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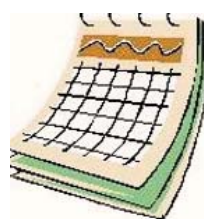
New World Champions come from East & West



The two team captains are happy with the win by Kopecky Michal, Koike Noriaki, Miura Hiroaki, Macura Milan.

The transnationals did it again. It is probably better for their nerves if they don't make a habit of it but we all have to admire their attitude. They stay calm and continue to play well whereas the opponents feel the pressure of having to carry home a sometimes even substantial advantage. Twice in succession, their opponents did not, so we have to congratulate a not only transnational but even transcontinental team on winning this new World championship for the first time. The main consolation for runners-up Italy is that their Green team won the Board-A-Match event. So congratulations to Italy too, for their silver and their BAM victory.

Today's - Schedule



10.00 Pairs MP -
Qualification 1st Session

15.30 Pairs MP -
Qualification 1st Session

FINAL					
I		1st	2nd	3rd	total
	JAPAN-CZECH	28	23	44	95
	ITALY RED	47	26	7	80

3/4					
I		1st	2nd	total	
	USA BLUE	33	53	86	
	NETHERLANDS RED	39	38	77	

BOARD-A-MATCH

RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

1	ITALY GREEN	59.00
2	CKIS SKAWINA	57.50
3	USA RED	57.00
4	POLAND	55.50
5	NETHERLANDS WHITE	55.00
6	AUSTRALIA	54.50
7	FRANCE	52.50
	OZE-CKIS	52.50
9	NETHERLANDS ORANGE	51.50
10	BELGIUM	51.10
11	POKEMON	50.50
12	YALANKIRAN 1	49.50
13	NETHERLANDS GIRLS	48.00
14	SCOTLAND U26	47.00
	4 HEARTS	47.00
	T42	47.00
17	GREECOURA	46.10
18	YALANKIRAN 2	46.00
19	TOFAS	45.50
20	NONAME	45.00
21	YALANKIRAN 3	43.50
22	VAX 2	41.50
	JAPAN	41.50
	NETHERLANDS BLUE	41.50
25	GREECE BLUE	40.00
26	KARACASU	39.50
27	VAX SAYLKAN	38.50
28	SWITZERLAND	37.50
29	ITALY WHITE	37.00
30	TURKIYE-GIRLS	36.00
31	PAKISTAN	35.00
32	SCOTLAND U21	34.00
33	VENEZUELA	31.00
34	GREECE SKY	23.71

Born to be wild

by Marjo Chorus

Board-a-match is a variety of the game for the real bridge lovers only. A bit of pairs, a bit of teams but the most important thing is to go plus. During the 6th and final session of the event, there were a number of very wild distributions. Take for example board 22 (E/W):

1. You are West and hold:

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

Partner East opens INT (12-14) and South overcalls 2♣. What now?

2. Or board 23: (S/All):

You are East and hold

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

South opens 1♠, partner overcalls 2NT (minors) and North raises to 4♠. What now?

1. If you are a little colourblind, you better check your hand very carefully. It's not really an everyday experience to hold 13 red cards. If you make a Lebensohl or Rubensohl bid, the tray comes back with 4♠ - pass- pass. And now?

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

At the table where I was watching, West jumped to 6♥ immediately over 2♣. North bids 6♣ and it goes pass-pass. What now? If you double, you get +100. If you try 7♥, you are down. And 6♥? You will make this only if you find the doubleton ♦K behind you.

2. On what type of hand would partner overcall 2NT? That's the question.

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

At my table East bid 5♣ rather reluctantly. Probably she assumed a not too strong hand in West. When North went on to 5♠, East felt she had not yet trusted her partner the way she should, so she bid 6♣ in the rebound. This was promptly doubled but proved ice cold.

The Teams Final and Playoff, 1st segment

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

After yesterday's excitement, it would be Italy Red v. Japan-Czech over 48 boards for the gold medal and USA Blue v. Netherlands Red over 32 boards for the bronze. More specifically, it remained to be seen if the Dutch, after losing their semifinal by the smallest of margins, would be capable of getting back into their stride to try and win the bronze medal.

