in all for +180 but 6 IMPs to the Netherlands.

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Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.				
 ▲ Q 10 8 6 2 ♡ Q 10 4 3 ◊ 10 ♣ K Q 10 				
🔺 K J 9 4 3	N	🖌 🌢 A	75	
♡ -		_ ♡] 9	8	
♦ A 9 5 3 2	W	-] 8 4	
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	♦ K 7 6			
	♣ 8 7 5			
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu	
_	_	Pass	\bigcirc	
20	4 ♡	4♠	Pass	
Pass	Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Shen	Verbeek	Wang	Van Zwol	
_	_	Pass	\bigcirc	
2♡	2NT	3♠	4 ♡	
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♡	
All Pass				

Liu opened the South hand with I^{\heartsuit} and Lu, facing a limited opening in their Precision style, raised to game over Dekkers' Michaels Cuebid. That bullied Bruijnsteen into bidding $4 \pm$ and when that came back to Lu she doubled, ending the auction. Liu led the ace of hearts, ruffed, and Bruijnsteen led a spade to her ace, getting the bad news. She led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, followed by a second diamond, ruffed by Lu, who returned a heart for declarer to ruff. Declarer played another diamond, Lu discarding, then a fourth round. Lu ruffed that

Dble

All Pass

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and played the king of clubs, declarer winning the ace and playing the fifth diamond and discarding the \heartsuit J from hand. Finally, she led a club towards the jack and Lu could win the queen and had the \bigstar Q to come for down one and -100.

Van Zwol also opened $I\heartsuit$ and Shen made the same twosuited overcall as in the other room. Verbeek showed a four-card heart raise and there was room for Wang to limit her hand with a simple $3\clubsuit$ bid on the East cards. Van Zwol went on to $4\heartsuit$ and Shen, with extras for her overcall, bid $4\clubsuit$, thinking that one or other game might be making – or perhaps even both. Verbeek doubled that for penalty, but Van Zwol over-ruled her and bid $5\heartsuit$, where she played. Shen cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a low spade. Van Zwol put in the ten and ruffed out Wang's ace. She cashed the ace of hearts then led a club to the king, continued with the queen and another heart to hand, followed by a second club. Shen won the ace and the threethree club split meant that Van Zwol had 11 tricks for +650 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

	▲ ♡ ◇	ealer South. E K 7 6 3 A K J 9 K A 10 5 4	/W Vul.
 ▲ A 5 2 ♡ Q 6 5 ◇ A J 10 ◆ K 	♠ ♡ ◊	N E S J 9 4 8 4 3 Q 8 6 3 8 7 6	 ▲ Q 10 8 ♡ 10 7 2 ◇ 4 2 ▲ Q J 9 3 2
West	North	East	South

VVC3C		Last	South
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu
_	_	_	Pass
\diamond	Dble	Pass	$ \heartsuit$
2 ◇	2♡	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
vvest Shen	North Verbeek	East Wang	South Van Zwol
			Van Zwol
Shen —	Verbeek —	Wang —	Van Zwol Pass
Shen _ I◊	Verbeek – Dble	Wang — Pass	Van Zwol Pass I♡

Once in a while, partner makes a take-out double and you have no attractive option in response. Too weak to respond INT, both Souths bid their cheapest three-card suit, and West repeated the long diamonds. Lu now contented herself with a raise to 2^{\heartsuit} , downgrading the bare king of diamonds, while Verbeek cuebid. She intended this to be a stronger heart raise, I suppose, but Van Zwol showed her diamond stopper, taking 3^{\Diamond} to be more of a general force, and Verbeek corrected to 4^{\heartsuit} – not exactly music to Van Zwol's ears, I suspect.

Dekkers led a low spade against $2\heartsuit$ and Liu played low from dummy, losing to the queen. Bruijnsteen switched to a trump round to dummy's nine. Liu cashed the \heartsuit A then played the king of spades and when that was ducked, a low spade to the ten, jack and ace. Dekkers cashed the ace of diamonds then exited with the queen of hearts to dummy's king. Liu cashed the \heartsuit J and the thirteenth spade then played ace and another club. Bruijnsteen had three club tricks so the contract was one down for -50.

