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# Thrilling Victories, Agonizing Defeats



Elly Ducheyne shows off the gift she received at the President's dinner earlier in the week as a thank you for 30 years of work in the Press Room at World Championships. To find out more about Elly and what she plans to do after retiring from her WBF job, see the Saturday Daily Bulletin.

If skating on thin ice ever becomes an Olympic sport, anyone who has been watching the Venice Cup at these World Championships will know who the gold medal winners are likely to be.

In case you haven't noticed, the defending Venice Cup champions from Germany have lost nine of 11 matches, albeit mostly by small margins. That accounts for the fact that the team is still very close to a qualifying spot, lying only 9 Victory Points out of eighth place.

Fortunately for the ladies from Deutschland, they don't need miracles, only a bit more luck and a blitz or two.

The Germans will get some sympathy from Chinese Taipei, the Venice Cup leaders after play on Wednesday. They lost two of three matches on Thursday, one of them a near-blitz, to fall into sixth place.

Also feeling some pain were USAII in the Bermuda Bowl. That team, featuring four players with limited international experience, were sitting pretty in the second spot starting the day. They suffered three big losses, however — 85-28 to Monaco, 58-15 to Canada and 54-34 to Bulgaria. The Americans

## VUGRAPH MATCH

**Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 15 – 10.30**  
**Canada v Chinese Taipei**

**Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 16 – 13.20**  
**China v Norway**

**Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 17 – 16.10**  
**New Zealand v Australia**

**Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 18 – 21.00**  
**to be decided**

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dropped from second to sixth with seven matches to play in the round-robin.

Despite losing two close matches, Italy retained their lead in the Bermuda Bowl standings, followed closely by USAI.

With seven rounds to play in the Senior Bowl, USAI were in the lead, taking over from France, who dropped to second but by only 4 VPs. Israel and USAII were close behind. The Senior Bowl concludes on Monday.



## PROGRAM

## Bermuda Bowl

## ROUND 15 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	New Zealand	Bulgaria
2	USA II	Italy
3	India	Australia
4	Norway	Brazil
5	Canada	Chinese Taipei
6	Monaco	Indonesia
7	Pakistan	Bermuda
8	South Africa	Sweden
9	Uruguay	USA I
10	Egypt	Spain
11	Poland	China

## ROUND 16 13.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Italy	New Zealand
2	Australia	USA II
3	Brazil	India
4	China	Norway
5	Chinese Taipei	Bulgaria
6	Indonesia	Canada
7	Bermuda	Monaco
8	Sweden	Pakistan
9	USA I	South Africa
10	Spain	Uruguay
11	Poland	Egypt

## ROUND 17 16.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	New Zealand	Australia
2	USA II	Brazil
3	India	Norway
4	Italy	Chinese Taipei
5	Bulgaria	Indonesia
6	Canada	Bermuda
7	Monaco	Sweden
8	Pakistan	USA I
9	South Africa	Spain
10	Uruguay	Poland
11	Egypt	China

## ROUND 18 21.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Brazil	New Zealand
2	Norway	USA II
3	China	India
4	Chinese Taipei	Australia
5	Indonesia	Italy
6	Bermuda	Bulgaria
7	Sweden	Canada
8	USA I	Monaco
9	Spain	Pakistan
10	Poland	South Africa
11	Egypt	Uruguay

## Venice Cup

## ROUND 12 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	England	Venezuela
13	USA I	Pakistan
14	India	Germany
15	Australia	Brazil
16	China	Netherlands
17	Italy	Indonesia
18	South Africa	Canada
19	Chinese Taipei	Egypt
20	Sweden	USA II

## ROUND 13 13.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	Venezuela	USA I
13	Pakistan	India
14	Germany	Brazil
15	England	China
16	Netherlands	Italy
17	Indonesia	South Africa
18	Canada	Chinese Taipei
19	Egypt	Sweden
20	USA II	Australia

## ROUND 14 16.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	India	Venezuela
13	Brazil	Pakistan
14	Australia	Germany
15	China	USA I
16	Italy	England
17	South Africa	Netherlands
18	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia
19	Sweden	Canada
20	USA II	Egypt

## Senior Bowl

## ROUND 9 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Japan	Pakistan
2	Monaco	Israel
3	France	Australia
4	Indonesia	Bye
5	Guadeloupe	USA II
6	Brazil/Arg	USA I
7	Denmark	Polynesia
8	Egypt	Italy

**ROUND 10 15.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Italy	USA I
2	Pakistan	Egypt
3	Polynesia	Guadeloupe
4	Israel	Denmark
5	Bye	Monaco
6	Australia	Indonesia
7	USA II	France
8	Japan	Brazil/Arg

**RESULTS****Bermuda Bowl****ROUND 12**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PAKISTAN	NEW ZEALAND	36 40	14 16
2	MONACO	USA II	85 28	25 3
3	CANADA	INDIA	34 23	17 13
4	BULGARIA	NORWAY	16 25	13 17
5	ITALY	BRAZIL	29 31	15 15
6	CHINA	AUSTRALIA	39 19	20 10
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA	26 28	15 15
8	INDONESIA	URUGUAY	46 22	21 9
9	BERMUDA	EGYPT	8 42	7 23
10	SWEDEN	POLAND	44 38	16 14
11	USA I	SPAIN	41 35	16 14

**ROUND 13**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NEW ZEALAND	MONACO	18 24	14 16
2	USA II	CANADA	15 58	5 25
3	INDIA	BULGARIA	37 43	14 16
4	NORWAY	ITALY	27 22	16 14
5	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	38 54	11 19
6	PAKISTAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	33 43	13 17
7	SOUTH AFRICA	INDONESIA	22 33	13 17
8	URUGUAY	BERMUDA	65 27	24 6
9	EGYPT	SWEDEN	13 34	10 20
10	POLAND	USA I	28 37	13 17
11	SPAIN	CHINA	26 20	16 14

