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THE BEAT GOES ON



USA1 v Poland on vugraph

Three days remain in the qualifying rounds of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl, meaning that the clock is ticking for teams with hopes of continuing to play when the knockout phases begin.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Italy maintained their stranglehold on first place in the round-robin after 12 rounds of play—and the Netherlands made a move with a dismantling of the USA2 team that had been playing so well.

The Americans held on to fourth place despite the 93-6 drubbing.

In the Venice Cup, China's once-impressive lead—more than a match—had shrunk to barely more than 7 VPs, with France

in close pursuit.

In the Seniors Bowl, Indonesia took over the top qualifying spot after the previous leaders, the Netherlands, were thumped by USA1, 84-16.

At the halfway point of qualifying in the World Computer Bridge Championships, Wbridge5 (France) held a narrow lead over the defending champion, Jack (Netherlands).

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 13 – 10.00
Egypt v Italy

Venice Cup Bowl – ROUND 14 – 14.00
 (Boards 1-16)

China v England

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 14 – 14.00
 (Boards 17-20)

USA2 v New Zealand

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 15 – 17.30
Japan v England

Welcome, Marc Hodler

The 9th World Bridge Championships bid welcome to
 ■ Marc Hodler, president of the WBF World Congress and
 ■ a life member of the International Olympic Committee.
 The former IOC Vice-President has been a dedicated fol-
 lower of high-level bridge play and a strong supporter of
 the game.



PROGRAMME

Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 13 10.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA
2	USA1	JORDAN
3	JAPAN	SWEDEN
4	CANADA	ENGLAND
5	PORTUGAL	RUSSIA
6	NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL
7	INDIA	GUADELOUPE
8	AUSTRALIA	POLAND
9	EGYPT	ITALY
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA
11	USA2	ARGENTINA

Venice Cup

ROUND 13 10.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	ARGENTINA	USA1
13	AUSTRIA	BRAZIL
14	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND
15	PORTUGAL	CHINA
16	USA2	SINGAPORE
17	PAKISTAN	ENGLAND
18	FRANCE	MOROCCO
19	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN
20	JAPAN	EGYPT
21	NETHERLANDS	CANADA
22	INDIA	VENEZUELA

Seniors Bowl

ROUND 13 10.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
23	MOROCCO	USA1
24	INDONESIA	CANADA
25	POLAND	PAKISTAN
26	BANGLADESH	USA2
27	EGYPT	PORTUGAL
28	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN
29	DENMARK	GUADELOUPE
30	BRAZIL	FRANCE
31	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND
32	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
33	ITALY	ISRAEL

ROUND 14 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	JORDAN	JAPAN
2	SWEDEN	CANADA
3	RUSSIA	INDIA
4	BRAZIL	PORTUGAL
5	GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS
6	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
7	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT
8	ITALY	SOUTH AFRICA
9	USA2	NEW ZEALAND
10	ARGENTINA	CHINA
11	ENGLAND	USA1

ROUND 14 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	CHINA	ENGLAND
13	SINGAPORE	PORTUGAL
14	USA2	PAKISTAN
15	JAPAN	FRANCE
16	MOROCCO	AUSTRALIA
17	SWEDEN	EGYPT
18	VENEZUELA	NETHERLANDS
19	CANADA	INDIA
20	USA1	GERMANY
21	BRAZIL	ARGENTINA
22	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRIA

ROUND 14 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
23	USA2	JAPAN
24	PORTUGAL	BANGLADESH
25	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
26	GERMANY	DENMARK
27	GUADELOUPE	BRAZIL
28	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND
29	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS
30	SWEDEN	ITALY
31	USA1	POLAND
32	CANADA	MOROCCO
33	PAKISTAN	INDONESIA

ROUND 15 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA
2	INDIA	BRAZIL
3	PORTUGAL	GUADELOUPE
4	POLAND	ITALY
5	EGYPT	CHINESE TAIPEI
6	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA
7	CHINA	USA2
8	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
9	USA1	SWEDEN
10	JAPAN	ENGLAND
11	CANADA	JORDAN

ROUND 15 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
13	CHINA	USA2
14	ENGLAND	SINGAPORE
15	PORTUGAL	PAKISTAN
16	FRANCE	SWEDEN
17	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN
18	EGYPT	MOROCCO
19	NETHERLANDS	INDIA
20	VENEZUELA	CANADA
21	AUSTRIA	USA1
22	GERMANY	BRAZIL

ROUND 15 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
23	MOROCCO	PAKISTAN
24	USA2	EGYPT
25	JAPAN	PORTUGAL
26	BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA
27	DENMARK	FRANCE
28	BRAZIL	GERMANY
29	NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE
30	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
31	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
32	INDONESIA	USA1
33	POLAND	CANADA



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RESULTS**Bermuda Bowl****ROUND 10**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GUADELOUPE	USA 1	10 58	5 25
2	RUSSIA	JAPAN	45 90	6 24
3	BRAZIL	CANADA	24 27	14 16
4	JORDAN	ITALY	43 93	5 25
5	SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI	65 9	25 4
6	AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	54 23	21 9
7	NETHERLANDS	NEW ZEALAND	71 36	22 8
8	INDIA	USA 2	14 62	5 25
9	CHINA	PORTUGAL	44 47	14 16
10	POLAND	ARGENTINA	23 78	4 25
11	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	70 48	20 10

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	ENGLAND	39 27	17 13
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	JORDAN	32 3	21 9
3	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	27 9	19 11
4	CHINA	NETHERLANDS	25 6	19 11
5	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	23 41	11 19
6	USA 2	PORTUGAL	41 17	20 10
7	SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND	42 42	15 15
8	ARGENTINA	EGYPT	64 23	23 7
9	USA 1	BRAZIL	26 8	19 11
10	JAPAN	GUADELOUPE	38 19	19 11
11	CANADA	RUSSIA	22 15	16 14

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GUADELOUPE	CANADA	1 52	5 25
2	ITALY	SWEDEN	59 53	16 14
3	ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	38 26	17 13
4	JORDAN	AUSTRALIA	78 31	24 6
5	NETHERLANDS	USA 2	93 6	25 0
6	INDIA	CHINA	61 34	21 9
7	PORTUGAL	NEW ZEALAND	50 65	12 18
8	POLAND	EGYPT	21 40	11 19
9	SOUTH AFRICA	ARGENTINA	55 48	16 14
10	RUSSIA	USA 1	48 32	18 12
11	BRAZIL	JAPAN	43 41	15 15

Ranking after 12 rounds

1	ITALY	238
2	EGYPT	210
3	ARGENTINA	207.5
4	USA 2	202
5	USA 1	196
6	BRAZIL	195
7	JAPAN	193
8	CANADA	192
	CHINA	192
10	PORTUGAL	187
11	NETHERLANDS	181
12	SWEDEN	179
	AUSTRALIA	179
14	ENGLAND	178
15	INDIA	175
16	NEW ZEALAND	171.5
17	RUSSIA	168
18	CHINESE TAIPEI	162
19	SOUTH AFRICA	146
20	POLAND	135.5
21	GUADELOUPE	132
22	JORDAN	106

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RESULTS

Venice Cup

ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
12 FRANCE	CANADA	62 31	22 8
13 AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	14 26	12 18
14 USA 1	VENEZUELA	39 50	13 17
15 BRAZIL	NETHERLANDS	56 19	24 6
16 NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	38 16	20 10
17 CHINA	ARGENTINA	84 12	25 0
18 SINGAPORE	AUSTRIA	45 36	17 13
19 PAKISTAN	GERMANY	8 90	0 25
20 PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	7 12	14 16
21 JAPAN	USA 2	26 39	12 18
22 MOROCCO	ENGLAND	37 45	13 17

ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
12 CANADA	AUSTRALIA	34 19	18 12
13 INDIA	USA 1	8 32	9 21
14 VENEZUELA	BRAZIL	26 23	16 14
15 NETHERLANDS	NEW ZEALAND	32 9	20 10
16 GERMANY	CHINA	40 23	19 11
17 ARGENTINA	SINGAPORE	22 20	15 15
18 AUSTRIA	PAKISTAN	17 25	13 17
19 ENGLAND	SWEDEN	37 17	20 10
20 USA 2	MOROCCO	54 14	24 6
21 EGYPT	FRANCE	17 35	11 19
22 JAPAN	PORTUGAL	44 22	20 10

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
12 BRAZIL	INDIA	49 23	19 9
13 NEW ZEALAND	VENEZUELA	48 57	13 17
14 CHINA	AUSTRIA	36 50	12 18
15 SINGAPORE	GERMANY	10 57	4 25
16 PAKISTAN	ARGENTINA	64 40	21 9
17 SWEDEN	USA 2	18 22	14 16
18 ENGLAND	JAPAN	49 21	22 8
19 MOROCCO	PORTUGAL	15 7	17 13
20 FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	66 14	25 4
21 EGYPT	CANADA	27 57	8 22
22 USA 1	NETHERLANDS	84 16	25 1

Ranking after 12 rounds

1	CHINA	231.25
2	FRANCE	224
3	USA 1	216
4	ENGLAND	209
5	GERMANY	205
6	USA 2	203
7	BRAZIL	190
8	CANADA	190
9	NEW ZEALAND	185
10	SWEDEN	182
11	PORTUGAL	172
12	VENEZUELA	170
13	NETHERLANDS	168.5
14	JAPAN	167
15	AUSTRIA	166
16	SINGAPORE	164
17	AUSTRALIA	153
18	PAKISTAN	150.25
19	EGYPT	150
20	INDIA	148
21	MOROCCO	147
22	ARGENTINA	131.5



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RESULTS**Seniors Bowl****ROUND 10**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
23	DENMARK	SWEDEN	59	14	25	5
24	BRAZIL	NEW ZEALAND	20	41	10	20
25	USA 1	ISRAEL	50	16	23	7
26	CANADA	NETHERLANDS	30	55	9	21
27	PAKISTAN	ITALY	10	41	8	22
28	USA 2	MOROCCO	55	21	23	7
29	PORTUGAL	INDONESIA	17	54	6	24
30	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	15	59	5	25
31	BANGLADESH	FRANCE	34	84	4	25
32	GERMANY	EGYPT	28	41	12	18
33	GADELOUPE	JAPAN	35	33	15	15

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
23	SWEDEN	BRAZIL	52	7	25	5
24	ITALY	USA 1	15	37	8	20
25	ISRAEL	CANADA	48	5	25	5
26	NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN	25	10	18	12
27	POLAND	USA 2	33	16	19	11
28	MOROCCO	PORTUGAL	7	33	9	21
29	INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA	22	28	14	16
30	JAPAN	FRANCE	19	54	7	23
31	EGYPT	GADELOUPE	36	38	15	15
32	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	16	42	9	21
33	GERMANY	BANGLADESH	21	18	16	14

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
23	CANADA	ITALY	35	22	18	12
24	PAKISTAN	ISRAEL	27	48	10	20
25	USA 2	INDONESIA	22	42	10	20
26	PORTUGAL	POLAND	55	47	17	13
27	AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	64	17	25	4
28	FRANCE	EGYPT	46	30	19	11
29	JAPAN	GERMANY	39	25	18	12
30	GADELOUPE	BANGLADESH	25	62	6	24
31	DENMARK	BRAZIL	22	5	19	11
32	NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	0	78	0	25
33	USA 1	NETHERLANDS	40	18	20	10

Ranking after 12 rounds

1	INDONESIA	230
2	NETHERLANDS	224
3	USA 1	218
4	DENMARK	211
5	POLAND	209
6	FRANCE	207
7	SWEDEN	202
8	ISRAEL	188
9	USA 2	186
10	PORTUGAL	183
	AUSTRALIA	183
12	JAPAN	177
13	ITALY	176
14	EGYPT	174
15	CANADA	168
16	GERMANY	164
	PAKISTAN	164
18	BANGLADESH	154
19	GADELOUPE	149
20	MOROCCO	146
21	NEW ZEALAND	123
22	BRAZIL	86

**Transnational
Mixed Teams**

The organisation needs to know how many teams will be competing in the World Transnational Open Teams starting on Monday. Teams from the round-robin phase of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl who are interested in competing in this event are requested to go as soon as possible to the WBF office on the first floor and register.

The office will be open for Transnational Entries and for pre-registered teams to confirm their entries between: 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 17.00 hours today.

ROUND 7

Bermuda Bowl



Brazil v Australia



by Mark Horton

An important match was in prospect. Brazil, still third despite their heavy loss to Egypt on Monday, would be hoping to get back to their winning ways, so too their opponents, Australia, who had dropped out of the qualification zone after successive defeats by Italy and Argentina.

The match got off to an explosive start.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ K J 10 7 3 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A K 7 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A Q ♥ A Q 8 6 ♦ A K 10 8 7 ♣ J 10	♠ 10 9 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 9
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ K J 6 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ Q 8 6 5 4						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♥	All Pass

South led the two of hearts and declarer won in hand and, after a few moments of thought, cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond high, claiming +1510 when the suit divided 3-3. (Subsequently an e-mail correspondent suggested that this line of play could only be explained by an urgent need to go to the toilet!)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

North led the ten of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace, crossed to the king of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs ... and continued with the king. North ruffed to give Brazil 17 IMPs.

The best line? If clubs can be 5-1 then so could diamonds, so Chagas's line was certainly the luckier choice. Discussion surrounded the drawing of a second trump. If they are 2-2 you are in very strong position, and if they are 3-1, you can make

a decision about drawing the last trump or immediately starting to ruff things.

The trouble with that is that a 3-1 break will be awkward whichever way round it happens.

Chip Martel popped into the office to indicate his approval for the losing declarer's line, and we have had e-mails on the subject supporting declarer's line.

Our conclusion is that *the operation was a success but the patient died.*

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 4 3 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ J 8 6 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q 7 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 10 9 7 2	♠ 9 ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ A 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♣ K
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ A K J 10 8 6 5 ♥ K J 9 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 3						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
		INT	3♠
All Pass			



Paul Marston, Australia

North thought about going on, but that was hardly automatic. Declarer won the opening diamond lead and played a heart. East went up with the ace and played the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps for ten tricks; +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
3♣*	3♦	1♣	1♠
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Here the tempo of the auction was completely different and when North showed some values South took a shot at game. West led the ten of hearts; East won and returned the suit. Declarer finessed and had eleven tricks for 10 IMPs. Brazil, led by 27-0 after two boards.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♣*

West led the king of clubs. Declarer won and cashed the top spades — the defenders quickly took their tricks thereafter for +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	1♠
2♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♠

West led the king of clubs and continued the suit when it was ducked. Declarer won and played the jack of spades, putting up the king when East played low. He went to dummy with the king of hearts and ran the ten of spades — paying due note to West's revealing double; +420 and 10 more Brazilian IMPs.

