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FAST STARTERS: YANKS, KIWIS



A huge display on the ground floor of the convention center reminds players of the tournament's many sponsors

It's early yet, but USA 1 in the Bermuda Bowl and New Zealand in the Venice Cup have started their quests for world championships with impressive performances in their first three round-robin matches.

USA 1, the team captained by George Jacobs, started the day with a 54-15 rout of USA 2 (Nick Nickell and company), then followed with a 72-23 win over Ireland and a 65-23 triumph over Australia. Jacobs is playing in his first Bermuda Bowl.

The team left only 1 victory point unaccounted for out of a maximum of 75, 16 clear of second-place Norway. Poland is next with 57.

In the Venice Cup, New Zealand started with a 55-24 win over the strong French team, then clobbered Indonesia 65-15 and routed Croatia 56-9. With 72 victory points, they are 11 clear of second-place USA 2. Germany and the Netherlands are next with 57 VPs each.

It is closer in the Senior Bowl as Italy and Australia are tied at the top with 63 VPs each, followed by Poland with 57 and USA 1 and Argentina, tied with 54.

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VUGRAPH MATCHES



Round 4 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 10	Brazil - Sweden	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 3	Netherlands - Canada	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 5	Egypt - Poland	(BB)
SWAN*:	Table 22	Denmark - USA 1	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 1	Ireland - Australia	(BB)

Round 5 (14.20-16.40)

VG:	Table 9	Canada - USA 1	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 31	England - Germany	(VC)
BBO 2:	Table 43	USA 1 - France	(SB)
SWAN:	Table 2	Sweden - Argentina	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 6	Croatia - China Global Times	(VC)

Round 6 (17.10-19.30)

VG:	Table 8	Italy - Norway	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 6	USA 2 - Brazil	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 28	Netherlands - France	(VC)
SWAN:	Table 47	Indonesia - Denmark	(SB)
OurGame:	Table 5	Pakistan - China SMEG	(BB)

* This match will be broadcast at 20.30 Chinese time

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TODAY'S PROGRAM



Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 4 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Ireland	Australia
2	USA 1	South Africa
3	Netherlands	Canada
4	USA 2	Japan
5	Egypt	Poland
6	Chinese Taipei	China SMEG
7	Italy	New Zealand
8	Trinidad & Tobago	Indonesia
9	Argentina	Norway
10	Brazil	Sweden
11	Pakistan	India

ROUND 5 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Japan	Brazil
2	Sweden	Argentina
3	Norway	Trinidad & Tobago
4	Indonesia	Italy
5	Australia	USA 2
6	China SMEG	Egypt
7	Poland	Pakistan
8	India	Netherlands
9	Canada	USA 1
10	South Africa	Ireland
11	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei

ROUND 6 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Australia	South Africa
2	Ireland	Canada
3	USA 1	India
4	Netherlands	Poland
5	Pakistan	China SMEG
6	USA 2	Brazil
7	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia
8	Italy	Norway
9	Trinidad & Tobago	Sweden
10	Argentina	Japan
11	Egypt	New Zealand

Venice Cup

ROUND 4 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Australia	Canada
22	Denmark	USA 1
23	Philippines	Guadeloupe
24	Indonesia	Croatia
25	Argentina	Jordan
26	Germany	Brazil
27	Netherlands	England
28	India	Egypt
29	Japan	France
30	China Global Times	New Zealand
31	USA 2	South Africa

ROUND 5 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Croatia	China Global Times
22	New Zealand	Japan
23	France	India
24	Egypt	Netherlands
25	Canada	Indonesia
26	Brazil	Argentina
27	Jordan	USA 2
28	South Africa	Philippines
29	Guadeloupe	Denmark
30	USA 1	Australia
31	England	Germany

ROUND 6 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Canada	USA 1
22	Australia	Guadeloupe
23	Denmark	South Africa
24	Philippines	Jordan
25	USA 2	Brazil
26	Indonesia	China Global Times
27	Germany	Egypt
28	Netherlands	France
29	India	New Zealand
30	Japan	Croatia
31	Argentina	England



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Senior Bowl

ROUND 4 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Australia	Poland
42	Thailand	Germany
43	Sweden	New Zealand
44	Guadeloupe	India
45	Egypt	China
46	Indonesia	Italy
47	Japan	South Africa
48	France	Denmark
49	Brazil	USA 1
50	USA 2	Argentina
51	Pakistan	Canada