**ROUND 14**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	49 51	15 15
2	BULGARIA	USA II	54 34	20 10
3	ITALY	INDIA	71 54	19 11
4	AUSTRALIA	NORWAY	50 52	15 15
5	CHINA	BRAZIL	45 55	13 17
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	MONACO	61 37	21 9
7	INDONESIA	PAKISTAN	54 17	24 6
8	BERMUDA	SOUTH AFRICA	25 53	8 22
9	SWEDEN	URUGUAY	48 46	15 15
10	USA I	EGYPT	70 44	21 9
11	SPAIN	POLAND	27 39	12 18

**Bermuda Bowl  
Ranking after 14 rounds**

1	Italy	270
2	USA I	259.5
3	Canada	248
4	Poland	235.5
5	Chinese Taipei	234.5
6	Norway	234
7	USA II	230.5
8	Indonesia	219.5
9	Australia	219
10	New Zealand	217
11	Egypt	213
12	China	211
13	Monaco	203
13	Sweden	203
15	Bulgaria	202
16	Spain	194
17	Pakistan	186
18	Brazil	182
19	India	181
20	Uruguay	178
21	South Africa	153
22	Bermuda	106

**RESULTS****Senior Bowl****ROUND 7**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDONESIA	FR. POLYNESIA	102 3	25 0
2	FRANCE	ISRAEL	12 48	8 22
3	BYE	GUADELOUPE	0 0	0 18
4	EGYPT	JAPAN	55 40	18 12
5	BRAZIL/ARG	ITALY	45 45	15 15
6	USA I	PAKISTAN	102 27	25 2
7	MONACO	USA II	12 83	3 25
8	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	35 64	10 20

**ROUND 8**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BYE	FRANCE	0 0	0 18
2	GUADELOUPE	AUSTRALIA	58 43	18 12
3	USA I	EGYPT	54 55	15 15
4	PAKISTAN	BRAZIL/ARG	56 69	13 17
5	ITALY	JAPAN	56 43	17 13
6	USA II	DENMARK	53 28	20 10
7	ISRAEL	INDONESIA	74 47	20 10
8	FR. POLYNESIA	MONACO	42 83	7 23

## Senior Bowl Ranking after 8 rounds

1	USA I	154
2	France	151
3	Israel	146
4	USA II	145
5	Indonesia	140
6	Australia	136.5
7	Italy	125
8	Denmark	124.5
9	Brazil/Arg	119.5
10	Japan	117
11	Egypt	114.5
12	Guadeloupe	105
13	Pakistan	90
14	Monaco	71
15	Fr. Polynesia	30

## Venice Cup Ranking after 11 rounds

1	China	204
2	Netherlands	199
3	USA II	195
4	USA I	183
5	England	182
6	Chinese Taipei	181
7	Canada	178
8	Italy	166
9	India	157
9	Brazil	157
9	Germany	157
12	Sweden	156
13	Australia	148
13	Venezuela	148
15	Egypt	144
15	Indonesia	144
17	South Africa	136
18	Pakistan	115

### RESULTS

## Venice Cup

### ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
1 VENEZUELA	CANADA	16	61	5	25
2 PAKISTAN	INDONESIA	16	39	10	20
3 GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	37	49	12	18
4 BRAZIL	ENGLAND	33	44	13	17
5 INDIA	USA I	63	12	25	4
6 EGYPT	CHINA	40	39	15	15
7 USA II	ITALY	36	32	16	14
8 SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA	59	42	19	11
9 CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA	28	16	18	12

### ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
1 VENEZUELA	NETHERLANDS	10	47	6	24
2 PAKISTAN	ENGLAND	35	87	4	25
3 GERMANY	USA I	21	29	13	17
4 BRAZIL	INDIA	61	48	18	12
5 INDONESIA	CHINA	7	72	1	25
6 CANADA	ITALY	56	35	20	10
7 EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	27	34	14	16
8 USA II	CHINESE TAIPEI	76	18	25	3
9 SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	35	29	16	14

### ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
1 INDONESIA	VENEZUELA	40	22	19	11
2 NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN	40	30	17	13
3 ENGLAND	GERMANY	32	9	20	10
4 USA I	BRAZIL	35	29	16	14
5 AUSTRALIA	INDIA	11	24	12	18
6 CHINA	CANADA	41	23	19	11
7 ITALY	EGYPT	57	38	19	11
8 SOUTH AFRICA	USA II	33	75	5	25
9 CHINESE TAIPEI	SWEDEN	28	37	13	17

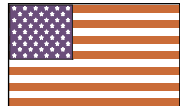
## WBF Seniors Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Seniors Committee on Saturday, November 8, at 12 noon in the Bouderie Room at the Hotel Hermitage.

**ROUND 5** Venice Cup



**Germany v USA II**



**Roller Coaster**

The first Venice Cup match to appear on VuGraph featured Germany and USA II. The German team certainly looked the part in their team uniforms (however, I am reliably informed they shrink when washed!)

It proved to be an interesting, if not flawless, encounter with the Americans getting the big swings while Germany kept collecting bits and pieces.

Nothing wrong with that, +680.

West	North	East	South
Wittes	Auken	Cohen	Von Arnim
			Pass
1♦	3♣	3♠	5♣
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Reim	Mancuso	Nehmert	Rogers
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I agree 110% with Three Clubs. That gave East a problem, as although Three Spades looks obvious the suit is a bit thin. Since you are going to game in any event double is certainly a viable alternative. Whatever, when East did bid spades South had to decide how many clubs to bid. (There is a case for passing, but players don't do that very often.) The effect of Five Clubs was to force West to support at a high level, and East bravely added a sixth spade. If South had simply raised to Four Clubs would East have bid on over Four Spades? That was 13 IMPs to USAII - keep that number in mind.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

♠ A K Q 9		
♥ K Q		
♦ J 10 6 2		
♣ Q J 2		

West	North	East	South
Reim	Mancuso	Nehmert	Rogers
Pass	Pass	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

A classical preempt pushed North/South to a contract they could not make. The defenders had no trouble collecting two clubs, a club ruff, and a trick in each red suit for down two; +200.