Australia badly needed a wicket (just checking to see if my readers are awake) — some IMPs — and they arrived on Board 8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 5 4 3 2	
♥ 9 7 4	
♦ 9 3	
♣ K 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

It is difficult to see how West could do any more on this auction. There was nothing to the play; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
1♦	1♠	2♦	4♠
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

Do you agree with East's simple raise? (I know at least one player who bid Two Clubs, making it easy for West to bid Six Diamonds.) Or North's Five Spades?

Whatever, Australia at last picked up a meaningful swing.

My favourite story concerning this deal comes from the match involving the Austrian Women. West opened One Heart (possible canapé) — and when the bidding tray got back to her she bid Six Diamonds. No prizes for guessing who it was!

It still appeared Brazil was headed for a decent win, but Australia hit back hard over the closing deals.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
3♥	1♥*	1♠*	2NT*
	4♠	All Pass	

One Heart showed spades and East's bid was the equivalent of a take-out double.

East cashed the ace of hearts and switched to the jack of clubs, covered in turn by the queen, king and ace. Declarer drew trumps ending in dummy, pitched a club on the king of hearts and advanced the jack of diamonds. He was going to run it but West covered, saving a little time; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
3♥	1♠	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠
	4♠	All Pass	

Here East led the jack of clubs, again covered all around. Declarer cashed a top trump ... and then played a heart. East won, cashed the ten of clubs and gave his partner a club ruff. For the second time in this match a player who failed to draw trumps paid a fearful price. 10 IMPs from nowhere for Australia — a strange echo of Board 1.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	INT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

North showed 5-9 balanced with four clubs. West led the eight of spades, East taking the ace and switching to the five of hearts. Declarer put in the ten and was assured of nine tricks; +600.

A club lead would put the defenders ahead, but it would have to be nine or queen with West on lead. So too would ace and another heart — both impossible to find at this table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>DeMello</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Janz</i>
Pass	3NT	2♥	2NT
		All Pass	

East's opening bid made life very easy. West led the ace of hearts and continued the suit — one down, +100 and 12 IMPs.

When Australia picked up 7 IMPs on the final board of the match, they had pulled off a remarkable comeback, outscoring Brazil 47-6 over the last 8 boards to win by 60-50 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

A One-off Winkle

By Ron Klinger

Seniors. Round 8

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Weichsel</i>		<i>Sontag</i>
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Lead: ♠K

Weichsel ruffed and led the king of diamonds, ducked. Next came the ♦8 to the jack and ace. West played the ♠A, ruffed. North started trumps with the queen. West ducked and won the low heart continuation with the jack. A low club now would have been a good move for two down, but West cashed the ♥A first, then tried a low club.

Weichsel needed no second chance. He rose with the ♣A and played another heart to arrive at this ending:

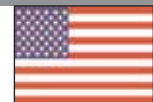
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	♣ 9	
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♣ K 6		♣ Q 8
	♠ Q 10	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ J 10 7	

On the ♥8, East threw a diamond, South a club and West a spade. On the next heart, East had to throw a club to hold on to two diamonds. Dummy let go the ♠10 and West threw another spade. East was down to ♦10 6 and ♣Q. When Weichsel played the ♣9 and East covered with the queen, West had no winning move. If he let the ♣Q win, East would have to lead into North's diamond tenace. If he overtook the ♣Q, he would have to yield the last two tricks to dummy. Thus the loss was held to —100.

ROUND 8 **Bermuda Bowl**



England v USA2
Rough Start



The first board of a match is not necessarily an indication of how things will turn out, but everyone would prefer to start off on a positive note rather than the reverse.

As it happened, in USA2 versus England, Round 8 of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying, Board 1 was an omen of sorts for the Americans.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 7 6 4 2 ♥ 10 8 4 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ 8 7 6	♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ J 8 7 5 3 ♣ Q <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K Q ♥ J 5 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A K J 9 4	♠ 8 5 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ 10 5 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ showed 20-22 balanced. David Price's 2♥ bid indicated four or more high-card points.

Ron Rubin led a low club to the six, queen and ace. A second club revealed the 4-1 split as Russ Ekeblad discarded the ♦7. When Simpson played a low club from hand at trick three, Rubin won with the ♣10 and Ekeblad discarded the ♠J. Now a low heart went to the queen, and a heart was returned to Rubin's ace. He exited with his last club. Because of Ekeblad's spade discard, dummy's ♠7 was good for the tenth trick.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Jason Hackett started with the passive ♠8. Brad Moss won with the king and cashed a high club. When the queen fell, Moss stopped to consider. The longer he took to decide on his line of play, the clearer it became that he was concerned that the opponents, if let into the lead with a club, would take four heart tricks to defeat the contract.

After studying for a long time, Moss cashed the ♣K and the ♣J, hoping for clues. Finally, he decided to rely on a 3-3 division of the spade suit, although the opening lead of the eight had fetched the three from North, an indication that perhaps

that player was still holding ♠J 10 9.

Nevertheless, Moss cashed the ♠A and continued with the ♠Q. By then, it was too late. When Moss played a fourth round of clubs, South won with the ♣10, and the defenders took the next four tricks with three hearts and a spade. One down was 10 IMPs for England.

The Americans pulled to within 1 IMP on the third board when Rubin in the Closed Room played expertly to bring home a good slam.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ J 7 6 2 ♣ 7 5	♠ Q 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K Q 10 9 8 4 ♣ J 8 4 <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 10 5 ♥ J 10 6 5 ♦ 3 ♣ K 10 9 3 2	♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ A K 4 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ A Q 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
			2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT



Justin Hackett, England

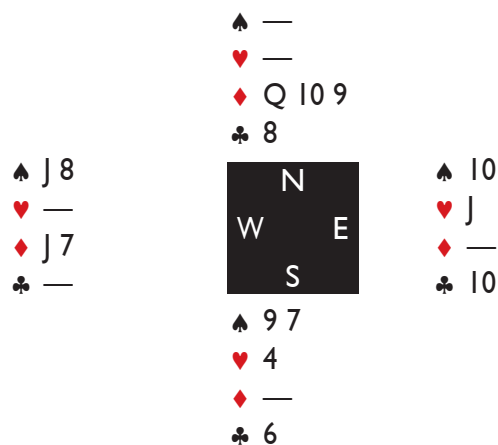
All Pass

Fred Gitelman started with the ♠2, which went to the queen, king and ace. Jason played the ♦A and a diamond to the king, continuing with the queen and a fourth diamond. He knew that the opponents could not take more than three spades, possibly fewer if the suit was blocked. That was Plus 400 for England.

The bidding at the other table was long and involved, starting with South's strong 1♣. Rubin eventually became declarer in 6♦ from the South seat.

The opening lead was the same — a spade. The queen was covered by the king, but 12 tricks were easy if diamonds divided 3-2 or the jack fell singleton. The ♦A and a diamond to the king revealed the 4-1 split, but Rubin still had plenty of ammunition.

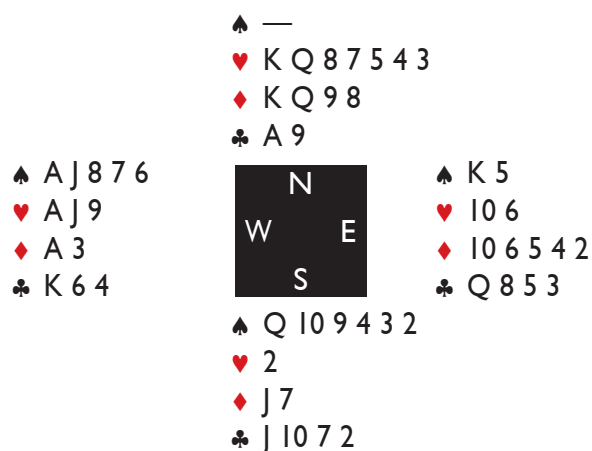
He played the ♥Q and a heart to the ace, followed by the ♥K, on which he discarded dummy's spade. Now a spade ruff was followed by the ♣J to the king and ace. Rubin cashed the ♣Q, leaving this position:



Rubin played the spade from hand, ruffing, then got off dummy with his club. Whoever won the trick would have to play into dummy's diamond tenace; Plus 920 and 11 IMPs to USA2.