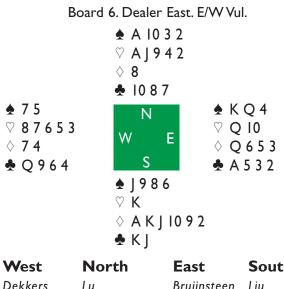
Liu should have made her contract. West's $2\diamond$ rebid was a huge favourite to be based on a six-card suit, in which case she was known to be 3-3-6-1. Leading a low club rather than the ace would guarantee the contract whenever that singleton was an honour. On the actual layout West would win the king and be forced to lead a diamond, resurrecting declarer's $\diamond Q$ for the eighth trick. Had East held the \clubsuit K and West the bare queen or jack, East could have risen with the king, dropping her partner's honour, but would then have been endplayed herself, forced to lead away from the remaining club honour into dummy's ace-ten.

There was no danger of 4^{\odot} making, of course. Shen found the same opening lead as Dekkers, the two of spades, and Van Zwol played low so lost to the queen. Wang switched to the queen of clubs, wasting the power of her partner's bare king. Van Zwol won the \clubsuit A and cashed the ace of hearts, then played a low spade to the ten, jack and ace. Shen cashed the ace of diamonds then played a low heart and Van Zwol put in the jack then led a spade to her nine, took a club pitch on the queen of diamonds, then led a heart to the queen and king. She could cash the \pounds K and \heartsuit 9,



Wietske van Zwol, Netherlands

but had to concede two clubs at the end so was down two for -100 and 2 IMPs to China.



West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu
_	_	♣	$ \diamond$
Pass	\Box	Pass	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
		_	
West	North	East	South
West Shen	North Verbeek	East Wang	South Van Zwol
		Wang	Van Zwol
Shen —	Verbeek —	Wang I◊	Van Zwol Pass
Shen _ I♡	Verbeek – Pass	Wang I♦ INT	Van Zwol Pass Dble

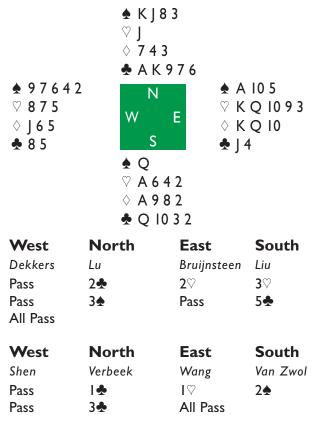
Wang's Precision $I\Diamond$ opening made for a much less comfortable time for her opponents at the other table, where Van Zwol could not make a natural diamond bid at her first turn so passed. Shen responded on very little and Wang rebid INT, 11-13. Now Van Zwol doubled to show a good hand including diamonds, and Shen ran to the relative safety of her five-card heart suit. Verbeek passed, dreaming of a reopening double, which she could leave in, but Van Zwol's next action was to show the long diamonds, and Verbeek converted to 3NT. Spades were never mentioned. Wang led the queen of hearts to dummy's bare king. Verbeek led the jack of spades and ran it, losing to the queen, and Wang returned a low club. Verbeek got that right, calling for dummy's king, and played a second spade, rising with the ace. She cashed the ace of hearts and the fall of the ten meant that she had a fourth heart trick. She cashed the \heartsuit J and \heartsuit 9 then led a diamond to the jack. Wang



Martine Verbeek, Netherlands

had discarded the ace of clubs to keep a &K, a low club and four diamonds, so there were only three diamond tricks to be cashed, but that gave nine in all for +400 and just I IMP to China.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Verbeek opened I♣ and Van Zwol's jump to 2♠ after the opposing overcall was invitational or better with clubs, Verbeek signing off and declaring 3♣. Wang led the king of hearts to dummy's ace. Lu could draw trumps then play a spade and had two discards to hold her diamond losers to one; II tricks for +150.

Lu opened a Precision 2^{e} , natural 11-15, and Bruijnsteen overcalled 2^{o} . Knowing of an at least ten-card fit, Liu drove to game, cuebidding 3^{o} to show the club support, then jumping to game when Lu rebid 3^{e} , showing five-plus clubs and four spades. Here, the opening lead was critical, and Bruijnsteen chose the killer – the king of diamonds. Lu ducked the first trick but won the continuation of the queen of diamonds and drew trumps. Next she played a spade, hoping to find that the hand with the ${}^{\text{e}}A$ did not have another diamond. It was not to be; Bruijnsteen winning the ${}^{\text{e}}A$ and leading the ${}^{\text{o}}10$ to her partner's jack. The contract was down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul. $\bigstar K 9 6 3$ $\heartsuit J 4 3$ $\diamond 9 8$ $\bigstar A K 8 7$ $\bigstar A 4$ $\heartsuit K$ $\diamond K Q J 6 5$ $\bigstar I0 5 4 3 2$ $\bigotimes Q 10 8 7$ $\heartsuit A Q 10 7 6 2$ $\diamond 2$ $\bigstar J 5 2$ $\heartsuit 9 8 5$ $\diamond A 10 7 4 3$ $\bigstar Q 6$					
West	North	East	South		
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu		
_	-	-	2◊*		
Pass	3♡	Pass	Pass		
3NT	Pass	4 ◇	All Pass		
West	North	East	South		
Shen	Verbeek	Wang	Van Zwol		
_	_	_	Pass		
I	Dble All Pass	2♦	4♡		