ROUND 5 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	India	USA 2
42	Argentina	Brazil
43	USA 1	France
44	Denmark	Japan
45	Poland	Guadeloupe
46	Italy	Egypt
47	China	Pakistan
48	Canada	Sweden
49	New Zealand	Thailand
50	Germany	Australia
51	South Africa	Indonesia

ROUND 6 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Poland	Germany
42	Australia	New Zealand
43	Thailand	Canada
44	Sweden	China
45	Pakistan	Italy
46	Guadeloupe	USA 2
47	Indonesia	Denmark
48	Japan	USA 1
49	France	Argentina
50	Brazil	India
51	Egypt	South Africa

BBO Adds New Investors

Bridge Base Online Ltd. today announced a change in the ownership structure of the company with the addition of three new investors: Bill Gates of Medina, Washington; and Sharon Osberg and David Smith of Tiburon, California. They join Fred Gitelman and Uday Ivatury, who both remain as significant investors.

"I am extremely pleased to announce the additions of Bill, Sharon and David," said President Fred Gitelman, who remains the company's largest shareholder. "Their experience, knowledge and wisdom will help ensure that we make the best possible decisions for the future of our site. All three of our new partners are longtime BBO members, have executive management backgrounds and are avid bridge players. Sharon has won multiple world championships."

The full text of Fred's personal letter to BBO members regarding this event is available through a link on the company's web site (www.bridgebase.com).

Speaking for the new investors, Bill Gates adds, "We are all very proud to be backing Fred and Uday's vision of utilizing BBO as a platform to promote the game of bridge throughout the world."

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) and the Chinese Contract Bridge Association (CCBA) are currently hosting the 2007 World Bridge Team Championships in Shanghai, China.

Thanks to the ongoing support of WBF President José Damiani and the hard work of the CCBA, hundreds of thousands of bridge players from around the world will be able to watch these championships live and for free on BBO vugraph," said Gitelman. "In addition to our usual live coverage on BBO, the Shanghai broadcasts will be available for free through BBOTV – an exciting new online vugraph technology."

A link to access BBOTV is available through www.bridgebase.com.

Bridge Base Online Ltd., a privately held Nevada based company, was formed in 2001. BBO hosts more than 50,000 bridge players daily and is the largest online bridge site in the world. BBO offers an array of free and premium services for players of all levels – from novices to world champions.

Inquiries from the press should be directed to: press@bridgebase.com





RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl



ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 USA 1	USA 2	54 - 15	24 - 6
2 Indonesia	Japan	36 - 16	20 - 10
3 New Zealand	Brazil	18 - 32	12 - 18
4 China SMEG	Argentina	36 - 16	20 - 10
5 Poland	Trinidad & Tobago	60 - 7	25 - 3
6 India	Italy	18 - 57	6 - 24
7 Canada	Chinese Taipei	52 - 17	23 - 7
8 South Africa	Egypt	26 - 13	18 - 12
9 Australia	Pakistan	19 - 30	13 - 17
10 Ireland	Netherlands	31 - 27	16 - 14
11 Norway	Sweden	51 - 14	24 - 6

ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 USA 1	Ireland	72 - 23	25 - 4
2 USA 2	Sweden	33 - 3	22 - 8
3 Pakistan	South Africa	36 - 28	17 - 13
4 Egypt	Canada	48 - 37	17 - 13
5 Chinese Taipei	India	54 - 30	21 - 9
6 Italy	Poland	24 - 27	14 - 16
7 Trinidad & Tobago	China Smeg	51 - 25	21 - 9
8 Argentina	New Zealand	20 - 36	11 - 19
9 Brazil	Indonesia	2 - 37	7 - 23
10 Japan	Norway	29 - 44	12 - 18
11 Netherlands	Australia	49 - 48	15 - 15

ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Sweden	Japan	54 - 27	21 - 9
2 Norway	Brazil	22 - 16	16 - 14
3 Ireland	USA 2	21 - 51	8 - 22
4 New Zealand	Trinidad & Tobago	30 - 33	14 - 16
5 China Smeg	Italy	31 - 36	14 - 16
6 Poland	Chinese Taipei	28 - 22	16 - 14
7 India	Egypt	42 - 23	19 - 11
8 Canada	Pakistan	25 - 43	11 - 19
9 South Africa	Netherlands	25 - 18	16 - 14
10 Australia	USA 1	23 - 65	5 - 25
11 Indonesia	Argentina	14 - 50	7 - 23