USA2 picked up another 7 IMPs on the next board, putting them into the lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



In the closed room, Ekeblad bid conservatively with the North cards, overcalling West's 1♠ opener with 2♥, which fetched three passes and made on the nose for Plus 110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>

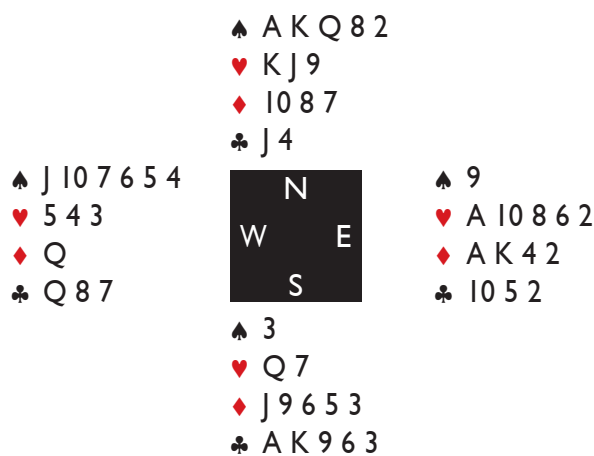
1♠ 4♥ All Pass

The vugraph commentators predicted that Justin Hackett would bid more than 2♥, and they were right. Gitelman might have doubled, but apparently that would have been for take-out in their methods.

Moss started with the ♠K, ruffed by declarer, who then played the ♦9 to dummy's jack. Gitelman won with the ace and, preparing for a possible trump promotion for Moss, played the ♠A. Justin ruffed again, cashed the ♦K and ruffed the ♦8 with dummy's singleton trump. Gitelman overruffed with the nine and returned the ♠8. Justin discarded his losing club. Moss ruffed and gave Gitelman a second diamond ruff. Justin ruffed high on the fourth round of spades and played another round of trumps. That was two down for Minus 200.

The following deal was a disaster for USA2.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

Rubin's silence after the double is curious. Perhaps he was hoping West would bid one of his minor suits. At any rate, 2♣ finished one down for Minus 100.

The wheels came off for Gitelman and Moss at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Rdbl
2♠	Dble	All Pass	Dble

The Hacketts open four-card majors, which may have influenced Gitelman to bid his six-card suit when he might have passed or bid 2♥, which had some chances and at worst one down. 2♠ was not a happy contract for Gitelman. Justin started with the ♠Q and switched to a diamond at trick two. Gitelman won the ♦Q in hand, played a heart to the ace and threw his heart losers on the top diamonds. He ruffed a heart in hand for trick number five, but had only one more trick coming. That was two down for Minus 500 and 12 IMPs to England.

Another 4 IMPs went England's way when Ekeblad and Rubin were doubled in 5♥ in the Closed Room, going two off for Minus 300 (the vulnerable opponents have 11 tricks available in spades), while Justin was allowed to play in 6♥ undoubled for Minus 150.

England picked up another 10 IMPs on Board 11.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K J 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ A 9 6 4 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 7 5 4 ♥ A K 10 ♦ A J 9 ♣ Q J 3	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ Q 6 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
			Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Justin started with a low spade, leaving Gitelman no play for the heart game. There was a loser in each suit and he finished one down for Minus 50. The contract was different at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
			Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Rubin started with a low diamond to the king and ace. Simpson cashed the top two hearts and surrendered the third round to Rubin. A low diamond from South would have assured defeat of the contract, as would the ♦Q followed by a spade switch, but Rubin cashed the ♦Q, continuing the suit when Simpson followed with the ♦J. Simpson now had time to knock out the ♣A for 10 tricks.

The final swing for England came on Board 18 when Moss found himself in an inferior contract that, thanks to an error by Justin, could have been made. It was not, however.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 9 8 6 5 4 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 2 ♥ K 8 6 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 10 7 3 2	♠ 10 3 ♥ Q J 2
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♦ Q 10 6 4
 ♣ K 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The ♠10 went to dummy's ace, and Simpson played the ♣Q at trick two. Rubin won with the ♣K and continued with his spade. Simpson won in hand and eventually took the diamond finesse for Plus 400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
		1♣	Pass
2♣	3♠	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Jason started with the ♠10, taken in dummy. The ♣Q followed, ducked to South's king. A second spade went to declarer's king. Moss cashed the ♣A, ♣10 and played a club to dummy's jack. The contract was hopeless on the lie of the cards — that is, until Justin discarded the ♥9 on one of the clubs.

Now Moss could have made the club game if he took the right view. Because Justin had pitched the heart earlier, Moss could have played on hearts and give up one trick without surrendering two.

In dummy with the ♣J, he correctly played a low heart, ducked by Justin (it would not have changed the outcome had he risen with the ace). Moss put up the king and now was in a position to make the contract by exiting with a low heart. North would be forced to win, leaving this ending:

♠ — ♥ 10 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ — ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ 3	♠ J 9 ♥ — ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ — ♠ — ♥ Q ♦ Q 10 6 4 ♣ —
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If Justin plays a spade, Moss ruffs — and what does Jason discard? The ♥Q is instantly fatal, and a diamond discard promotes dummy's fourth diamond to a winner. If Justin returns a diamond, Moss wins with the king and plays his fifth club to achieve the same squeeze. Instead of exiting with a heart, however, Moss played his last club. The count for the squeeze had not been rectified, however, and he ended up Minus 50 for a 10-IMP loss.

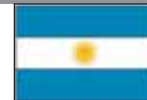
USA2 picked up 7 IMPs on the final board when Moss and Gitelman collected Plus 200 against INT by Justin while the same contract was allowed to make at the other table, but England won the match 52-32 (19-11 VPs).

ROUND 10

Venice Cup



China v Argentina



If one is looking for a major upset, what better than to watch top versus bottom, in this case high-flying China against struggling Argentina in the Venice Cup. Of course, one has to watch quite a few such match-ups to catch the upset, and this was not to be one, as was indicated on the very first deal.

reached 4♠ by South. Yalan Zhang led a club to the queen and king and Ling Gu switched to her heart. When Zhang won with the ace of spades, she could give her partner a heart ruff, get a diamond back to the ace (declarer guessed correctly to play low to save an undertrick), and give Gu a second ruff; down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to China.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Two five-three major-suit fits, both with strong trump suits, but one makes and the other does not. Jian Wang and Ming Sun, for China, reached 4♥ by North and there was nothing that the defence could do to defeat that contract. Gloria Iribarren led a diamond to the two and ace, and Silvia Boldt switched to a club for the queen and king. Iribarren returned a heart now and Wang won, drew the rest of the trumps and knocked out the ace of spades; +420.

For Argentina, Florencia Herrera and Eleonora Alegre



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
	1♣	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

The natural Argentinian auction stopped in game after Iribarren jumped to 4♥ over the game-forcing 3♣ rebid when perhaps she was worth a more encouraging 3♥ call. That looked to be a very good thing to do, however, as slam rated to fail due to the four-one trump break. Boldt chalked up +650 and was no doubt reasonably happy with her result.