Liu opened a multi $2\Diamond$, not being put off by the four-card spade suit, and Lu jumped to $3\heartsuit$ in response, pass or correct and not constructive. When that came back to Dekkers, she overcalled 3NT to show the minors, and Bruijnsteen chose diamonds, of course. Liu led the eight of spades, which was ducked to Lu's king. Lu switched to the king of clubs then to a heart, so Liu won the ace and switched back to clubs; down one for -50.

Van Zwol did not open the multi, as to have a biddable four-card major on the side is not her style. Shen opened $1\diamond$, Precision style so, when Wang could compete with $2\diamond$ facing what might have been a doubleton, had diamonds to burn. When Van Zwol jumped to 4^{\heartsuit} in response to Verbeek's take-out double, Shen saved in 5 \Diamond and got a bonus when nobody was able to double. Verbeek cashed a top club and switched to a heart, Van Zwol winning and switching to a spade, so the defence came to the same four tricks as at the other table; down two for -100 and 2 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Would Van Zwol have made $4\heartsuit$? Almost certainly. All seven declarers in $4\heartsuit$ made their contract, so there is no reason to imagine that Van Zwol would have got both majors wrong to go down.

Board	12.	Dealer	West.	N/S Vul.
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	 ▲ A 10 9 3 ♡ K J 4 3 ◊ 10 9 5 ♣ 7 3 	
▲ J 8 5 2 ♡ A I0 5 ◊ 7 4 ♣ I0 6 5 4	N W E S	 ▲ K 7 6 4 ♡ Q ◇ K 8 3 ▲ A Q 8 2
	 ▲ Q ♡ 98762 ◇ A Q J 62 ▲ K 9 	.,



Wenfei Wang, China

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Lu	Bruijnsteen	Liu
Pass	Pass	♣	$ \diamond$
Pass	2 ◇	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Shen	Verbeek	Wang	Van Zwol
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

Bruijnsteen opened $| \clubsuit |$ and Liu had the choice of overcalling in her strong five-card diamond suit, her very weak five-card heart suit, or perhaps overcalling 2NT to show both red suits. She chose the strong diamonds and collected a simple raise from Lu. Dekkers led the six of clubs against $2\Diamond$, Bruijnsteen winning the ace and continuing with a second club to Liu's king. Liu led the eight of hearts to the five, jack and queen, ran the low diamond return to dummy's ten and played a diamond back to the jack. She played a second heart without drawing the last trump, so Dekkers could win the ace and gave her partner a ruff; nine tricks for +110.

In the other room, Wang opened the East cards with INT. If playing a natural system I would not approve of doing this when it would be so natural to open $1 \stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow}$ then rebid $1 \stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow}$, but playing Precision this was not an option for Wang, whose alternatives were $1\Diamond$ or $2\clubsuit$. In that context, and with a stiff honour, I don't mind INT at all – anything is better than the horrible Precision 2⁺ opening on a maximum and threesuited hand. However, this proved not to be a great success. Van Zwol led the eight of hearts and, of course, Wang ducked this to Verbeek's king. Verbeek switched to the ten of diamonds and Wang played the king. Van Zwol won the $\Diamond A$ and rattled off the rest of the diamonds, Verbeek discarding a club and a spade. Next, Van Zwol led a heart. Wang put in the ten without much hope and that lost to the jack. A heart back to dummy established two more winners for Van Zwol. Wang led the ten of clubs and, when Verbeek followed with a small card, rose with the ace then exited with a club. Van Zwol won the second club, cashed the hearts, and led her spade to partner's ace at trick 13 for down five and -250; 4 IMPs to the Netherlands.

What had generally been a quiet set ended with the Netherlands in the lead by 30-7 IMPs. What did I say about my tips being the kiss of death to a team?