West	North	East	South
Wittes	Auken	Cohen	Von Arnim
Pass	Pass	2♠*	2NT
All Pass			

Science did not show up well on this board, as West was left in the dark about which suit her partner held. She led the seven of diamonds and declarer won in hand and repeated the diamond finesse. East won and decided not to switch to a low heart, pre-



Sabine Auken, Germany

ferring her singleton club. When West ducked South's queen, declarer had secured an eighth trick, an unlikely outcome, but worth 8 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reim</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
2♦	1♣ All Pass	Pass	1♥

It seems to me you should make Two Diamonds. Say North starts with three rounds of spades. You win and, guided by the bidding, play a heart. If you are allowed to win with the king you cash the top trumps and exit with a heart. In due course the defenders will have to open the club suit for you. The line of play adopted by West need not concern us but the contract was one down, -50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Dble 2♦ All Pass	INT 2♣ Pass	Pass Pass Pass	Pass Pass 3♣

It takes a heart lead to defeat Three Clubs, but East naturally led her partner's suit. West won and switched to the eight of spades. Declarer won and passed the ten of clubs. West took the king and played a second spade. Declarer could win, draw trumps and play a spade, establishing a parking place for her second heart; +110 and a small pick up for Germany.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reim</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
Pass 3♦ Pass Pass	2♦* 4♣ 4♠ 5♥	Dble Pass Pass All Pass	INT 2♥ 4♦ 5♦

The Americans stopped just in time; +650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass Pass Pass Pass	2♦* 3♣ 4♦* 4♠* 6♥	Dble Dble Pass Pass All Pass	Pass* 4♣* 4♥ 5♦*

South's pass either denied heart support or suggested that it would be better for North to be declarer in hearts. Four Clubs promised a maximum for hearts and Four Diamonds was a cue bid, (it is possible South read it as a retransfer) and a couple of cuebids later the slam was reached.

From North's point of view, if the South hand was along the lines of ♠KQ73 ♥AQ42 ♦A106 ♣65 the slam would have had excellent chances.

Having doubled twice already, (incurring a modest amount of criticism from the commentators), East now failed to double, but West was on the ball, leading a spade to end any speculation about declarer divining the trump position. That was a second 13 IMP pick up for USA II.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reim</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Even though South was facing a passed partner, it was quite a view to pass. With an awkward lead South went for the four of diamonds. North won and switched to a club. South did not take her ace, and when East played a spade she once again withheld the highest card in a suit. That was the final error as declarer could draw trumps, get back to dummy and repeat the club fi-

nesses for a miraculous +420.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wittes	Auken	Cohen	Von Arnim
Pass	INT	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

The mini notrump meant there was no risk of North/South missing the spade game. West led the three of hearts and East won with the queen and, after due consideration, switched to the jack of clubs! (On a non-club lead declarer can make Four Spades, but I would not want to stake my life on it.) From South's point of view it was inconceivable that East held the king of clubs and there was a simple winning line that did not risk the jack of clubs being a singleton: take the ace of clubs and play ace and another spade. When West won with the king and played back a club declarer knew what had happened. Watching on VuGraph it seemed to me that the tempo argued against East having a singleton club - but trust me, it is always much harder at the table.

Still, Germany had 9 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Reim	Mancuso	Nehmert	Rogers
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
3♦	All Pass		Pass

South led a heart and North won and switched to the five of clubs. When declarer put up the king South took the ace, ending any defensive interest in the hand; +110.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wittes	Auken	Cohen	Von Arnim
Pass	INT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
			All Pass

South led the nine of hearts (they lead low from a doubleton) and North won and switched to the three of clubs. South ducked, North won the trump return, played a second club and received her club ruff. Now she could cash the master trump and follow with the ace of hearts, ensuring she got a spade trick for two down.

Board 13. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Reim	Mancuso	Nehmert	Rogers
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The heart lead gave declarer twelve tricks and +690.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wittes	Auken	Cohen	Von Arnim
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

This was a very playable contract. In isolation, the right play in hearts is to play East for the queen, as you can also pick up ♥Q9xx. You could also go for a dummy reversal, but you are one entry short, and would need to find West with the heart queen. Declarer won the spade lead, played a club to the ace and a club to the king. Now she played a diamond to the ace and a second diamond, on which East played the king. Declarer can still get home now by crossing to dummy with a trump and running the jack of hearts - she would need to finesse the nine later if East covers - but on this day you just knew that the slam swing could only go one way. A heart to the queen saw East win and that gave USA II a third 13 IMP pick up.

Despite losing 39 points on three deals, Germany were still in contention, and on the penultimate deal a brilliant analysis by Sabine Auken retrieved some important IMPs.

**WBF Systems Committee**

There will be a Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee on Saturday at 1:45 p.m. in the Jardin d'Hiver (WBF Meeting Room) in the Hotel Hermitage.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reim</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the three of clubs and declarer finished two down; -200.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

So, North/South had reached the game that might make, but unless East led a low club the general view was that declarer would go down, winning the high club lead in hand and playing the ace and jack of diamonds. However, Sabine looked further. Suppose you follow that line and the diamonds are 3-3? When the defenders take the queen of diamonds they can switch to a heart. Declarer cannot afford to duck, as that will risk the loss of two spades, a heart, a diamond and a club. So you win in hand and cash the diamonds - but the last one will squeeze the dummy! You will be down to ♠QJ8 ♥A ♣J10 and have no safe discard. So, Sabine won the club lead with the ace and played a heart to the nine. This tremendous effort was worth every one of the 13 IMPs it earned. USA II had won an exciting match by 43-39 IMPs, 16-14 VP.

(As an aside, we heard later about a declarer who had found himself in 3NT on a high club lead. While he was considering his play to trick two, he overheard a comment at another table making it clear the queen of diamonds was doubleton. He called the director and explained. There was some suggestion that dummy might take over the play - but this was rightly rejected. What interests me is what if declarer, having called the director, had offered the same analysis as Sabine? Should play be allowed to continue?)

## Right place, right time = wedding bells



If there's one thing Judy Kay has learned from the whirlwind courtship with Bobby Wolff, it's that you should never say never.

When Norman Kay, Judy's husband of 39 years, died nearly two years ago, she thought that was it. "I knew I would never get married again," she said.

"Never" has turned into Dec. 7, the day she and Wolff will marry, he for the third time, she for the second.