Ranking after 3 Rounds

1	USA 1	74
2	Norway	58
3	Poland	57
4	Italy	54
5	Pakistan	53
6	USA 2	50
7	Canada	47
	South Africa	47
9	New Zealand	45
10	Argentina	44
11	China SMEG	43
	Netherlands	43
13	Chinese Taipei	42
	Japan	42
15	Egypt	40
	Trinidad & Tobago	40
17	Brazil	39
	Indonesia	39
19	Sweden	35
20	India	34
21	Australia	33
22	Ireland	28





RESULTS



Venice Cup

ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 Denmark	Indonesia	32 - 17	18 - 12
22 Egypt	Croatia	37 - 22	18 - 12
23 England	China Global Times	26 - 23	16 - 14
24 Brazil	Japan	59 - 28	22 - 8
25 Jordan	India	6 - 65	2 - 25
26 South Africa	Netherlands	26 - 63	6 - 24
27 Guadeloupe	Germany	17 - 25	13 - 17
28 USA I	Argentina	37 - 21	19 - 11
29 Canada	USA 2	11 - 37	9 - 21
30 Australia	Philippines	34 - 19	18 - 12
31 France	New Zealand	25 - 55	8 - 22

ROUND 2

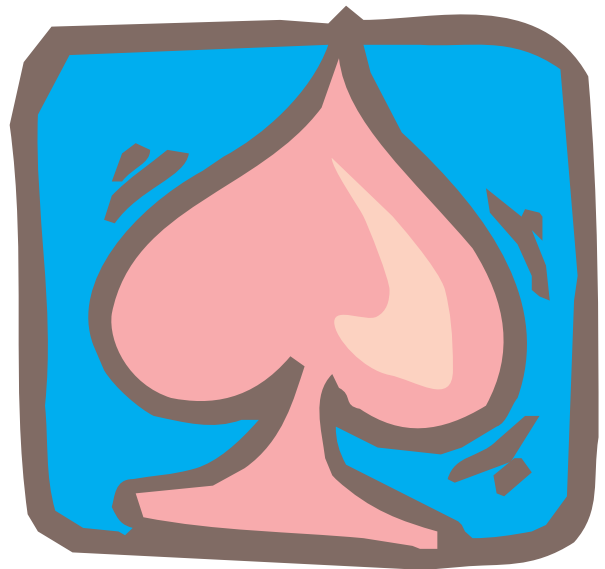
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 Denmark	Australia	19 - 27	13 - 17
22 Indonesia	New Zealand	15 - 65	4 - 25
23 Usa 2	Usa I	35 - 36	15 - 15
24 Argentina	Guadeloupe	36 - 28	17 - 13
25 Germany	South Africa	36 - 33	16 - 14
26 Netherlands	Jordan	12 - 12	15 - 15
27 India	Brazil	21 - 23	15 - 15
28 Japan	England	28 - 35	14 - 16
29 China Global Times	Egypt	39 - 1	24 - 6
30 Croatia	France	13 - 27	12 - 18
31 Philippines	Canada	16 - 45	8 - 22

ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 New Zealand	Croatia	56 - 9	25 - 4
22 France	China Global Times	26 - 16	17 - 13
23 Australia	Indonesia	25 - 24	15 - 15
24 England	India	49 - 22	21 - 9
25 Brazil	Netherlands	26 - 41	12 - 18
26 Jordan	Germany	1 - 40	6 - 24
27 South Africa	Argentina	39 - 22	19 - 11
28 Guadeloupe	Usa 2	6 - 57	4 - 25
29 Usa I	Philippines	37 - 28	17 - 13
30 Canada	Denmark	26 - 49	10 - 20
31 Egypt	Japan	13 - 38	9 - 21

Ranking after 3 Rounds

1	New Zealand	72
2	USA 2	61
3	Germany	57
	Netherlands	57
5	England	53
6	China Global Times	51
	Denmark	51
	USA I	51
9	Australia	50
10	Brazil	49
	India	49
12	France	43
	Japan	43
14	Canada	41
15	Argentina	39
	South Africa	39
17	Egypt	33
	Philippines	33
19	Indonesia	31
20	Guadeloupe	30
21	Croatia	28
22	Jordan	26