Superb Defence

by Ron Klinger

England v USA I - BB Quarter-final

 ▲ 6 ♡ 7 5 ◇ A K Q 9 ♣ 10 4 3 2 	S ♠ K 7 ♡ K 8	I0 J92 J6 E ☆ 42 43	Vul. A 9 8 5 3 I0 6 J 5 Q 9 8 5
	◇ 8 7 4 ♣ 7	4 2	
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Malinowski	Levin	Bakhshi
3◇	Dble	4 \diamond	Dble
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

Bobby Levin (East) and Steve Weinstein (West) produced a superb defence to defeat 4?. They were the only ones to beat 4? across all four divisions of the quarter-finals.

Levin (East) gauged from the bidding that North/South had length in both majors. He therefore led the A: two, six, jack. He continued with the Φ 9 (suit-preference for diamonds!): four, $\heartsuit 5, \Phi Q$. Trusting partner, Steve Weinstein (West) switched to the \diamondsuit 9 (suit-preference for spades = "I have another trump."): ten, jack, two, and the Φ 5 return, ruffed by South, spelled defeat for $4\heartsuit$; East/West +100.

The contract was $4\heartsuit$ at four other tables in the Bermuda Bowl, but declarer was South each time and every West led a diamond winner, with the result of North/South +620 at each table.

Venice Cup: South $4\heartsuit$ +620 x 3. D'Orsi Trophy: South $4\heartsuit$ +620 x 3; North $4\heartsuit$ +650 x 1, +620 x 3; Wuhan Cup: South $4\heartsuit$ +620 x 3, North $4\heartsuit$ +620 x 4.

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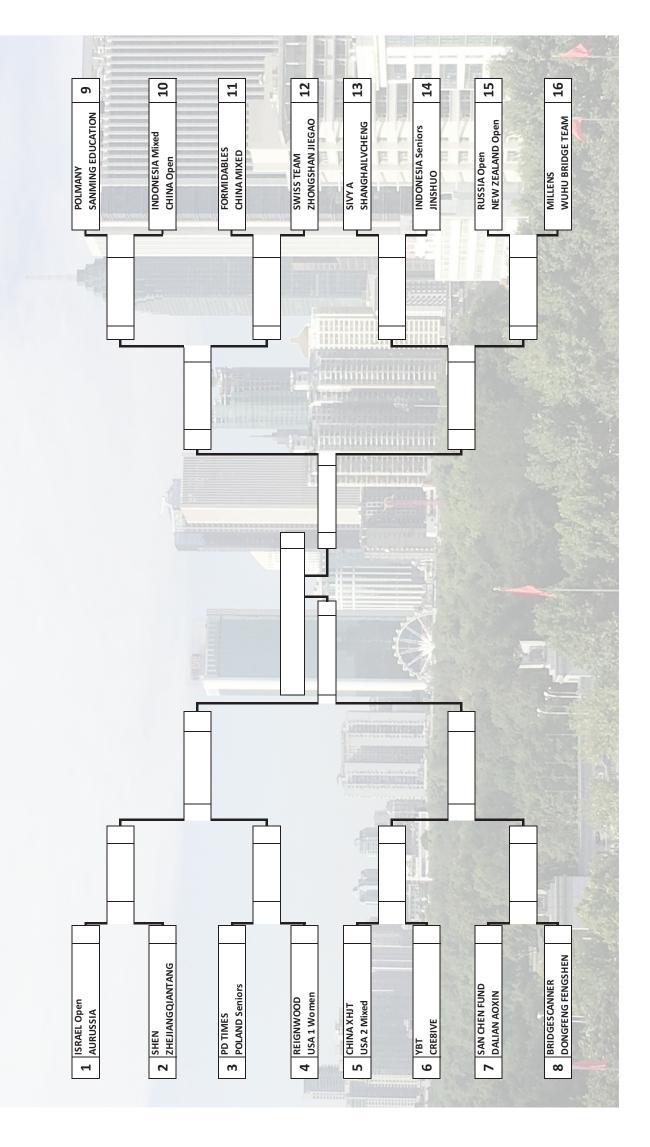