Everything has happened so fast Kay hardly knows what to make of it. Still, she's not shy about sporting her beautiful new engagement ring and talking about the huge change coming in her life. At present she lives in Philadelphia. Soon she will be moving to Dallas, where Wolff has resided since the late Sixties.

Before her husband died, Kay didn't know Wolff very well - only as an acquaintance and as Norman's colleague, friend and opponent. When Norman died in January of 2002, Judy said, Wolff was one of the few to call her.

In the spring of that year, Wolff spoke fondly of Norman during a memorial for him during the North American Bridge Championships in Houston.

A little more than a year later, when Kay read that Wolff's team had won the right to represent the USA in the Bermuda Bowl, she sent him an e-mail with congratulations. He replied and suggested that they get together for a drink at the ACBL summer tournament in Long Beach, California.

The date nearly didn't happen, but they finally went out with Dan and Joan Morse.

Kay dropped Wolff a line after the Long Beach tournament when she heard he wasn't feeling well, then on Aug. 11, they started a series of e-mails that, in one week, resulted in the engagement that has the bridge world talking.

Seeing another side of Wolff changed her view of him from aloof to something entirely different.

"I have the same feeling with him that I had with Norman," she said. "Some people don't get it right once. I'm batting 1000 - two for two - and it's getting better every day."

Wolff is equally happy and he puts it down to fate. "In bridge, timing is important - being in the right place at the right time," he said. "It's also true in life."



# Attacking Vikings

by Knut Kjaernsrod, Norway

We are pretty sure that the Norwegian Vikings reached Vinland (America) a thousand years ago. It is more dubious if they reached Bermuda, but our modern bridge Vikings attacked the Atlantic island in the opening match of the Championships with the same fury that their ancestors would have used. When the warriors left the battlefield, the Bermudans were beaten 25-0. On this board Terje Aa as East saved himself from being squeezed to flatten the board:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the Open Room Boye Brogeland went two down in 3NT after a heart lead to the queen and king and a heart continuation. In the Closed Room the Bermudan South ended in Four Spades after a transfer sequence, and Glenn Groetheim led the king of diamonds to the ace, and the spade king was taken with East's ace. Dummy won the club shift, the spade queen came next and was followed with a diamond ruff. A spade was led to Terje's 8 while South shed a diamond, and this was the position:

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

If you do not consider the consequences properly, you cash the spade knave and exit with a club or a diamond, but look what happens then. You end up helplessly squeezed in the red suits. Terje instead led the ten of diamonds ruffed in dummy, and proceeded to trump the third club. A diamond to the knave, and after the heart ace and a heart, he cashed out for two down.

In the second match our team went on blitzing our Swedish

neighbours 25-3. On the very last board Boye Brogeland took advantage of a somewhat shaky defence to put the nail in the coffin by landing his Four Spade contract:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

In the Open Room Tor Helness went down in Three Hearts as West, but Boye landed in Four Spades as North, also after a transfer sequence. The queen of clubs lead was trumped in dummy, a spade to the ace, club ace to throw a diamond, and a low heart went to the eight and ten. West should probably have shifted to diamonds, but he continued with a heart to North's ace. Boye proceeded to ruff clubs and hearts to reach this end position:

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

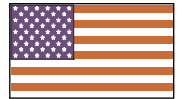
When he led his master club, East could not prevent dummy making two tricks.

*(The defence was certainly less than optimum, as even after the first few tricks West can defeat the contract by playing a club, as well as a diamond. However, tell it not in Gath, but declarer had already missed the winning line! He should discard a diamond at trick one, and then duck a heart. He wins the trump return and plays on cross-ruff lines, eventually reaching a similar type of ending to the one shown above. Editors.)*

**ROUND 10** Bermuda Bowl



**Sweden v USA I**  
**Tough Start**



When things are not going well, it can be difficult to break out of your slump. Through the first 11 rounds of the Bermuda Bowl, Sweden's team seemed to be experiencing just such a problem. It's a strong team that was projected to qualify for the knockout phase of the tournament, but halfway through the round-robin they were in serious danger of not making the cut. Their tenth-round match against USA I resulted in another loss.

The trouble started on the first board of the match, when Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom let through a 3NT contract that should have been defeated while Eric Rodwell was making 10 tricks in diamonds at the other table. That was 11 IMPs for USA I right off the bat.

The Swedes got 5 IMPs back on the second board in unusual fashion.

On the following deal, Fredin got off to an unusual lead against a heart game, but the defense survived anyway.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 8 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A Q 9 8 5 2 ♣ Q 5 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		♠ 7 4 3 2 ♥ K ♦ K J 6 ♣ A J 8 7 4
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	S										
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West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lindkvist	Meckstroth	Fredin
		1♦	1♥
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Rather than rebid his heart suit, Peter Fredin made a bid apparently designed to suggest both majors. Magnus Lindkvist, looking at six diamonds, thought that was a good place to stop. The diamond partial had no legitimate play, and it looked like another loss because 2♥, although it can be defeated, might well make without perfect defense. Fredin did indeed go one off in 2♦ for minus 100. The Swedes still won the board, however.

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Hamman	Nystrom	Soloway
		1♣	1♥
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This was not a success as Bertheau easily wrapped up eight tricks for plus 280. That was 5 IMPs to Sweden.

The contract in both rooms was 4♥ after a 1♦ opening by West (strong club systems). In the Closed Room, Soloway as South started with a low spade, giving Nystrom no chance for 10 tricks, even if he guesses the trump suit, and he finished one down for minus 100.

In the Open Room, Fredin started with a low club from the South hand, and now Meckstroth had a chance since one of his two inevitable club losers had been eliminated. Declarer played a



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

heart at trick two to the queen and ace, and the ♣10 was returned to declarer's ace. Now a spade went to the queen and king and a spade was returned to the nine, jack and ace. At that point, Meckstroth was in a position to make the contract. The only losing play, looking at all the cards, was a low heart from dummy and a finesse. That is what happened, and when Fredin won his ♥J, he cashed a club for one down and a push.