RESULTS

Senior Bowl



ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Thailand	Guadeloupe	35 - 82	4 - 25
42 Denmark	India	36 - 46	13 - 17
43 South Africa	USA 2	31 - 70	6 - 24
44 Italy	Brazil	30 - 13	19 - 11
45 China	France	32 - 32	15 - 15
46 Canada	Japan	40 - 39	15 - 15
47 New Zealand	Indonesia	36 - 27	17 - 13
48 Germany	Egypt	25 - 33	13 - 17
49 Poland	China Hong Kong	61 - 10	25 - 4
50 Australia	Sweden	31 - 18	18 - 12
51 USA 1	Argentina	24 - 34	13 - 17

ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Thailand	Australia	26 - 63	6 - 24
42 Guadeloupe	Argentina	6 - 41	7 - 23
43 China Hong Kong	Germany	26 - 32	14 - 16
44 Egypt	New Zealand	74 - 15	25 - 2
45 Indonesia	Canada	26 - 26	15 - 15
46 Japan	China	34 - 7	21 - 9
47 France	Italy	25 - 47	10 - 20
48 Brazil	South Africa	72 - 27	25 - 5
49 USA 2	Denmark	32 - 16	19 - 11
50 India	USA 1	24 - 60	7 - 23
51 Sweden	Poland	36 - 41	14 - 16

ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Argentina	India	25 - 32	14 - 16
42 USA 1	USA 2	35 - 17	19 - 11
43 Australia	Guadeloupe	59 - 34	21 - 9
44 South Africa	France	22 - 55	7 - 23
45 Italy	Japan	57 - 19	24 - 6
46 China	Indonesia	18 - 34	11 - 19
47 Canada	Egypt	35 - 15	20 - 10
48 New Zealand	China Hong Kong	35 - 40	14 - 16
49 Germany	Sweden	17 - 23	14 - 16
50 Poland	Thailand	38 - 35	16 - 14
51 Denmark	Brazil	27 - 38	13 - 17

Ranking after 3 Rounds

1 Australia	63
Italy	63
3 Poland	57
4 USA 1	55
5 Argentina	54
USA 2	54
7 Brazil	53
8 Egypt	52
9 Canada	50
10 France	48
11 Indonesia	47
12 Germany	43
13 Japan	42
Sweden	42
15 Guadeloupe	41
16 India	40
17 Denmark	37
18 China	35
19 China Hong Kong	34
20 New Zealand	33
21 Thailand	24
22 South Africa	18



Tim Seres

Tim Seres, generally considered to be Australia's greatest player, died Sept. 27.

Seres migrated in Sydney from Hungary after WWII as a young man. He soon took to bridge and from then on, from an international perspective, for several decades, the history of Australian bridge is his story.

This includes all of Australia's best results overseas for decades, including the only two times Australia has won the Far East (as it was then known) and its best teams world championship results: third in two Bermuda Bowls. The following is a summary of his international appearances in which he played nearly 100% of the deals.

- Open Olympiad: 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, and 1976.
- Bermuda Bowl: 1971, 1976, 1977, 1979, and 1981.
- Open Far East (now the PABC) 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1986, and 1990.

Nationally, his results include:

- National Open Team 1974-1993: seven wins.
- Australian Open Interstate Teams representing NSW: 1948-1995: 27 wins.
- Surfers Teams 1963-2003: 14 wins.

Added to this is a host of other national teams and pairs titles.

The following was offered by Cathy Chua, author and longtime friend of Seres.

The trouble with Tim – recollections of Tim Seres.
Try these two problems, both from rubber bridge.

1.

♠ A J 10 9
♥ A 7
♦ A 10 2
♣ K Q 7 3

West	North	East	South
			3♣

Dbl All Pass

The double was for penalty. You are West. Pick your lead.

2.

♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 4 2
♣ 6 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

You are West. Choose a lead. Solutions below.

Somebody once said to me that the introductions to my books are "always racked with guilt." And so, too, begins

these observations of Tim. I should have a million wonderful Tim deals at my fingertips, having played a lot of high-stakes rubber bridge with him for some years, as well as the odd tournament. Perhaps you will have some sympathy for me by the end of this story ... for the trouble with Tim is that he routinely played at his best, and his best was that of the world's greatest players.

Yes, I played rubber with him day in, day out, for a few years, and being a quick game it meant we played more deals in a session than tournament players get through in a day. And day in, day out, Tim was routinely brilliant.

He didn't do the right thing because it was an important occasion. He did it because he respected the game so much, as all truly great players do. Of course, too, one of the great things about rubber bridge is all the hands count. None of those tournament excuses – "It's only the qualifying", "We were winning by so much" or "We were losing by so much" – count in rubber. When all mistakes cost equally, you do want to play your best every deal.