The Precision auction saw Gu show a balanced positive, then 11-13 with heart support. She could not cooperate over the 4♣ slam-try and then denied a key card over 4NT. Zhang guessed to go on to slam. Herrera cashed the ace of spades and continued with a second spade. Zhang won in dummy, pitching a club, and played a heart to hand, noting the appearance of the nine on her right. Clearly, the nine is far more likely to be from either ♥J 9 or ♥J 9 x than the actual holding. However, Zhang's table presence, aided by the fact that the opening lead had been an unsupported ace, convinced her to lead low to the ♥10 next. A few seconds later she had made her slam for +1430 and 13 IMPs to China, when it could so

easily have been 13 the other way. Well done, Zhang.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 8 7 5 4 ♥ J 10 8 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 7 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K Q 6 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A K 8 7 6 ♣ 3	♠ 9 3 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K J 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

After the 1♣ opening, the Argentinian E/W pair found diamonds but the wrong player was in control at the key point in the auction and, looking at two low hearts, could not bid the slam with any confidence. After two rounds of hearts, Iribarren played safely for her contract; +600.

Zhang's Precision 2♣ opening silenced her opponents and Gu responded 2NT, puppet to 3♣ to allow her to show the two-suiter at her second turn. Four Diamonds set trumps, 4♠ was a cuebid, and 4NT asked for key cards, after which Zhang bid the slam. Herrera tried a trump lead so Zhang drew a second round of those and set up the clubs, pitching her heart loser along the way; +1390 and 13 IMPs to China, who led by 37 IMPs after just four boards.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 3 ♥ K 9 ♦ Q 9 7 3 2 ♣ A 10 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 8 7 6 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ K J 10 4 ♣ 4 2	♠ K 5 4 ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ A ♣ J 9 8 7 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Norths declared 3NT after a Stayman auction. Gu led the ♦10 to dummy's ace. Herrera immediately ran the ♣6, then played two more rounds of clubs. Zhang won and cashed the ace of hearts before reverting to diamonds, but there were only two defensive tricks to be had in that suit; +600.

Iribarren led a spade and Jian Wang, wanting to be in dummy to play on clubs, won with the king. She led the ♣J to queen and ace, then the ♣10, ducked, and a third club to the king. Boldt played back a spade so Wang won and crossed to the ace of diamonds to cash the clubs. But the club winners squeezed declarer and, when she now tried a heart towards the king, Boldt could rise with the ace and play a diamond through to allow Iribarren to take three winners in that suit for one down; -100 and 12 IMPs to Argentina.

There was no way home on the spade lead. Had declarer won in hand and crossed to the ♦A to play on clubs, West would have had two entries to play diamonds through.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ A K 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ K ♣ 8 7 6 2	♠ 7 ♥ A K J 10 8 6 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q J 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	5♦

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
		4♥	All Pass

Gu's 4♥ opening stole the pot. After a club lead she had the first twelve tricks for +680.

Iribarren's 3♥ opening was raised to game, and knowing that her opponents had a trump fit persuaded Sun to save in 5♦, where she was doubled. Boldt led clubs and the spade ruffs were not found; down two for -300 but 9 IMPs to China.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 6 4 2 ♥ K Q J 3 2 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5 ♥ 9 7 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ A K J 10 7 2	♠ A 9 8 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ 9 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two identical forcing notrump auctions as far as 3♣ saw Boldt pass, which looks normal to me, and Zhang try 3NT. Presumably the Chinese pair play 3♣ as a little more forward-going than do my clone and I – a partnership for which the world is not yet ready.

Three Clubs made a painless +130. After a low diamond lead to the ten and queen, 3NT was on the spade guess. After six rounds of clubs, South had thrown one spade and two hearts, North one spade, one diamond and three hearts, making it pretty clear who was guarding the queen of spades; +400 and 7 IMPs to China.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 6 5 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ A 5 4 3 ♣ 7 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 4 ♥ K Q 10 7 6 3 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ Q	♠ J 3 2 ♥ J ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ K 10 6 5 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
Pass	1NT	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	2♥	2NT
3♥	4♣	All Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

The natural opening never threatened to get to the heart game. After what became a competitive partscore auction, Wang declared 4♣. She won the heart lead and drew trumps, eliminating hearts along the way. As West had only one diamond entry, East was eventually endplayed to hold the spade losers to one; -50.

Zhang had to respond to the strong club opening, of course, and she had a routine raise to 2♥. When Zhang invited game, I am not quite sure where the reraise to game came from, but it proved to be an excellent decision. Gu won the diamond lead in hand and played the ♥Q, dropping the jack. Herrera ducked both the ♥Q and the next heart, which was won in dummy for a spade play. The club loser went away and Gu had eleven tricks for +450 for 9 IMPs to China.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 4 3 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ A J 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 6 5 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ 10 9 8 7 2 ♣ 7 6	♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ A 8 6 2 ♦ J ♣ Q 10 9 4
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldt</i>	<i>J. Wang</i>	<i>Iribarren</i>	<i>Sun</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Herrera</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Alegre</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Argentina bid aggressively to the thin no-trump game, against which Wang led a spade. Declarer won the second round, after which the play record ends. The contract was one down, which suggests that she ran the ♦10 and North did not switch to clubs after cashing the spade winners; -50.

Alegre passed Herrera's delayed take-out double of 1NT then led a heart, which put Gu under no pressure at all. The ♥J lost to the ace and a heart came back to the king. Gu played ace then queen of diamonds and soon had eight tricks for +280 and 8 IMPs to China.

China won the match by 84-12 IMPs, converting to 25-0 VPs, and extending their lead at the top of the ranking list.

Bidding With Difficulty

by Phillip Alder

In fourth position with only your side vulnerable, you pick up the following hand:

♠ J 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ A 9 4
♣ A K 7 5 4 3

The bidding starts like this:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	3♦	?

Your partner's opening bid is the Multi, promising a weak two-bid in either major suit.

When you have decided on your course of action, or inaction.

In fourth position with only your side vulnerable, you pick up the following hand:

♠ J 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ A 9 4
♣ A K 7 5 4 3

The bidding starts like this:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Dble	?

What would be your plan of campaign for the auction?
This was the full deal, from Round 5:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ A 9 4
♣ A K 7 5 4 3

You will notice that Seven Spades is a decent contract that makes easily (although one declarer in the Bermuda Bowl took only twelve tricks).

There were 66 tables in play. At four of them, the auction was not recorded.

At ten tables, the bidding started Pass — 2♦ — 3♦. At all ten, that concluded the action! South was certain partner had hearts, so (s)he was not willing to bid. Every declarer went one down, but each was hardly disappointed by the result.

At 20 tables, West opened the bidding, nine times with a two-diamond Multi and eleven times with two hearts. This was the least successful North/South auction:

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Presumably South thought his partner's bid was a fit-showing jump, or something along those lines. Six Clubs went one down, losing 17 IMPs against Six Spades after this auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The most successful sequence after West opened occurred in the Bermuda Bowl match between Japan and New Zealand

West	North	East	South
	<i>Nakamura</i>		<i>Shimizu</i>
2♥	2♠	4NT	6♥
Dble	6♠	7♥	7♠
All Pass			

Did Yoshiyuki Nakamura and Yasuhiro Shimizu fall or were they pushed?