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FRASER Douglas - MCAVOY James	3.70	10	CHEN Jun - LIN Yan	0.38	50
LI Rui - XIN Guofang WUYu - ZHENGYixin	2.10 2.00	10 10	CHEN Hua - LI Xin POLII Bert Toar - SUGIARTO Tanudjan	0.38 0.38	100 90
GUYan - YU Fang	2.00	10	BOJOH Jemmy - KARWUR Franky Steven	0.37	100
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SHARMA Asha - THAKUR Meenal	1.90 1.78	20 120	DAI Jianming - RAN Jing Rong HE Weiwei - LIU Song	0.35 0.35	110
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F SHI Xiaoling - ZENG Ziming	1.78	20	RAVENNA Pablo - THOMA Marcos	0.35	100
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - RAVENNA Pablo	1.70	10	WU Haotian - WU Shaohong	0.35	20
LI Jianwei - SHI Xiao	1.70	10	DESAIVinay - SAMANT Keshav Sakharam	0.35	149
BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas BATHURST Kevin - HURD John	1.61 1.60	110 147	KUANG Yuegang - LIU Sicheng STABELL Leif-Erik - STABELL Tolle	0.34 0.33	50 99
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LEVY Alain - VOLCKER Frederic	1.40	30	LUYi-Zu - YANG Hsin-Lung	0.33	70
BIRMAN Alon - PADON Dror	1.37	100	CHEN Yong - LUO Yide	0.32	90
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - DE MELLO Sylvia Figueira CHEN Sheng Hong - WANG Weimin	1.37 1.35	60 40	GUYan - SHAO Songhua BAKHSHI David - MALINOWSKI Artur	0.32 0.30	50 40
GAN Xinli - WANG Weimin	1.33	30	LI Rui - SHEN Siyuan	0.30	20
ANKLESARIA Keyzad - TEWARI Rajeshwar	1.30	90	BAO Xiangdong - ZHU Chenyu	0.30	20
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GAN Derun - HE Ligiang	1.10	20	DWYER Kevin - HUANG Shan	0.30	100
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DINKIN Sam - McCALLUM Karen	1.10 1.07	10 28	CHENG Kuo-Paw - ZHANG Yalan CHEN Li-Jen - SO Ho-Yee	0.30 0.30	100
HU Linlin - LIU Yinghao HUANG Weiming - TIAN Weiqiang	1.07	116	HOU Jian - ZHOU Jia Hong	0.28	90
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SHEN Mingkun - SHEN Xiaonong	1.03	40	ASBI Taufik Gautama - BOJOH Lusje Olha	0.28	80
GRZEJDZIAK Igor - GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	1.01 1.00	140 60	ANGELERI Ricardo - POLESCHI Ricardo WEIYu - YU Dingyi	0.27 0.27	110
CAO Wenhui - ZHANG Hongkang LALL Justin - MOSS Brad	0.95	130	CARRUTHERS John - KIRR Martin	0.27	100
REESS Vanessa - THUILLEZ Laurent	0.95	20	ZHANG Xiangping - ZHU Zhiqiang	0.26	50
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HU Xiao - ZHOU Feiwei CHEN Jien - WANG Ping	0.92 0.90	100 30	SHI Miao - WANG Dade COMELLA Amedeo - SABBATINI Stefano	0.25	120
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GAN Ling - SHAN Sheng	0.75	100	ROSENBERG Kevin - WILDAVSKY Adam	0.19	130
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KANE Helen - SYMONS Anne	-0.01	150	GUMBY Pauline - LAZER Warren	-0.50	90
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BEAUCHAMP David - TUTTY Jodi	-0.14	80	CHEN Ji - DONG Lidang	-0.70	60
LIAO Zhengjiang - XIE Zhaobin	-0.14	50	WANG Yuanluo - WANG Yuanwei	-0.71	80