Looking at what happened right at the beginning of the playoff, it seemed as if the Dutch were right on their toes. On board 1, they gain 5 IMPs for defeating NT contracts at both tables and this is what happened on the next board:

ally bid 4♥. North then gives it a good look and finally launches RKC and bids the slam. West leads the ♣Q which looks very much like a singleton, so declarer did not feel comfortable at all. After some considerable thought, he won the Ace and finessed the ♦Q. Next came a diamond ruff and a trump from dummy. East won the Ace and returned a club but when West followed suit, declarer was home: NL Red +1430 and 13 IMPs more.

On the very next board, the Dutch found a lucrative double:

Board: 2. Dir: East/NS

♠ Q 3 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 3 ♣ Q 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 8 4 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 4 ♣ 10 6 4 3 2	♠ A K ♥ Q 10 9 6 5 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ 8 5
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Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

♠ K J 9 6 5 ♥ 6 5 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ J 10 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 8 ♥ Q J 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A 8 3	♠ 10 7 3 2 ♥ K ♦ K J 8 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	2♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	2♥	3♥	INT
			All pass

The Americans were not interested in more than game: USA Blue +480.

When South found an unlucky club lead, Drijver was quickly home: he won dummy's Queen, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club. He even made an overtrick when the ♦K scored. NL Red +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All pass	5♦

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	2♥	3♥	INT
Pass	Dble	All pass	Pass

2♣ was forcing to game and next came a series of relays, in which South showed 2-5-4-2 and 15+ when he eventu-

Here, the defence was much better. ♠A and a spade to partner's King, followed by the ♠J. Declarer ruffed and South shed a club. A heart to the King won and declarer threw his diamond loser on the ♠10. South can ruff and later gets his club trick and the ace of trumps for one down, NL Red +200 and a useful 9 IMPs more. They lead

by 27-0 after 3 boards...

In the Grand Final, the score had progressed to 2-0 after 4 boards (they are playing the same boards as in the Play-off, of course) when board 5 arrived:

Board: 5. Dir: North/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All pass		

The combined NS hands have 37 hcp but the grand is not a good proposition, as you will need the heart finesse. The Dutch are content with +1020.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥**	Pass
7NT	All pass		

* 1
 ** no ♥Q

The Americans reach 7NT and South leads the ♥10. Declarer closes his eyes and calls for the Jack. When he opens them, he sees that he can write +1520 and 11 much-needed IMPs back.

Mainly the same happens in the Grand Final. The Italians bid the grand, the Japanese don't and, as we have known for many many years, God will remain Italian forever. 11 IMPs to them as well.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
7NT	All pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
6NT	All pass		

Nothing very much happens on the next four boards. The score in the Final reads 19-5 to Italy Red when a series of big swings begins. The first is a matter of finding the most effective lead:

Board: 10. Dir: East/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

North on lead produces a logical spade and that's the end of the contract. Dummy's Jack wins but South jumps on the ♥10 with his Ace to push another spade through. Down two, Japan-Czech +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

After a different auction, East becomes declarer and South leads a diamond. Now, declarer wins the Ace in hand, runs the ♠10 (!) and plays a diamond to the ten. The ♥K is allowed to hold, the ♦Q unblocked and the ♠Q played to create an extra entry or tempo. North wins but he can do no better than return the suit, after which declarer can lead a club past North for his 9th trick. Nicely done and +600 for Japan-Czech, 13 IMPs to close the gap: 19-18 to Italy Red is the score.

In the meantime, not very much had happened in the Playoff either. The score stood at 31-13 to the Dutch when there were two big swings in a row in this match as well:

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None

♠ - ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ K 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 10 8 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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 10 8 5 ♥ 10 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ A K 9 3
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	♠ Q 9 6 4 3 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ 6				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All pass		

3NT is much easier but we would not say 5♣ is a bad contract. One would rather say declarer was unlucky to go down. South led the ♦A and continued a spade to Jack and Ace. Declarer now played safe (or so he thought) by cashing a top trump and playing a low club to the Jack and North's Queen. North returned a club which declarer won in hand. He went on to ruff a spade and then tried to return to hand with a diamond but North all of a sudden ruffed this. One down, Japan-Czech +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

No problems here and ten tricks. Japan-Czech +430 and 10 IMPs to take over the lead 28-19.