At the other table, New Zealand stopped in six spades after this sequence:

West	North	East	South
2♦	2♠	Dble(i)	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

(i) Pass with spades; bid with hearts

Clearly North and South were not on the same page as to the meaning of 5NT.

North opened One Spade three times, twice stopping in game and once reaching six spades.

North opened Two Spades at eighteen tables. Clearly some pairs paid the price for wild pre-empts. Even opposite a second-seat adverse vulnerability Two Spades, nine Souths did not even try for slam. But one of those decisions had its funny



side:

West	North <i>El Ahmady</i>	East	South <i>Sadek</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass!
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Tarek Sadek must have felt very happy when he saw East's double, but was probably less enthused when he saw that plus 1390 was losing 2 IMPs to Six Spades plus one. However, at the other table Tarek Nadim (West) and Mohamed Samy Ahmed Heshmat sacrificed in Seven Hearts. They were doubled and lost 1100 but gained 7 IMPs.

There were two successful auctions to Seven Spades. In the Bermuda Bowl, the Indians Subhash Gupta and Rajeshwar Tiwari bid like this:

West	North <i>Tiwari</i>	East	South <i>Gupta</i>
Pass	2♠	Dble	5♥(i)
Pass	6♣(ii)	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(i) Exclusion Roman Key Card Blackwood

(ii) Two key cards

In the Seniors Bowl, Stephen Brown and Pierre Daigneault from Canada conducted this auction:

West	North <i>Brown</i>	East	South <i>Daigneault</i>
Pass	2♠	3♦	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	Pass	7♠

All Pass

But one North/South pair were given a very hard time by Tom Townsend and David Gold of England.

West <i>Townsend</i>	North	East <i>Gold</i>	South
2♠(i)	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(i) A weak pre-empt in any suit

It was a flat board, though, because the English North/South pair stopped in Five Spades, South not looking for slam opposite a Two-Spade opening.



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Principal analysts will be Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Brian Senior. There will be a complete listing of teams playing in all four championships, plus a full results listing and many photographs. Kokish will cover every board of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup finals and there will be substantial coverage of the earlier stages, plus enhanced coverage of the Seniors Bowl and the best of the action from the Transnational Teams.

Sports News

Tennis



The future of British tennis, Andy Murray, defeated its past, Tim Henman, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 in the first round of the Basel indoor tournament, their first meeting in competition. Murray had earlier served for the match at 5-4 in the second set.

Baseball

Chicago White Sox closed to within one win of a World Series victory with a gritty fightback against Houston. It looked like Houston, who lost the first two encounters in Chicago, would get back in the series when they moved 4-0 clear after four innings. But a disastrous fifth inning from pitcher Roy Oswalt saw the White Sox turn around the deficit to lead 5-4. Houston levelled in the eighth before a Geoff Blum home run and a walk-in in the 14th gave the visitors a 7-5 win.

The victory puts Chicago 3-0 ahead in the best-of-seven series and just one win away from their first World Series win since 1917. The contest, at five hours and 41 minutes, is the longest game in World Series history and ended at 0120 Houston time. New York Mets and New York Yankees set the previous record length for a World Series game of four hours, 51 minutes in 2000.

Golf



Teenage prodigy Michelle Wie will again face the top names on the PGA Tour in the Sony Open in Hawaii next January. The 16-year-old, who turned professional at the start of the month, has missed the cut in her previous two appearances at the event.

Soccer

The big surprise in Tuesday's English Carling Cup matches was Liverpool's 1-2 defeat at the hands of Crystal Palace.

Symmetrical Playing Cards

The WBF will be selling symmetrical cards. They will be available at the Hospitality Desk from Monday, 24th October. Minimum quantity will be 10 decks at €1 per deck.

Swan Games Internet broadcast



Seniors Bowl	Italy v Israel	10.00
Bermuda Bowl	Sweden v Canada	14.00
Seniors Bowl	Denmark v France	17.30

Championship Diary

Patrick Jourdain has delivered some announcements for the late arrivals at the VuGraph Commentators Ball. Mr & Mrs Esse and their son, Fin.

Fin's schoolteachers cannot agree on his progress. His maths teacher describes him as Backward, his philosophy report says he is Deep. Another boy who looks very like Fin has the nickname Double Fin Esse.

Tim Chanter sent his effort by email:

Mr and Mrs Hubble are proud to present their twin daughters Dee Hubble (who usually wants to be taken out) and Rita Dee Hubble.

Mr Dar Es Salaam is proud to present his ageing mother Gran Dar Es Salaam

Mr and Mrs K'not-Rump present both their diminutive son, wee K'not-Rump, and their equally diminutive Spanish adoptive son, wee K'Juan-not-Rump.

Harvey Fox mentions Mr & Mrs Acol and their son Benjy.

Barry Rigal is there with Mr & Mrs Skewbid and their son, Michael Skewbid. (When he uses a trampoline they call him Leaping Michael Skewbid.)

Maureen Hiron's suggestion is: Mr & Mrs Squeeze — unfortunately their son, Show Up, who was also invited, did not arrive.

England's Kitty Teltscher has taken a room at the Palacio so her team can relax between matches.

When she checked in she asked for eight keys. The receptionist, without batting an eyelid said 'I assume Madame will require a double bed?'

You will recall yesterday's headline — 'Bracketts taking Shape.' When Ton Kooijman arrived in the morning the copy he saw had part of the first word obscured and he thought it was 'Hacketts taking Shape.'

Overheard in the Press Room:

Patrick Jourdain. 'Maureen (Dennison) and I are incompatible — she has no USB port and I don't have a floppy drive'.

Our reporter resisted from making the obvious comment that he would feel even worse if she had had a USB port and his drive was floppy...'

No Need To Go Hungry

Playing bridge can make you hungry. Luckily, there are several options at the Centro de Congressos. There is a cafeteria with hot food on the ground floor of the facility, and there is a snack bar on the first floor with sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks and cakes.