CHEN Hang - LI Xufeng NOGUEIRA Heloisa - THOMA Marcos	-0.15 -0.15	40 20	HUANG Yu - LI Xiaoyu KIM Jin Kyoung - LEE Choonhee	-0.72 -0.74	29 140
CHIU Wai-Lap Abby - SZE Shun Sum Alan	-0.15	80	CHEN Rugang - FEI De	-0.75	40
HANNA Nader - ŔAYNER John	-0.15	100	BA Zhuoqiang - TIAN Liwen	-0.76	90
DEAS Lynn - SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	-0.16	79	MCAVOY Constance - MCAVOY James	-0.76	50
NEWTON Shirley - WILKINSON Jenny GONG Wangying - GU Wen	-0.17 -0.18	150 60	CHEN Biao - WANG Canyun BERNSTEIN Cindy - WHEELER Sally	-0.76 -0.76	80 80
BOYD Peter - ROBINSON Steve	-0.18	119	NIE Chunhui - WANG Huijun	-0.81	90
WU Zhenbo - YAN Shi Rock	-0.19	110	SHI Jiangyun - ZHOU Shiwen	-0.84	70
YU Xiaoguang - ZHANG Shengle	-0.20	70	UGGERI Paolo - VANUZZI Marilina	-0.89	80
GAN Jian - XIE Xueming WU Tianqi - ZHANG Xiangping	-0.20 -0.20	10 30	BATRA Puja - GUPTA Subhash LAIR Mark - ROSENBERG Michael	-0.90 -0.90	140 40
BACH Ashley - CORNELL Michael	-0.21	130	MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.90	50
NADAR Kiran - SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	-0.21	90	ROSENTHAL Andrew - ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	-0.90	10
CAO Si Wei - GUO Xiaorun BAKKETor - MARSTRANDER Peter	-0.22 -0.22	50 90	EKINCI Orhan - KOKTEN Namik CAO Si Wei - LIU Siyi	-0.90 -0.90	10 10
KRASNOSSELSKI Mikhail - ORLOV Sergey	-0.23	80	WANG Jun - ZHOU Tao	-0.93	100
MARTENS Krzysztof - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	-0.23	70	DUAN Yi - WANG Yongzhong	-0.96	90
DAWSON Helena - PITT Helene GU Jiean - ZHOU Jianzheng	-0.23 -0.23	100 90	CHEN Rugang - HUA Xiaoming MARKS Rafal - OGLOBLIN Dominika	-0.97 -0.98	30 80
JIN Jing - ZHOU Lihua	-0.23	60	KOLUDA Piotr - SARNIAK Anna	-1.00	10
LIU Shu - ZHANG Ligang	-0.24	110	DINKIN Sam - STANSBY JoAnna	-1.00	10
DU Bing - JIANG Tong BEAUCHAMP David - DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival	-0.24 -0.25	80 20	LIN Rongqiang - TAO Jian Hua LI Jianlei - LU Jiteng	-1.00 -1.00	20 40
DUAN Yi - ZHANG liong	-0.25	20	CAI Wenbin - TAO Donglin	-1.00	50
McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz) - McQUAKER Fiona	-0.25	150	GARAFULIC Sandra - RAVENNA Pablo	-1.03	40
CAI Wenbin - ZHU Zhiqiang	-0.26 -0.26	90 150	HWANG lyn Ryung - PARK Myung Kee	-1.03 -1.03	140 30
WANG Deping - ZENG Zhaorong LAM Leo - LEE Nok Yin	-0.26	80	XUN Yonghong - YU Dan DU Feng - SHI Jiangyun	-1.05	20
PEJACSEVICH Alexis - PELLEGRINI Carlos	-0.26	80	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby - LUI Barney	-1.05	20
SHEN Siyuan - WU Shangjie	-0.27	120	BERCUSON Ken - MITTELMAN George	-1.05	100
LIU Chuan - XIE Ziqiu CHAI Greta - II Steven	-0.27 -0.27	100 140	CHOO Jane - TAN Gemma TENG Wenhong - YU Shurong	-1.07 -1.10	140 60
QIN Huiyun - WAN Meikui	-0.28	80	SHI Bin - ZHU Bizhi	-1.10	10
DAI Ke - LU Jiteng	-0.28	80	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - THOMA Marcos	-1.10	30
FUNG Hao Yin Vincent - LUI Barney	-0.28	40 50	LIAN Ruoyang - WANG Xiangyang	-1.11	90 70
BALDYSZ Cathy - BALDYSZ Sophia LAURIA Lorenzo - VERSACE Alfredo	-0.28 -0.28	39	JIANG Qiubo - ZOU Xiaoyan HARTONO Michael Bambang - NURHALIM Apin	-1.11 -1.14	70 90