On the following deal, Fredin and Lindkvist had to defend well to keep Meckstroth from landing another game contract.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Hamman	Nystrom	Soloway
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Peter Bertheau, Sweden

With bad breaks in two key suits, Bertheau did not come to nine tricks after the lead of the ♠7. That was plus 50 for USA I.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lindkvist	Meckstroth	Fredin
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dble
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Meckstroth's 1♠ response to the Precision 1♣ showed a positive response with hearts. Fredin could not lead a spade to good effect, and he had a better lead anyway - the ♦K. Meckstroth ducked at trick one, and Fredin continued with the ♦Q. Meckstroth took the ace and played a heart from hand. When Fredin followed with the jack, Meckstroth accurately read it as a singleton and went up with the ace. He then started in on clubs, playing the ace, king and queen, ruffed by North with the four and overruffed by declarer.

Meckstroth led a low spade from hand, and Fredin put up the king. Fredin then made the key play - the ♣10, allowing Lindkvist to discard his remaining spade. Now when Meckstroth ruffed the club and played a heart to the queen and king, Lindkvist could exit with a diamond, forcing Meckstroth to use dummy's last trump. When the good club was played from dummy, Lindkvist simply discarded a diamond and ruffed the next play of a spade for the setting trick. That was a well-earned push for Sweden.

Board 28 was a tough one for Swedish partisans to take.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Hamman	Nystrom	Soloway
Pass	1♥	1♠	3NT
All Pass			

Soloway had no trouble with this contract, coming to 11 tricks for plus 660. In the Open Room, Meckstroth and Rodwell, with their busy, aggressive style, made life very difficult for Lindkvist and Fredin.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lindkvist	Meckstroth	Fredin
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

It's hard to blame the Swedes for missing the notrump game. Lindkvist could hardly bid 3NT - his partner's response did not

promise a big hand, only four spades. When the auction came back to Fredin, he was also poorly placed in the bidding. He would look very foolish bidding 3NT and finding partner with some weak holding in diamonds, which would be perfectly logical given the auction. Fredin managed to take nine tricks in hearts despite misguessing in trumps, but it was an 11-IMP loss nonetheless. Suddenly, Sweden was down by 14 IMPs, 24-10. It got worse on the next board.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ A J 10 8 2 ♣ J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ 9 8 5 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> <span style="position: absolute; top: 5px; left: 5px;">N</span> <span style="position: absolute; top: 5px; right: 5px;">E</span> <span style="position: absolute; bottom: 5px; left: 5px;">W</span> <span style="position: absolute; bottom: 5px; right: 5px;">S</span> </div> </div>	<p>♠ A K 9 6 4 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ A K 3</p>	<p>♠ J 10 3 2 ♥ 10 7 6 5 ♦ Q 7 ♣ Q 7 4</p>
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The contract at both tables was 3NT by East. In the Closed Room, Soloway and Hamman did not err in the defense, holding declarer to eight tricks for plus 100.

In the Open Room, Fredin missed the key play at trick two.

Fredin started with the ♥6, to the three, eight and queen. Meckstroth then played a low diamond from hand and Fredin made the fatal mistake of playing low. Meckstroth put in the jack and Lindkvist ducked, but Meckstroth simply played a low diamond from dummy. Lindkvist won the king and got out with a club, but it was too late for the defenders. Meckstroth had four diamonds, one heart and two tricks in each of the black suits for nine tricks and plus 600.

It's a different story if Fredin puts in the ♦Q at trick two. If Meckstroth wins the ace and plays the ♦J, Lindkvist simply ducks, holding Meckstroth to two diamond tricks. If Meckstroth ducks the ♦Q, Fredin continues hearts and the defenders take three tricks in that suit with the ♦K still to come. That's down one and a push instead of a 12-IMP loss. Sweden now trailed 36-10, which turned out to be the final score.

## Making Another Mark

Jill Levin, the World Bridge Federation's newest Grand Master, is in Monte Carlo to compete in the Venice Cup. She is trying to add a third world championship to her list of accomplishments.



It's a long list, and includes some items that might surprise you.

Regarded as one of the ACBL's top players, Levin has half a dozen North American titles to go with her victory in the McConnell Cup in Albuquerque in 1994 and the Women's Team Olympiad in Rhodes in 1996.

A little more than a year ago, she published her first novel, *Bet, Raise or Fold*, about poker.

Levin is also well known on the other side of the Atlantic for her ground-breaking lawsuit in 1984 which changed the landscape of ACBL national events. In 1984, Levin filed suit against the ACBL, claiming gender-restricted competitions - namely men's events - kept her from playing with her regular partner and were unfair and 'odious'.

The suit was settled in 1990, and since then the Men's Teams and Men's Pairs have disappeared from the national scene at North American Bridge Championships.

Levin says her novel has references to the suit.

Levin's husband, Robert, is another top player. He is scheduled to compete in the World Transnational Open Teams in Monte Carlo.

Jill and Robert, she says, play bridge together "as much as we can stand." It's not that they don't get along, but they enjoy many other activities together, including tennis and snow skiing. Between them, they have three sons, Shane, 17, Justin, 15, and Andrew, 13.

## Meeting of WBF Seniors Congress

Venue: Bellevue Room, 2nd floor, Café de Paris  
 Time: Sunday, November 9, 2003, 12.00 - 13.15  
 Invitees: Senior Players & Officials, WBF Officers and NBO Representatives

### Agenda

1. Greetings from WBF President José Damiani
2. Status of WBF Senior Program
3. Desirable format for WBF Senior team competitions
4. Discussion of Senior age limit
5. Any other business

Nissan Rand  
 WBF Seniors Chairman

**ROUND 6**

**Senior Bowl**



**Egypt v Argentina/Brazil**



The combined Brazil/Argentina team representing Zone 3 met Egypt with both teams starting their Round 6 match a little below average. It was important for both to get a good win under their belts.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



<b>West</b> <i>Monsegur</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Kamel</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Mooney</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Shaker</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass		Pass	6♥

<b>West</b> <i>Wattar</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Chagas</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Samie</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Assumpcao</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♦
		All Pass	

In response to the 1♥ opening, Mohsen Kamel bid naturally, showing his spade suit then raising to the heart game. The partial spade fit convinced Mohamed Shaker to take control and bid the slam. Six Hearts is sub-par, of course, as it requires both a heart split and favourable spade position. Shaker got the first part of that but when he led up to the ♠Q he found the king offside and was down one for -100.