Butler Ranking after 12 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Rank	Name	Team	Score
1	Lorenzo LAURIA - Alfredo VERSACE	Italy	0.91
2	Eric GRECO - Geoff HAMPSON	USA 2	0.82
3	Waleed El AHMADI - Tarek SADEK	Egypt	0.81
4	Miguel VILLAS-BOAS - Gabriel CHAGAS	Brazil	0.67
5	Giorgio DUBOIN - Norberto BOCCHI	Italy	0.60
6	Tony NUNN - Sartaj HANS	Australia	0.59
7	Guillermo MOONEY - Martin MONSEGUR	Argentina	0.59
8	Jianming DAI - Lixin YANG	China	0.58
9	Martin REID - Peter NEWELL	New Zealand	0.52
10	John CARRUTHERS - Joseph SILVER	Canada	0.45
11	Luis PALAZZO - Walter FORNASARI	Argentina	0.45
12	George MITTELMAN - Arno HOBART	Canada	0.42
13	Colin SIMPSON - David PRICE	England	0.40
14	Yasuhiro SHIMIZU - Yoshiyuki NAKAMURA	Japan	0.39
15	Claudio NUNES - Fulvio FANTONI	Italy	0.39
16	Fredrik NYSTROM - Peter BERTHEAU	Sweden	0.33
17	Nick NICKELL - Dick FREEMAN	USA 1	0.33
18	Dominique GERIN - Philippe MATHIEU	Guadeloupe	0.31
19	Kiran NADAR - B.u SATYANARAYANA	India	0.27
20	Jeff MECKSTROTH - Eric RODWELL	USA 1	0.24
21	Huub BERTENS - Ton BAKKEREN	Netherlands	0.23
22	Kazuo FURUTA - Dawei CHEN	Japan	0.23
23	Nuno PAZ - Carlos LUIS	Portugal	0.22
24	Max KHVEN - Alexander KHOKHLOV	Russia	0.17
25	K.h. HUANG	Chinese Taipei	0.15
26	Zhong FU - Jie ZHAO	China	0.14
27	Sofia PESSOA - Jorge CASTANHEIRA	Portugal	0.13
28	Juei-Yu SHIH	Chinese Taipei	0.11
29	Simon de WIJS - Bauke MULLER	Netherlands	0.09
30	Adel El KOURDY	Egypt	0.06
31	Tom JACOB - Malcolm MAYER	New Zealand	0.04
32	Ricardo JANZ - Roberto De MELLO	Brazil	0.03
33	Dmitri ZLOTOV - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	Russia	0.02
34	Hani DAGHER	Egypt	0.00
35	Marcin KRUPOWICZ - P. LUTOSTANSKI	Poland	-0.01
36	Paulo G. PEREIRA - Rui Silva SANTOS	Portugal	-0.03
37	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	England	-0.07
38	Brad MOSS - Fred GITELMAN	USA 2	-0.08
39	Sunit CHOKSHI - K R.VENKATARAMAN	India	-0.09
40	Pablo LAMBARDI - Agustin MADALA	Argentina	-0.10
41	Louk VERHEES JR - Jan JANSMA	Netherlands	-0.11
42	Haojun SHI - Zejun ZHUANG	China	-0.14
43	Bob HAMMAN - Paul SOLOWAY	USA 1	-0.16
44	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	Poland	-0.16
45	Craig GOWER - Wayne CHU	South Africa	-0.18
46	Tadashi TERAMOTO - Kenji MIYAKUNI	Japan	-0.19
47	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	South Africa	-0.21
48	Ron RUBIN - Russ EKEBLAD	USA 2	-0.22
49	Chih-Kuo SHEN	Chinese Taipei	-0.22
50	Johan SYLVAN - Per-Olof SUNDELIN	Sweden	-0.22
51	Subhash GUPTA - Rajesh TIWARI	India	-0.26
52	Matthew THOMSON - Paul MARSTON	Australia	-0.26
53	Chen YEY	Chinese Taipei	-0.26
54	David HORTON - Phil MARKEY	Australia	-0.29
55	Magnus LINDKVIST - Peter FREDIN	Sweden	-0.34
56	Marcelo BRANCO - Pedro Paulo BRANCO	Brazil	-0.38
57	David GOLD - Tom TOWNSEND	England	-0.41
58	Mohamed Samy Ahmed HESHMAT	Egypt	-0.44
59	Wei-Chun CHIU	Chinese Taipei	-0.45
60	Boris BARAN - Allan GRAVES	Canada	-0.51
61	Sireen BARAKAT - Marwan GHANEM	Jordan	-0.54
62	Arthur HUGHES - Chris CASTELEIN	South Africa	-0.60
63	Hsin-Lung YANG	Chinese Taipei	-0.62
64	Alexander DUBININ - Andrei GROMOV	Russia	-0.62
65	Michael CORNELL - Dwayne CROMBIE	New Zealand	-0.67
66	Tarek NADIM	Egypt	-0.67
67	Philippe JOATTON - Pizcallah RIZK	Guadeloupe	-0.70
68	Alain KEMPCZYNSKI - Jack PENTURE	Guadeloupe	-0.87
69	Ghassan GHANEM - N. HATAR	Jordan	-1.06
70	Boguslaw PAZUR - Rafal JAGNIEWSKI	Poland	-1.56

Venice Cup

Rank	Name	Team	Score
1	Joanna STANSBY - D. ROSENBERG	USA 1	1.13
2	A. ALBERTI - M. SCHRAVERUS-MEUER	Germany	0.87
3	Ling GU - Yalan ZHANG	China	0.83
4	Ping WANG - Yi Qian LIU	China	0.67
5	Nicola SMITH - Heather DHONDY	England	0.64
6	Daniela von ARNIM - Sabine AUKEN	Germany	0.62
7	Jian WANG - Ming SUN	China	0.62
8	Benedicte CRONIER - Sylvie WILLARD	France	0.61
9	Vanessa REESS - Nathalie FREY	France	0.58
10	Sylvia MELLO - Leda CHAGAS-PAIN	Brazil	0.56
11	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	Netherlands	0.52
12	Francine CIMON - Linda LEE	Canada	0.51
13	Daniele GAVIARD - C. D' OVIDIO	France	0.45
14	Peggy SUTHERLIN - Karen ALLISON	USA 2	0.34
15	M. BRUNNER - R. GOLDENFIELD	England	0.31
16	Jenny RYMAN - Mari RYMAN	Sweden	0.25
17	Pam WITTES - Renee MANCUSO	USA 2	0.25
18	Ayako AMANO - Miho SEKIZAWA	Japan	0.21
19	Sally BROCK - Kitty TELTSCHER	England	0.19
20	Kathrine BERTHEAU - C. MIDSKOG	Sweden	0.19
21	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Kathy SULGROVE	USA 2	0.17
22	Kathryn YULE - Rose DON	New Zealand	0.15
23	Sue PICUS - Jill LEVIN	USA 1	0.15
24	Ivy SMITH	Venezuela	0.12
25	Rehana SAIGOL - Zeenat AZWER	Pakistan	0.08
26	Beverly KRAFT - Dianna GORDON	Canada	0.07
27	Padma DARYANANI	Venezuela	0.06
28	Tania LLOYD - Paula MCLEISH	New Zealand	0.05
29	Feroza CHOTHIA - Indira SONAWALA	India	0.03
30	Iris GRUMM - Terry WEIGKRICHT	Austria	0.03
31	Fida HIRSCHAUT	Venezuela	0.00
32	Khoury MAUD - Khalil LILY	Egypt	-0.01
33	Hansa NARASIMHAN - I. LEVITINA	USA 1	-0.01
34	M. C. C. MACHADO - A. MANDELLOT	Brazil	-0.01
35	Ines CUNHA - Isabel FERREIRA	Portugal	-0.02
36	Susanne KRIFTNER - Sylvia TERRANEO	Austria	-0.04
37	H. NOGUEIRA - A. M. ASSUMPCAO	Brazil	-0.04
38	Jane CHOO - Greta CHAI	Singapore	-0.06
39	Morella PACHECO	Venezuela	-0.06
40	Margaret BOURKE - Meredith WOODS	Australia	-0.11
41	Anabella OLIVEIRA - Teresa RAMALHO	Portugal	-0.12
42	Lan FOO - Choon Cheng SEET	Singapore	-0.14
43	Eileen HORSMAN - C. RICHARDSON	New Zealand	-0.15
44	Paulo M. LIMA - Ana TADEU	Portugal	-0.15
45	Farida GUERRAOUI	Morocco	-0.15
46	Hayet HACHIMI	Morocco	-0.17
47	Khaddija MARRAKCHI	Morocco	-0.18
48	Hiroko OTA - Nobuko SETOGUCHI	Japan	-0.18
49	C. FORSBERG - Maria GRONKVIST	Sweden	-0.20
50	Barb CLINTON - Joan EATON	Canada	-0.23
51	P. B. NEHMERT - B. STAWOWY - HAC.	Germany	-0.24
52	Felicity BEALE - Diana SMART	Australia	-0.24
53	Noufissa SEBTI	Morocco	-0.27
54	Anneke SIMONS - Jet PASMAN	Netherlands	-0.28
55	Ameeta RAYTHATHA - G. LAKHANI	India	-0.29
56	Eleonora ALEGRE - F. HERRERA	Argentina	-0.33
57	Nada MOUSSA - Sophie SARWAT	Egypt	-0.36
58	Ze Ying LAM - Kimiko ENDO	Singapore	-0.43
59	Femke HOOGWEG - W. van ZWOL	Netherlands	-0.46
60	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - M. ERHART	Austria	-0.49
61	Therese TULLY - Sue LUSK	Australia	-0.51
62	Abeda ALI - Rubina AGHA	Pakistan	-0.51
63	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Delia COSTA	Argentina	-0.54
64	Shirin BOKHARI - Samia RASHID	Pakistan	-0.56
65	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Resi ZULLIAN	Venezuela	-0.59
66	Nada WATTAR - Nessrine HAMDY	Egypt	-0.72
67	Shoko FUKUDA - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	Japan	-0.73
68	Marie-claire OHANA	Morocco	-0.77
69	Silvia BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	Argentina	-0.81
70	Leila KABBAJ	Morocco	-0.82
71	Bimal SICKA - Aparna SAIN	India	-0.84