It was watching Tim that I realized bridge is exactly like chess. The great player gets to do the right thing in the endgame because he has routinely done the right thing at the start, but often the two are not directly connected: It is a matter of principle to place your pieces on the best square.

You will have read stories of the experts that make them seem like Nostradamus. A world champion might get to endplay an opponent by keeping the lowest card in a suit. "What foresight." Not.

The great players play the correct technical card all the time, and occasionally there is a payout. All things being equal, the right technical card is the one that maintains complete flexibility within a suit. Tim would always play that card.

It goes without saying that Tim was a fine technical player even to the extent of having a squeeze position named for his "discovery" of it. But that did not reflect what he loved about bridge.

He loved the simple things, always aesthetically pleasing, always with some sleight of hand involved. There is a definition of a Hungarian as "one who enters the revolving door behind you, but who comes out ahead of you." In the play of the deal, that was Tim. I have strong memories of the things I did with Tim that he liked: The first time I transferred the menace while he was dummy. The first time I played low from weak length as declarer so that the opponents would shift, thinking I had the shortage. Playing a squeeze without the entry.

That taste is reflected in his Bols Bridge Tip, which was to give the opponents enough rope (to hang themselves, of course). It can be seen, too, in the following deals, both reported originally by Dick Cummings, Tim's partner for many years and a fine journalist. I'm guessing these deals are from the 1970s.

qualified 14th (or so my memory tells me) for the final, and he was obviously keen to keep it up. So he said to me, "You know, I think you'll find with that problem you'd be best off taking some xyz and laying off the zyx." I followed his advice, of course, but alas, the final did not go well for us.

There will be many who recall Tim the great gentleman of the game. For me it was his discipline I wanted to emulate. I always had the impression that Tim approached duplicate bridge the way Botvinnik approached chess matches. If Botvinnik were to play in a world championship match, for example, which might go on for months, before he went he would have a complete plan of what he was to wear and eat for the duration. Once he was playing, not one brain cell would be wasted on such trivial concerns.

Perhaps I'm wrong, I don't recall actually asking Tim about it, but I think he worked on similar lines. Certainly before he went to major tournaments, he would organize any social aspect beforehand. I'd always know when I was meeting Tim for dinner well before the tournament had started.

Tim was always quick at the table but when I gave him a deal it was always given due consideration, and then he would do something to be treasured. He would not simply state an answer, he would always give his thought processes. It was a living example of one of my favorite books, "Play These Hands With Me."

Thought processes and the workings of the brain were sideline interests. As we were sitting about waiting for rubber bridge to begin, he might start a discussion on how we all visualized bridge in our heads. Or, I can recall him being perturbed once by an event that had shaken his idea of memory. The Australian National Archives had interviewed him, part of a program of keeping records of important Australians.

Perhaps a week later, he received the transcripts so that he could correct them as might be necessary, and he was quite taken aback by some of the things he had said only a few days prior. It made him realize what a fickle thing memory really is.

Still, his was sharp as a tack. In the early 1990s, I wrote a history of Australian bridge and Tim, although modest, knew his worth and understood that post-WWII Australian bridge was, at least in some senses, his story, so he was generous with his time and recollections.

On any project of that type, one ends up with lovely material that can't be used. Tim routinely told stories against himself and gave deals where he'd been "got." One comes to mind now.

Playing in his younger years in an Interstate championship in Adelaide, he had one of those 4NT accidents which even now is one of the difficult at-the-table situations to survive – was that to play, for takeout, or some kind of Blackwood? Well, this one ended unhappily – he played in a slam off more than one ace. An elderly lady who had been watching took him aside at the end and spoke sharply to him: "Young man, there is a convention you should play called Blackwood, which would have prevented that disaster." She proceeded to give this man, already the best player in Australia, a lesson in slam bidding. He graciously thanked her.

Our friend Marc Hodler



I want to pay a high tribute to Marc Holder, who passed away in October 2006 and whose funeral I attended on 31st October in Bern, Switzerland.

Marc was president of WBF congress and one of the founder members of IMSA. Both our organizations mourn his loss.

A former Vice President and Executive Board member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Hodler served the Olympic movement for 43 years. He was President of the International Ski Federation (FIS), 1951-1998, and served as President and key administrator of the Swiss Bridge Federation 1952-1988.