I am not aware of any systemic requirement to explain Gabriel Chagas's 2♣ response at the other table. If he simply intended to inhibit a club lead then he did not succeed in that goal, though the lead was irrelevant, but perhaps his choice of response helped Pedro Paulo Assumpcao to pass the 4♥ rebid; +650 and 13 IMPs to Brazil/Argentina.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



<b>West</b> <i>Monsegur</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Kamel</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Mooney</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Shaker</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	All Pass		Pass

<b>West</b> <i>Wattar</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Chagas</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Samie</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Assumpcao</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Egyptian East/West pair got too high when Wael Wattar felt that his hand fell some way in between a 2♥ and 3♥ rebid so invented a club suit then repeated the hearts. Four Hearts had to fail by a trick; -100.

Martin Monsegur contented himself with a top-weight 2♥

**Championship Diary**

We are sorry to hear that Maureen Dennison has suffered a recurrence of her earlier illness and will not be joining us in Monaco. Her presence illuminates any Championship and she will be sorely missed by her many friends here, who wish her a speedy recovery.

Relief for the impoverished Bulletin staff when Jill Arthur arrived and distributed her now legendary shortbread and tablet. (Even Moses knew about tablet!).

The Italian team have been on VuGraph so often that it has been suggested the name be changed from Bridgevision to Bocchivision!

Sitting in the VuGraph John Carruthers asked if we knew which two countries had the same flag. Using our rapier like wit we replied, 'USA I and USA II.' (Monaco and Indonesia are very similar.)

On Wednesday evening a group went to the Monaco v Deportivo match in the Champions League, enjoying the 8-3 scoreline in favour of the home team. That worked out at the rate of 4 Euros per goal!



Wattar responded with the West cards and Chagas made a simple overcall. Two Hearts made exactly on a similar line of play for +110 and 5 IMPs to Brazil/Argentina.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Monsegur	Kamel	Mooney	Shaker
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	All Pass	1♠	Pass
INT			

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wattar	Chagas	Samie	Assumpcao
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	2♣	3NT	All Pass
2♥			



Gabriel Chagas, Brazil

Monsegur showed a weak no trump type and played in INT on a low heart lead, which he ran to his queen. Declarer tried the ♠Q from hand and that was allowed to hold the trick. Next he played a heart to the jack followed by a club to the king and a second round to the jack and ace. Back came a spade. Monsegur took his winners then led to the ♦K for an overtrick; +120.

Wattar stretched his hand and was raised to 3NT via Stayman. Chagas led a spade to the queen but that gave declarer nothing he could not do for himself. On this lie of the cards there was no way to come to nine tricks and the contract actually went two down for -200 and 8 IMPs to Brazil/Argentina.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Monsegur	Kamel	Mooney	Shaker
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wattar	Chagas	Samie	Assumpcao
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I am not convinced that Kamel's 2NT bid shows a mere weak no trump but the Egyptians managed to get to a making game when he repeated no trump at his next turn. Shaker thought for some time before passing but eventually came to the winning decision. Mooney led a spade to the nine and jack and Kamel led the ♦9 for ten and ace then a second round to the eight and jack. The fortunate (or unfortunate according to your perspective) club position left the defence powerless. When Mooney switched to a heart then played a second heart on winning the next diamond declarer had ten tricks for +630.

Assumpcao made the strange decision to bid his four-card heart suit and it was normal, even looking at that spade holding, for Chagas to raise the hearts then choose to play 4♥ rather than 5♦ - not that it mattered once 3NT had been left behind. Four Hearts went two down for -200 and 13 IMPs to Egypt, a little relief at the end of a poor set for them.

Brazil/Argentina led by 37-14 at the half and increased their margin of victory to 65-31, 21-9 VPs at the end of the match.

**ROUND 7**

**Senior Bowl**



**Israel v France**



Leaders France had a tough match against a strong Israeli squad in Round 7 and there was plenty of action in the first half.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Mari</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Schwartz</i> Pass	<b>East</b> <i>Leenhardt</i> 5♦	<b>South</b> <i>Zeligman</i> All Pass
<b>West</b> <i>Levit</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Adad</i> Pass	<b>East</b> <i>Romik</i> 3NT	<b>South</b> <i>Aujaleu</i> All Pass

Slam is pretty much just on the position of the ace of clubs. Francois Leenhardt opened 5♦ and Christian Mari thought for a while before eventually passing. The low club led from Shalom Zeligman allowed Leenhardt to play low and make twelve tricks for +420.

Pinhas Romik preferred to open with a gambling 3NT and played there. After a spade lead, the defensive discarding was not easy and Romik came to twelve tricks for +490 and 2 IMPs to Israel.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Mari</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Schwartz</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Leenhardt</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Zeligman</i>
INT 3♥	Pass Pass	Pass 2♦ 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass
<b>West</b> <i>Levit</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Adad</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Romik</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Aujaleu</i>
INT 2♥	Pass All Pass	Pass 2♣	Pass Pass Pass

Would you transfer or use Stayman with the East cards? Perhaps it depends on what a 2♥ follow-up after a 2♦ response from opener would be in your methods. Anyway, Romik used Stayman and passed the 2♥ response. Pierre Adad led ace and another club and Yeshayahu Levit won and played on spades to get to dummy. He lost a trick in each suit for +140.

Leenhardt transferred and went on to game when Mari broke to 3♥. Adrian Schwartz also led the ace of clubs but, on seeing his partner's queen, switched to the king of diamonds. Mari won the diamond, cashed a top heart, Schwartz following with the queen, then played the ♠10 to the king and ace. Zeligman played ♦Q and another diamond to ensure a trick for the ♥J; down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to Israel.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Mari</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Schwartz</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Leenhardt</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Zeligman</i>
2♠ Pass	INT Pass 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass	2♦ 3♠
<b>West</b> <i>Levit</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Adad</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Romik</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Aujaleu</i>
2♠ Pass	INT Dble 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass	2♦ 3♠



The auctions were slightly different but the final contracts were identical, as were the two lines of defence. Both Easts led king and another spade and both Wests won and played the killing third round of spades. Both declarers ruffed high and finessed East for the ♠J, not that it mattered; down one for -100 and a flat board.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mari	Schwartz	Leenhardt	Zeligman
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Levit	Adad	Romik	Aujaleu
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Levit could open with a natural weak two bid while Mari did not have that possibility but the final outcome was once again the same. The defence followed very different lines, however.