In the Playoff, the Dutch had higher aspirations:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	1♠
Dble	Pass	5♦	3♥
6♣	All pass		Pass

6♣ is sky-high but it definitely has play, even more so when North, holding trump length, did not lead his singleton diamond but a spade instead. Declarer ruffed in dummy and drew four rounds of trumps before going after the diamonds. When South ducked the Ace once, she had no entry back to her hand and thus had to concede one down. USA Blue +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣	All pass		



Arrigo Franchi, Italy

A more normal contract here, which made in spite of the best lead, a heart. Two rounds of trumps and then South won the ♠Q with his Ace and gave his partner a ruff to end the defence.

And:

Board: 12. Dir: West/NS

♠ 10 5 2 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ K Q J ♣ Q 10 7 6	♠ A J 4 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 3 ♣ K 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K 6 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ A J 4 3	♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ 9 8 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All pass			

The Americans pressed on to game and were rewarded with a spade lead by East. That's one extra trick in the pocket and declarer continued the ♥A and another. East won and rather than shifting to a club, he returned a diamond which declarer immediately won. He crosses to dummy's ♠K and plays another heart. East wins and continues another diamond and now, Michielsen has to cash out to avoid being endplayed to open up the clubs. Nine tricks, USA Blue +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	All pass	

In the Closed Room, South is happy with 2NT. He makes an overtrick but the +150 cost the Dutch 10 IMPs and also the lead in the match: it's 33-31 to USA Blue now.

In the Grand Final, the NS pairs are facing the same problem:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	All pass	

Macura quietly passes 2NT and collects nine tricks on a favourable club lead, +150 to Japan-Czech.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Manno presses on, not surprisingly, and is rewarded with a favourable club lead as well. Declarer wins and first plays ♥A and another, then, after the club return, a low diamond to West. When a club comes back, declarer wins and establishes the hearts. When East returns a spade, there are even ten tricks: Italy Red +630 and 10 IMPs to them to regain the lead, 29-28.

Two boards later, the Dutch, too, regain the lead they lost earlier:

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

♠ A K 8 6 ♥ A K J 6 2 ♦ 10 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ J 9 4 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A Q 8 6 3 2 ♣ A K	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 ♦ K J 7 4 ♣ J 8	♠ 10 7 5 3 ♥ 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ Q 10 9 7 6 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All pass		

North cashed his two top clubs and declarer cannot avoid

losing a diamond and a trump trick: one down, USA Blue +50.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♥	Pass	3♦
All pass			3NT

Danny Molenaar takes the bull by the horns and bids 3NT. This would have been a big problem on a club lead but West leads a top spade and continues the suit: nine tricks and +400 to NL Red, 8 IMPs back. The haltime score in this match: 39-33 to NL Red.

In the Grand Final EW were not so active:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
All pass		Pass	3♦

An impeccable contract, just made for +110 to Japan-Czech.



Kevin Fay, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
All pass		Pass	3NT

A Dutch-style gamble, once again at the right moment when West elects to lead a low spade. Italy Red +400 and 7 IMPs to them to lead 36-28.

On the last board of the set, the Czechs had what looked like a major disaster but Macura would be justified in calling himself very unlucky:

Board: 16. Dlr: West/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Macura</i>
1♣	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
All pass			

Well, what would you do when partner overcalls 4♥, green v. red? In the Grand Final, both South players passed so there was no swing. Macura, however, went on and bid 6NT to protect the ♣K. Of course, he expected ♥AQxxxxxx in dummy and was hoping for a club lead...