FEI De - HUA Xiaoming	-0.29	80	BERKOWITZ David - SONTAG Alan	-1.17	30
CHEN Wenjun - KANĞ Zichao	-0.29	90	KIM Hyun Hee - YEA Eun Joo	-1.19	140
CAI Junqiang - FANG Xiaodong JANEBUNJONG Kanokporn - PLENGSAP Kridsadayut	-0.29 -0.30	120 149	GAO Tao - SHI Feng FISCHER Stephen - RANKIN Pele	-1.20 -1.23	10 120
MATao - ZHENG Xiangyun	-0.30	149	YU Zhenhai - ZHU Fushou	-1.23	120
LI Jianwei - SHEN Jia Xiang	-0.30	120	NEWELL Peter - REID Martin	-1.25	20
MÁTHIEU Philippe - SOUDAN Luc	-0.30	40	LI Changcheng - ZHANG Xuejun	-1.28	80
CRONIER Philippe - DUBOIN Giorgio XIE Xueming - ZHAO Hongquan	-0.30 -0.30	30 60	ASTORĒ Giancarlo - LIGAMBI Luigi DI FRANCO Massimiliano - KIM Hye Young	-1.29 -1.30	100 150
CHEN Jun - ZHU Huilin	-0.30	10	WUYong - ZHANG Ruihua	-1.30	10
LIN Xi - YOU Zheng	-0.30	99	JIANG Qiubo - LONG Jianghong	-1.30	40
FAN De Mao - MAYi	-0.31	140	HUANGYu - JIANG Renfu	-1.33	70
LIU Siyi - QI Linhua SHAO Zijian - SHEN Yu Xiong	-0.3 I -0.3 I	140 70	MAKMITREE Apisai - YAISAWANG Manthanee LI Ning - ZOU Xiaoyan	-1.35 -1.40	20 10
BHATTACHARJEE Aniruddha - SANTRA Dipak	-0.33	100	BESSIS Veronique - THUILLEZ Laurent	-1.40	30
MARKS Rafal - WOJCIESZEK Jakub	-0.33	60	HUANG Weidong - XIE Qiang	-1.49	80
CASPERSEN Henrik - FARHOLT Stense MILNE Liam - NUNN Tony	-0.34 -0.36	100 90	GRUDE Liv Marit - OIGARDEN Bodil Nyheim CHEN Gang - HUANG Xiaoming	-1.50 -1.50	30 20
LI Xufeng - WU Yu	-0.36	100	WOJCIESZEK Jakub - WOJCIK Marta	-1.50	20
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - ZORLU Nafiz	-0.36	50	KAZMUCHA Danuta - SARNIAK Anna	-1.55	20
JANG Jung Bae - PARK Jungyoon CHAN Wai Kit - WONG Shui No	-0.37 -0.37	150 100	HOLLANDS Peter - HUMPHRIES Susan MCAVOY James - WILLIS David T.	-1.57 -1.60	30 10
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - GARAFULIC Sandra	-0.38	29	LUO Zengqun - ZHANG Hongkang	-1.63	40
MAKMITREE Apisai - YAISAWANG Supote	-0.39	59	HE Rong Hui - OH Mi Ran	-1.63	140
CHOWDHURY M. A. R ISLAM Mohammad Monirul LUYiping - ZHANG Zhijun	-0.40 -0.40	30 80	GUYan - WUYong HAQUE Shah Zia-ul - ISLAM Mohammad Monirul	-1.65 -1.77	20 30
BEKKOUCHE Nadia - BLAKSET Lars	-0.40	80	SHI Xiaoling - WANG Canyun	-1.77	10
KAMAL Nikita - THAKUR Meenal	-0.40	10	SHI Jian Xiang - ZHANG Yu Sheng	-1.80	10
LI Lianjiang - ZHOU Jinguo LIU Xiangdong - XIE Qiang	-0.40 -0.40	20 20	KHANDELVVAL Rajeev - KRISHNAN Ramratnam AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - KOKTEN Namik	-1.80 -1.90	50 10
ROSENBERG Debbie - ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	-0.40	20	LUANG-ON Chayes - RIAMSREE Asdang	-1.90 -2.55	20
BARONI Irene - TARTARIN Anne-Laure	-0.41	110	CUI Dong Yue - SHI Jian Xiang	-2.60	10
HE Xin - ZHOUTao TISCORNIA Fernando - ZONCA Martin	-0.41 -0.41	100 100	YAO Zhi - ZHAO Jian BLACKMAN Dave - ROTCHELL Douglas	-2.90 -3.33	10 9
XUTao - XUE Xin	-0.42	120	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - NOGUEIRA Heloisa	-5.20	10
HUYihong - ZHOUTao	-0.42	50	-		-
KANETKAR Avi - NEILL Bruce	-0.43	80			