Maurice Aujaleu led the queen of hearts, which held the trick. He switched to a low club for the ten, ducked, and back came a second club to declarer's ace. Romik played a diamond and Aujaleu took the ace, cashed the king of clubs and gave his partner a diamond ruff. A heart forced dummy to ruff and declarer lost two more tricks for down four; -800.

Zeligman also led the ♥Q but Schwartz overtook to switch to his singleton diamond. Zeligman won and gave his partner a ruff and now Schwartz switched to a low club. Leenhardt won the ♣A and cashed the ace of spades before ruffing a heart. He continued with a winning diamond but Schwartz could ruff with the ♠K and play a club to his partner's king. Zeligman played a heart now, forcing dummy to ruff with the queen and thereby promoting his jack into a trick; down three for -500 but 7 IMPs to France.

Had Leenhardt not cashed the ♠A before ruffing a heart and playing a diamond he would have done rather better. If North makes the mistake of ruffing low declarer can over-ruff, cash the ♠A dropping the king, and cross to the ♠Q to cash three diamond tricks - contract just made! If he ruffs with the king declarer can over-ruff and lead the ♠10 to pin the nine. As long as

South covers the ten, the contract must go one down as declarer cannot draw trumps and cash the diamonds so can only get one club discard, while if South fails to cover the contract is made because trumps can be drawn ending in dummy. Finally, the contract goes one down if North does not ruff at all as there is an unavoidable trump loser.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mari	Schwartz	Leenhardt	Zeligman
2NT	1♣	1♥	2♥
4♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Levit	Adad	Romik	Aujaleu
3♥	1♣	1♥	3♣
All Pass	4♣	4♥	All Pass

Both Easts played 4♥ and both sets of defenders defeated the



Yeshayahu Levit, Israel

contract by twice leading clubs to create two trump tricks for North to go with one club and one diamond; no swing at -100.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Zeligman</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Levit</i>	<i>Adad</i>	<i>Romik</i>	<i>Aujaleu</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It is not the French style to open INT when holding a good five-card major but this time the slow approach firstly put the wrong hand on lead, from declarer's point of view, and secondly ensured that the right lead would be found anyway. Zeligman led a club to the king and ace and Leenhardt ran the ♠10 to the queen. Schwartz's ♣8 return was covered by nine and ten and Zeligman switched to a heart for the king and ace. Leenhardt ducked the ♣7 now but Zeligman had the ace of diamonds as an entry to cash the club winner; down two for -200.

Levit had no qualms about opening INT and Romik raised him straight to game. Adad picked a very bad time to try an imaginative opening lead - the ♠Q! It was not too taxing to make ten tricks after this start; +630 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Zeligman</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Levit</i>	<i>Adad</i>	<i>Romik</i>	<i>Aujaleu</i>
			Pass
1♣	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	All Pass

Schwartz overcalled 1♦ on his strong four-card suit and it was normal for Leenhardt to show the hearts then rebid INT, where he played. The lead was a diamond to the king and Schwartz switched to a spade. Leenhardt led a diamond up and Schwartz won the king to play a second spade. Now Leenhardt played ace then ten of hearts and, when that was ducked, a third round. He had eight tricks now for +120.

Adad preferred to make a take-out double of 1♣ but found that he had no safe contract to get out to. One Diamond doubled lost three hearts, three spades and a club plus two trump tricks for down three; -500 and 9 IMPs to Israel. That completed a very useful first half for Israel, who led by 41-9 IMPs.

A very quiet second half saw the score move on only to 48-12 IMPs, 22-8 VPs to Israel.

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# Le petit écho de Monaco

par Guy Dupont

## Etats-Unis 2 - La Corogne, même combat

Quelle ne fut pas la surprise des spectateurs du bridgevision, au 12e tour de la Bermuda Bowl, de constater que Monaco, alors opposé aux Etats-Unis 2, menait de plus de 50 points, à quelques donnes de la fin (sa victoire se concrétisa finalement par 25 à 3). Réflexion de Jean-Paul Meyer, au micro du rama : " Pas de doute, il s'agit bien de la même équipe que celle qui a battu La Corogne hier soir au Stade Louis II ! " (dans la Coupe d'Europe de football des clubs champions, Monaco a écrasé le club espagnol par 8 buts à 3, un score record dans cette épreuve).

### Longueur d'ondes

Au moment de faire son entrée en deuxième mi-temps du match France/Polynésie de la Senior Bowl (la France était alors première, et la Polynésie, dernière), le Français Pierre Adad entend de la bouche de son capitaine, Yves Aubry, que son équipe est menée de 38 points. Il joue alors sa mi-temps avec grande application, soucieux de gratter la moindre levée pour tenter de remonter ce lourd handicap. A la fin du match, il confie à son capitaine : " Nous n'avons certainement pas comblé tout notre retard, mais je pense que nous avons pu rattraper une vingtaine de points ". Résultat : victoire de la France par 72 à 16 (25 à 5). Adad avait mal compris : c'est son équipe qui menait de 38 points à l'issue de la première mi-temps !

### L'école de Rome

Henri Fissore, ambassadeur de la Principauté de Monaco à Rome, et membre de l'équipe monégasque dans la Bermuda Bowl, est un pur amateur au bridge. Il ne dispute guère plus d'un tournoi par semaine dans la capitale italienne, en jouant un système d'enchères reposant sur la bonne vieille majeure cinquième, agrémentée d'une signalisation italienne. La saison passée, son équipe romaine a atteint les 1/8 de finale du championnat italien par équipes. Et elle ne s'est pas fait éliminer par n'importe qui, s'il vous plaît, mais par la formation d'Angelini, avec Lauria-Versace et Fantoni-Nunes, qui l'a battue 130 à 97. Pas si mal, non ?