West was dealt both diamond honours and the ♥A. He was polite enough not to double but this did not prevent him from leading a killing top diamond...Italy Red +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♣	4♥	All pass	


Another very well-timed decision by Manno. Eleven tricks, Italy red +450 and 11 IMPs to lead 47-28 after the first segment.

The Grand Final and the Playoff, segment 2.

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

It would be the second half of the Playoff but the second set of three for the Grand Final. It seemed as if the players were fully aware of this, as we saw very little action in the Grand Final and very much (too much?) action in the Playoff. This was the first board, a big swing to NL Red:

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

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

Open Room

West <i>Michielsens</i>	North <i>Lall</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	2NT	3♥
4♦	All pass		

A spade was led to the Ace. Michielsens plays ♦A, ♥A, two top spades, heart ruff and a diamond. North cashes his top diamonds and exits in hearts but dummy ruffs and declarer plays ♣A and a club, endplaying South. Ten tricks, NL Red +130.

A much wilder auction in the Closed Room:


Closed Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Verbeek</i>	East <i>Dwyer</i>	South <i>Molenaar</i>
	Pass	1♦	2♦
3NT	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Verbeek passes his 4-3-3-3 eleven count and hears all others bid something. He first assumes his partner is bidding mainly on distributional values and thus lets go 3NT but when the auction finally comes to an end in 5♣, it's too much for him and he doubles. Molenaar does not hold that much in defence but his diamond void and the ♣K make him feel at ease too. The heart lead goes to the Ace. ♣A and a club gives South the lead and he continues another heart. Three down, NL Red +500 and 12 IMPs.

Aggressive overcalls are made at any time, rightly or wrongly. Matthew Meckstroth was exaggerating a bit, we think, on board 19:

Board: 19. Dlr: South/EW

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

Open Room

West <i>Michielsens</i>	North <i>Lall</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
			2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All pass	


In the Open Room, a quiet 3NT for the USA Blue, ten tricks and +630.

Closed Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Verbeek</i>	East <i>Dwyer</i>	South <i>Molenaar</i>
			1♣
1♥	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	All pass	

Vulnerable overcalls on this sort of tram tickets should be severely punished and that is exactly what happens here. Though North does not lead a trump, the contract still has to go down five as EW don't have any tricks...NL Red +1400 and 14 IMPs more.

Board: 21. Dlr: North/NS

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
	Pass	1♥	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All pass			

Twelve tricks, NL Red +420 and 11 IMPs to USA Blue.

In the Grand Final, this was the first sizeable swing of the set:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Koike</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	All pass	

In the Open Room, USA Blue register +110 in a quiet 2♠.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣	2♠	Pass	3NT
All pass			

After South's double, North expects a 5-4 or 5-3 fit in spades and thus introduces the suit. Unfortunately, partner holds an 18-count without a fit so he jumps to 3NT which is far too high but nobody doubles so there is no real trouble but USA Blue still score 7 IMPs when the contract is two off.

On the next board, you can make a slam on a finesse. Both Italy, in the Grand Final, and USA Blue, in the Playoff, bid it:

Board: 22. Dir: East/EW

♠ A 7 5 3 2
♥ 2
♦ J
♣ Q 10 8 7 3 2

♠ Q J 6 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ K 7 6 5 3
♣ -



♠ 10 9
♥ J 5 4
♦ A Q 9 8 4
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 8
♥ A K Q 10 7
♦ 10 2
♣ A J 6 4

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All pass	

Easily made. USA Blue +920.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All pass			

Japan-Czech +420.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Macura</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣!!
Pass	2♦!!	Dbl	3♣
Pass	3♦!!	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All pass	

Italy Red +920 and 11 IMPs.

The principal question is still wide open after this board. Is God Italian or is he American?

Then, fireworks on board 24:

Board: 24. Dir: West/None

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	1♦	3♥	All pass

Nice defence by Justin Lall. Fournier leads a diamond and Lall wins the trick with his Jack. He continues his singleton ♠J and now he gets two ruffs when declarer ducks, as ♦K in South is a sure entry. Well done, USA Blue +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♦	2♣	2♦	3♣
3♥	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

In the Closed Room, EW end up even higher but North is on lead. Declarer wins the ♣K lead in dummy and leads a diamond, as he needs a diamond ruff anyway. Now, NS show the same defence as in the Open Room when North wins the ♦J and plays a spade. Down two, NL Red +300 and 6 IMPs to them.