Transnational Teams



Transnational Teams After Round 15

1	ISRAEL Open	194.14
2	MILLENS	193.77
3	POLMANY	192.29
4	BRIDGESCANNER	189.94
5	CHINA XHJT	189.35
6	SWISS TEAM	188.71
7	SIVY A	188.41
8	REIGNWOOD	182.04
9	PD TIMES	179.37
10	INDONESIA Seniors	175.80
	FORMIDABLES	175.50
12	YBT	174.29
13	SAN CHEN FUND	173.76
14	INDONESIA Mixed	173.05
15	RUSSIA Open	172.57
16	SHEN	171.64
17	ZHEJIANGQIANTANG	171.56
18	NEW ZEALAND Open	171.45
19	WUHU BRIDGE TEAM	171.37
20	CHINA Open	170.45
21	DALIAN AOXIN	169.47
22	JINSHUO	169.17
23	DONGFENG FENGSHEN	168.59
24	AURUSSIA	168.55
25	USA I Women	168.30
26	CRE8IVE	168.07
27	USA 2 Mixed	167.21
28	CHINA MIXED	167.02
29	POLAND Seniors	166.88
30	SHANGHAILVCHENG	166.43
31	ZHONGSHAN JIEGAO	165.92
32	SANMING EDUCATION	165.56
33	NANGANG POWER	165.12
34	INDONESIA Open	164.96
35	MIX DENMARK	163.62
36	PIONEERS	163.58
37	ITALFRANCE	163.55
38	ITALY Mixed	163.28
39	Shanghai guhua	162.87
40	GUIZHOU ZHENGYE	160.90

41	CCSA	160.12
42	POLAND Mixed	160.02
43	CHINA Seniors	159.51
44	JSQX NJZS BRIDGECLUB	159.00
45	HENGZHOU FINANCE	158.17
46	CHENGDUGUOLI	158.14
47	WE THE NORTH	155.98
48	SEOUL OPEN	155.69
49	POLAND Women	155.60
50	GINNAN	155.09
51	CANADA CHINA UNITED	155.08
52	CHINA JUNIORS	154.45
53	CHINA HUOCHETOU	153.98
54	AUSTRALIA Seniors	153.97
55	SCOTLAND BLUE	153.39
56	CHINESE TAIPEI Mixed	153.17
57	WUHAN DONGFANG	152.40
58	WARHORSE	150.73
59	HIIMOTOR	150.69
60	AUSTRALIA Open	150.57
61	ZHEJIANG JINJIANG	150.37
62	HUBEI BRIDGE TEAM	149.97
63	BBC THAILAND	149.15
64	WUHAN XINGYUTU MEDIA	149.07
65	GALAGILE	148.92
66	THAILAND Mixed	148.87
67	NORWAY Seniors	148.44
68	TURKEY Seniors	146.32
69	USA 2 Seniors	146.27
70	INDIA TSANGPO	146.18
71	BRAZIL Mixed	145.27
72	IRELAND	145.25
73	FAR EAST	144.78
74	HUBEI FUXING	144.39
75	USA I Seniors	144.08
76	ITALY Seniors	143.95
77	NORWAY Women	143.94
78	JILIN BA	143.88
79	MINGXIN GROUP	143.59
80	JXBA	142.78

81	ONE ESSENTIAL OF RED	142.42
82	BEIJINGXUGUANG	141.49
83	HUAXINHUANBAO	141.38
84	FUJIAN BOSSSOFT	140.59
85	TIANYA BRIDGE FATE	139.29
86	ASYMCHEM	138.58
87	SCOTMARK	137.57
88	NAMO KK	137.22
89	UICC WUHAN	136.86
90	ANIT NEGRA	136.59
91	KONG HAN	135.88
92	ZJJDWUHANYUAN	135.38
94	CANADA Seniors	133.35
95	WUHAN	132.59
96	PSG	131.59
97	WUHAN JIANG AN AREA	130.97
98	OZ ANGELS	130.03
99	WUHAN ENGINEERING	128.16
100	HONG PRAISE TEAM	127.13
101	AUSTRALIA MIXED	126.22
102	YUNNAN	125.25
103	BANGKOK MIND SPORT	125.14
104	XINJIANGYILI	24.
105	BRIDGEFRIENDS	123.59
106	YENOVA	122.64
107	NEIMENGGU	122.04
108	DONGFENG AUTO CO LTD	120.39
109	PK NZ	120.32
110	CARIBBEAN PIRATES	8.
	SEOUL MIXED	115.24
113	METALLURGY FED	106.93
114	ITS MAGIC	105.00
116	NEWB	96.42
118	ENSEMBLE	73.91