### Baba au rama

La rencontre entre l'Italie et la Norvège, au 13e tour de la Bermuda Bowl, retransmise au bridgevision, fut un régal. Un match intense et de grande qualité. La Norvège l'a emporté par 16 à 14, mais sur la donne 23, Bocchi a eu le dernier mot : Sud donneur, tous vulnérables.

♠ 10 8 2

♥ R 8 5

♦ DV 10 8 4 2

♣ V

♠ A 9 5

♥ -

♦ A 7 5

♣ R 10 9 7 6 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ DV 6 4 3

♥ A D 10 6 2

♦ 6 3

♣ D

♠ R 7

♥ V 9 7 4 3

♦ R 9

♣ A 8 3 2

O	N	E	S
Duboin	Helness	Bocchi	Helgemo
2 ♣	2 ♥	2 ♠	I ♥
4 ♠	(Fin)		Passe

Sud entame du 3 de ♥, pour le Roi et l'As (un ♦ ayant été défaussé du mort). **Comment Bocchi a-t-il gagné?**

Il a présenté la Dame de ♣ à la deuxième levée, correctement refusée par Helgemo. En effet, si celui-ci encaisse, il facilite la tâche du déclarant : la contre-attaque à ♦, par exemple, est prise de l'As, le Roi de ♣ est présenté, coupé du 8 de ♠ et surcoupé du Valet ; l'As de ♥ permet d'effacer le dernier ♦, et Bocchi joue As de ♠ et ♠ ; le mort contrôle alors la situation à l'atout, et les ♣ peuvent être exploités.

La Dame de ♣ a donc fait la levée. Bocchi a poursuivi par la Dame de ♥, en défaussant un ♦, il a coupé un ♥, tiré l'As de ♦ et présenté un ♣ ; Helness a coupé du 8 de ♠, Est a surcoupé du Valet, puis le 6 de ♦ a été coupé, et un autre ♣ a été présenté, coupé cette fois par le 10 de ♠, et surcoupé de la Dame. Il restait au déclarant à couper un ♥ de l'As de ♠, puis à couper un ♣ d'un petit atout, sans que Nord ne puisse s'y opposer. Dix levées artistiquement ciselées.

Dans l'autre salle, le même contrat a chuté de deux levées.

### Au tirage et au grattage

Un petit coup de défense, maintenant. Il provient du 10e tour, dans la rencontre Monaco / Norvège (brillamment remportée, faut-il le rappeler, par l'équipe de la Principauté, sur le score de 22 à 8).

Prenez la place de Jean-Charles Allavena, à l'entame, en Sud, avec :

♠ V 10 3 2

♥ 10 7 6 5

♦ D 7

♣ D 7 4

Nord donneur, tous vulnérables.

O	N	E	S
Helgemo	Tardy	Helness	Allavena
3 SA	Passe	I SA	Passe
	(Fin)		

### Quelle est votre entame?

Attention au tirage. Si vous n'avez pas sélectionné, comme Allavena, l'entame à ♥, vous n'êtes déjà plus en course pour espérer marquer dans votre colonne. Toutefois, après l'entame du

## WBF Women's Committee

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7 de ♠, le succès n'est pas assuré. Il faut encore l'emporter au grattage.

♠ 7 5 ♥ R 9 3 ♦ AV 10 8 2 ♣ V 10 6	♠ D 8 ♥ AV 8 4 ♦ R 5 4 ♣ 9 8 5 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W      E            S         </div>	♠ A R 9 6 4 ♥ D 2 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ A R 3
	♠ V 10 3 2 ♥ 10 7 6 5 ♦ D 7 ♣ D 7 4		

Le 7 de ♠ court jusqu'à la Dame d'Est, qui joue un petit ♦, pour le... Au fait, si vous n'avez pas pensé à intercaler la Dame, comme notre Monégasque, vous avez manqué le grattage, et l'occasion de faire chuter.

La chute dépendait, en effet, de ces deux bonnes cartes, en Sud, aux deux premières levées.

Si vous fournissez machinalement le 7 de ♦, le déclarant appelle le 10 du mort, protégeant son Roi de ♥, et rien ne l'empêchera de réussir son contrat (à supposer que Nord retienne, il donne un autre tour de ♦ à blanc, n'abandonnant alors à la défense qu'un ♦ et trois ♥).

En revanche, le déclarant n'a pas les moyens de laisser passer la Dame de ♦ : il perdrait trois levées de ♥ et deux de ♦. Et s'il prend la Dame de l'As, Nord retiendra ensuite une fois pour le limiter à deux levées dans la couleur - faute de communication avec le mort. Pour une bonne défense, ce fut une bonne défense.

Dans l'autre salle :

	O	N	E	S
<i>Catellani</i>			<i>Fissore</i>	
		Passe	1 SA	Passe
3 ♣		Passe	3 ♠	Passe
3 SA		(Fin)		

Sud pensa que le Stayman d'Ouest à 3 ♣ pouvait cacher une couleur à ♥ et préféra entamer d'un petit ♣. Ayant pris du Valet, Henri Fissore abandonna deux levées de ♦ à la défense, tout en protégeant son Roi de ♥. Contrat réussi, et un coup de 13 imp en faveur de Monaco.

## Transnational Teams

The World Open Transnational Teams Championships will start on Monday Nov. 10 at 6 p.m.

Teams who have not yet registered should go to the Salle Auguste (WBF President's Office) in the Hotel Hermitage and register as soon as possible with either Anna Gudge or Christine Francin.

It is important that any teams currently playing in the championships who intend to play in the Transnational Teams should come and register their names; this is so that we can know the approximate number of competing teams.

Of course, teams subsequently qualifying for the semifinals will be able to withdraw. Please note that there is no entry fee for players from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or Senior Bowl - if they are joined by other players who have not competed in these events, those players will be required to pay that proportion of the entry fee.

All teams, whether registering on site or pre-registered, must confirm their entry and, if they have not already done so, must pay the entry fee to Christine Francin as soon as possible, but certainly no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10.

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