Some action, finally, in the Grand Final as well.

Board: 25. Dir: North/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Koike</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All pass			

1♠ was relay and 2♥ showed 5+ hearts and 4+ of a minor. 4♣ then was play or correct.

In the Playoff, this board was a push in 5♦ as both Wests found the same defence as Manno. They all jumped in with the ♥A when the suit was led from dummy. After that, declarer has no further problems. Japan-Czech +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Macura</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All pass			

When Macura correctly ducked the ♥A at trick three, declarer would have been home had he put up the King. When the Jack lost to the Queen instead, it was no longer

possible to ruff out all the hearts and draw trumps so Franchi had to go one down. Japan-Czech +50 and a very well-deserved 10 IMPs back.

Board: 26. Dir: East/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Koike</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All pass			

The INT overcall shows either the rounded or the pointed suits, so 2♣ is play or correct and 2♦ speaks for itself. The contract made with an overtrick, Japan-Czech +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Macura</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
		1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

Yet another light overcall that did not escape punishment. One down, Japan-Czech another +100 and 6 more IMPs back. On the next board, we saw an interesting bidding problem.

Board: 27. Dir: South/None

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
1♥	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	All pass		Pass

After East's double of 3♦, the spade fit is lost. Once again, we see a very good defence by Justin Lall. He leads two top diamonds and then switches to the ♣9. This establishes a club trick for the defence, necessary to beat the contract together with South's natural trump trick.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♣	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		Pass

When Dwyer bids 3♠ rather than double over 3♦, the spade fit is disclosed. Eleven tricks, USA Blue +450 and 11 IMPs to trail by 3.

In the Grand Final, both EW pairs reach the inferior 4♥ and both are allowed to make it. Without a club shift, declarer can win trick 3 and draw all trumps, giving South his natural trick. As South is out of diamonds, declarer can then win any return and cash the remaining spades for ten



Kevin Dwyer, USA

tricks.

So once again, no swing in the Grand Final. Nothing very much happened there on the remaining boards of the set either, so after 32 boards the score in the Final stood at 73-51 to Italy Red.

On board 28 of the Playoff, USA Blue take over the lead when the Dutch overbid again to a hopeless 3NT and two boards later, USA Blue secure the bronze:

Board: 30. Dir: East/None

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

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	3♦	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

3♦ was a fitbid. North finds the spade lead so he can give his partner a ruff for one down, NL Red +100. One wonders if 5♣ would have been a more appropriate action...

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
		Pass	2♣
2♥	3♥	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All pass

After the Precision style 2♣ opening, the club fit is clearly in the picture so taking the "save" was automatic for NS. West led her singleton diamond but as East did not have a quick entry, there was no ruff available. To make things worse for the defenders, the spades were divided very friendly for declarer so the ♠108 became the parking places for the diamond losers. USA Blue +550 and 10 IMPs to lead by 14 with two to go.

Five IMPs went Dutch on board 31 but 32 was flat, so the USA Blue won the bronze by 86-77 IMPs in 32 boards. Not bad going at all...and our congratulations to them!

For the Dutch Red it was a very disappointing finish: on Tuesday they missed the Final by 1 IMP and yesterday they also missed out on the bronze...

Teams Grand Final, final segment

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

The final segment of our Grand Final started with Italy Red leading by 22 IMPs over Japan-Czech. On the first six boards, the scorers were not troubled very much as the score after these boards read 4-1 to Japan-Czech. Still, both teams had got their chances, especially on the boards 5 and 6:

Board: 5. Dlr: North/NS

♠ K Q 10 6 3 ♥ - ♦ J 10 8 7 4 ♣ J 6 2	♠ 2 ♥ A Q 9 7 5 4 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A 10 4 3	♠ A 9 8 7 4 ♥ 8 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ K Q 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Macura</i>
	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dble	All pass	



Milan Macura, Czech Republic

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dbl	All pass	

Both NS pairs took the correct save for one down against 4♠ which makes easily. However, on the surface of it, it is impossible for the defence to defeat 5♠. Still, both declarers went down. How did they manage to?