Butler Ranking after 12 Rounds

Seniors Bowl

Rank	Name	Team	Score				
1	Mark MOLSON - Reese MILNER	USA 2	1.51	41	Carlo MOSCA - Silvio SBARIGIA	Italy	-0.09
2	Amiruddin YUSUF	Indonesia	1.19	42	Arwin BUDIRAHARDJA	Indonesia	-0.10
3	Pierre ADAD - Gerard SALLIERE	France	0.95	43	M AMINULLAH	Bangladesh	-0.12
4	Roald RAMER - Nico KLAVER	Netherlands	0.89	44	Pierre DAIGNEAULT - Stephen BROWN	Canada	-0.12
5	Kirsten Steen MOLLER - Jens AUKEN	Denmark	0.85	45	Flemming DAHL - Georg NORRIS	Denmark	-0.16
6	Denny SACUL	Indonesia	0.82	46	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Raphael GUENOUN	Morocco	-0.18
7	Krzysztof ANTAS - T. KACZANOWSKI	Poland	0.77	47	Rose MELTZER - Garey HAYDEN	USA 1	-0.18
8	Munawar SAWIRUDDIN	Indonesia	0.71	48	Bill BOWMAN - John BOWMAN	Canada	-0.18
9	Lars BACKSTROM - Hans-Olof HALLEN	Sweden	0.63	49	M. Mohamed KAMEL - Mohamed SHAKER	Egypt	-0.19
10	Adrian SCHWARTZ	Israel	0.63	50	Bernhard STRATER - Ulrich KRATZ	Germany	-0.19
11	Roger BATES - Lew STANSBY	USA 1	0.61	51	Johan DIEDEN - Lars-Ingvar HYDEN	Sweden	-0.20
12	Krzysztof LASOCKI - Jerzy RUSSYAN	Poland	0.60	52	George SMOLANKO - David LILLEY	Australia	-0.22
13	Rami SHEINMAN	Israel	0.60	53	Philippe BONNET - Philippe GILLIOCQ	Guadeloupe	-0.22
14	Nicolas DECHELETTE - F. LEENHARDT	France	0.54	54	Magdi SOUROUR - Guy CAMBOURNAC	Morocco	-0.24
15	Jaap TROUWBORST - Nico DOREMANS	Netherlands	0.51	55	Jean-Claude PELLETIER - Jacqueline CASSIN	Guadeloupe	-0.26
16	Henky LASUT - Eddy M F MANOPPO	Indonesia	0.50	56	Dano De FALCO - Benito GAROZZO	Italy	-0.27
17	Peter LUND - Steen MOLLER	Denmark	0.48	57	Amos KAMIANSKI	Israel	-0.28
18	Peter WEICHSEL - Alan SONTAG	USA 1	0.47	58	Bhabatosh CHOWDHURY	Bangladesh	-0.29
19	Carlos TEIXEIRA - Jose' A. DEBONNAIRE	Portugal	0.46	59	Abe HIROYA	Japan	-0.31
20	Sven-Olov FLODQVIST - Ake SJOBORG	Sweden	0.42	60	Yeshayahu LEVIT	Israel	-0.31
21	Rashidul GHAZI	Pakistan	0.34	61	Noel WOODHALL - Tony LENART	New Zealand	-0.33
22	Nino MASUCCI - Pietro FORQUET	Italy	0.29	62	Zia MAHMOOD - John MOHAN	USA 2	-0.34
23	Nishat ABEDI	Pakistan	0.28	63	Azizul HAQUE	Bangladesh	-0.43
24	Rui PINTO - Juliano BARBOSA	Portugal	0.24	64	Hans HUMBURG - Goran MATTSSON	Germany	-0.52
25	Sam LEV - Bill EISENBERG	USA 2	0.22	65	Claudio ANDRADE	Brazil	-0.60
26	Kyoko OHNO	Japan	0.21	66	Nawab Yusuf TALPUR	Pakistan	-0.61
27	Ron KLINGER - Bruce NEILL	Australia	0.21	67	Solange BRINGOLD - Daniel VERON	Guadeloupe	-0.63
28	Amr El ASKALANI - Wael WATTAR	Egypt	0.17	68	Feroze AHMED	Bangladesh	-0.66
29	Dirk SCHROEDER - Reiner MARSAL	Germany	0.17	69	Andre OHANA - Abdelkamal RERHAYE	Morocco	-0.67
30	William HAUGHIE - Zoltan NAGY	Australia	0.15	70	Pervaiz MIRZA	Pakistan	-0.67
31	Makoto HIRATA	Japan	0.15	71	Tariq Rashid KHAN	Pakistan	-0.68
32	Syed Sujauddin AHMED	Bangladesh	0.10	72	Amilcar MAGALHAES	Brazil	-0.69
33	Onno JANSSENS - Willem BOEGEM	Netherlands	0.06	73	Bob SCOTT - John WIGNALL	New Zealand	-0.76
34	Michael CUMMINGS - David LINDOP	Canada	0.05	74	Nuno GUIMARAES - J. Manuel LAMPREIA	Portugal	-0.79
35	Masayuki INO	Japan	-0.01	75	Trevor ROBB - Alex MOORE	New Zealand	-1.08
36	Akihiko YAMADA	Japan	-0.02	76	Ernesto D' ORSI	Brazil	-1.20
37	Pinhas ROMIK	Israel	-0.03	77	Nissan RAND	Israel	-1.22
38	Roman KIERZNOWSKI - A. WILKOSZ	Poland	-0.07	78	Marcelo AMARAL	Brazil	-1.50
39	Philippe POIZAT - Guy LASSERRE	France	-0.08	79	Joao Silva NETO - Pedro MANDELLOT	Brazil	-1.58
40	Sadek Mohamed RADWAN - A. HUSSEIN	Egypt	-0.08				



World Bridge Federation Women's Committee



A meeting of the WBF Women's Committee, attended by representatives of Women's Bridge from each of the WBF Zones, will be held on Friday 28 October 2005 at 10.00 hours to discuss the future of Women's Bridge world wide.

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Reports from the Members of the Committee on Women's Bridge in general in their Zone, on the special situation within some countries and details of how contact is maintained between the Committee Member and the with the NBOs within their Zone
4. Internet- WBF WEB-SITE Category Women
5. How to seek cooperation from the NBOs
6. Women's Bridge Festival 2006 — Zone One — Transnational
7. New Ideas
8. General Discussion
9. Other business

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