The answer is simple once you think of it. On a club lead, both declarers went on to draw trumps and eliminate the rounded suits, then led a diamond to the King! In view of North's opening bid the best chance looked to play North for ♦Axx and thus South for Qx. Of course, if North holds Ax he will rise with the Ace and continue the suit but against Qx with South, there is no defence.

Good effort at both tables, therefore, and a well-deserved flat board.

Board: 6. Dlr: East/EW

♠ J 9 8 7 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ K 8 6	♠ K Q 5 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ A 4 2	♠ 10 6 4 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 9 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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	S											
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
		Pass	1♥
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All pass	

In the Closed Room, Paparo followed a curious line and ended up one down in what looked like an iron-cast contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Macura</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All pass			

Luckily for him, the Czechs were more optimistic. They looked for a slam only to find out that this was not the place to be, so they ended up in a precarious 5♥.

Double dummy, you would make it easily. The clubs go on the spades and the first-round heart finesse (or whatever) sees you home.

At the table a great defence by Manno saved the day for Italy. Macura won the ♦Q lead in dummy and led a heart to his king which Manno ducked! The ♠A was unblocked and Macura crossed to the ♣A to cash the remaining top spades, throwing his club losers. The moment of truth had arrived. He called for dummy's ♥10 and...put up the Queen. One down, flat board again.

On the next board, there finally was a swing and it went to Japan-Czech:

North passed, nobody had anything more to say. The contract itself could not be defeated so +110 were added to the +600 for a 12-IMP gain to Japan-Czech.

Board: 10. Dlr: East/All

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

Board: 7. Dlr: South/All

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Franchi	Miura	Paparo
Dble 4♠	4♥ All pass	1♣ Dble	2♥ Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Kopecky	Di Franco	Macura
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
All pass			3NT

When Manno did not open his major twosuit (system reasons, we assume), the Czechs were soon in 3NT. As East had no good reason to lead a heart but led a club instead, nine tricks were suddenly easy. Japan-Czech a glorious +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Franchi	Miura	Paparo
2♥	All pass		Pass

Koike had no inhibitions and did open 2♥ (weak). When



Andrea Manno, Italy

A sensible auction to a very good contract. It's OK when spades are 4-2 provided the clubs come in. Alternatively, if the diamonds break, there still are chances if you play on diamonds first.

Declarer did not bother about all this. He ruffed the second heart, drew three rounds of trumps and then successfully relied on the clubs for the overtrick. Japan-Czech +650.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Macura</i>
		1♣	2♣
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

After Macura's transfer overcall, the Italian agreements were thoroughly tested. They did not pass this test, however, so Kopecky could claim eight tricks (two spade ruffs in hand) as soon as dummy came down. Japan-Czech another +670 and 16 IMPs. They had taken the lead by 8 now. Would they do it again, like they did yesterday?

On the next four boards, the Japan-Czech lead crept up to 13 IMPs and then, this was the pre-last board.



Michal Kopecky, Czech Republic

Board: 15. Dlr: South/NS

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Koike</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Paparo</i>
			All pass

The auction in this room had been very short, so much would depend on what they would do in the Open Room. A passout in a Junior event is near to the inconceivable, we think, and so it proved.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Macura</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♦	All pass		

This duly went one off as all cards are placed badly for declarer. Still, the Italians could feel relieved that their opponents did not bid 4♦ which would probably have been made here.

This way, Japan-Czech gained another 2 IMPs here to go into the last board with a 15-IMP lead. The last board was a push in 4♠ down two...

So once again, like we did yesterday, our warmest congratulations to the Japan-Czech combination team for a wonderful performance. They came from pretty far behind to win the match on two successive occasions, which first of all is proof of their very strong attitude of mind!

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