Hodler won the Swiss National Bridge Championship three times, and was also a member of his country's National Ski Team, suffering a career-ending injury while training for the 1938 World Skiing Championships. After his forced retirement, he continued with the team in a coaching role for 10 years, and then organized the Alpine Events for the Winter Olympics in St. Moritz.

A trial lawyer, Hodler was fluent in English, French, German and Italian. An avid sportsman, he also played tennis, football, golf and handball, and enjoyed athletics and water sports.

Hodler was known for his integrity, dignity, character and courage. He spearheaded the acceptance of professional athletes in the Olympics, arguing that if the IOC did not make this move, only the wealthy would be able to train and compete at the top level. He was also instrumental in exposing the corruption behind the IOC's Olympic site-bidding process, leading to sweeping reforms and the removal of 10 IOC delegates

He was instrumental in helping us gain recognition in the Olympic Movement and was pushing very hard to have us included in the Winter Olympic Games.

José Damiani

To Paul Soloway — Get Well Soon

I was so very sorry to hear that you are in hospital and cannot be with us here in Shanghai. Be assured that you have our warmest best wishes for a full and swift recovery, both from me personally as well as from the Executive Council and the players here at the Championships. Many of them have asked how you are and I know they are thinking of you.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know how you are progressing. We all hope to have good news from you soon.

With my very best regards,

José Damiani

BERMUDA BOWL Round 2



Brazil

v

Indonesia



by Brian Senior

Both Brazil and Indonesia could have serious hopes of making the knockout stages of the Bermuda Bowl but neither could feel secure about their chances, making this second-round clash an important one for both teams.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Chagas	Asbi	Villas Boas
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brum	Ong	Thoma	Watulingas
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Gabriel Chagas opened a natural 1♣ and, on getting a response from partner, Miguel Villas Boas, was willing to take a shot at 3NT – he had, after all, eight running tricks including a heart stopper. That pre-empted Taufik Asbi into bidding 4♥ when he might have settled for a constructive raise to three given the space to do so, and Chagas felt obliged to save.

Four Hearts can be made despite the diamond loser, but it requires declarer to play North for the bare ten or nine of spades.

In 5♣ doubled, Chagas won the heart lead and gave up a diamond. Robert Tobing won and switched to a club, after which Chagas could take two diamond ruffs in dummy but that left him with a second diamond loser plus a spade; down one for –100.

Keng Hin Ong's strong club opening saw Giovanni Wat-

ulingas make a negative 1♦ response and Paulo Brum could overcall a level lower than had Tobing. Ong showed his clubs and repeated the suit over Marco Thoma's heart raise, but there was no momentum in this auction and it died down peacefully in 3♣. The same heart lead, diamond duck and club switch, meant the same ten tricks; +130 and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Chagas	Asbi	Villas Boas
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Brum	Ong	Thoma	Watulingas
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At both tables, West began with a simple spade raise and East made what was ostensibly a game try of 3♣. Brum raised the second suit and, when Thoma simply signed-off in 4♠, assumed that 3♣ had indeed been just a game try and passed. A diamond lead allowed Thoma to make all 13 tricks for a disappointing +510.

Tobing raised clubs, but indirectly, showing a useful diamond holding along the way. That encouraged Asbi to look for slam and, holding two aces, five trumps and a shortage, Tobing jumped to the small slam. There was nothing to the play after a heart lead and continuation; +920 and 9 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 3 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ Q 7	♠ Q 6 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ Q J 10 8 ♣ A J 8 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K J 10 8 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 9 5 4 2	♠ 9 3 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ K 10 6 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Brum</i>	<i>Ong</i>	<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Watulingas</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Indonesia increased its lead when Chagas decided to upgrade his 14-count and Villas Boas drove to game, while Ong showed a weak no trump type and Watulingas settled for a quite partscore.

Asbi led a low heart against 3NT. Chagas ducked the king and ten, then won the third round and cashed his spades before playing a diamond. The defence had no problem in holding declarer to his seven top tricks; -200.

Brum led a diamond against 2♠. Thoma won with the ace and switched to a low club for the queen and ace. Watulingas drew trumps and played on diamonds and, with the fall of the nine, had nine tricks for +140 and 8 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 8 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K Q J ♣ 6 3	♠ — ♥ 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ K 9 8 7 2 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 9 7 5 4 ♥ K 10 8 5 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ J 5	♠ J 6 3 2 ♥ A J ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A Q 10 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>
2♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Dble
5NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Brum</i>	<i>Ong</i>	<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Watulingas</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	5♥	Dble
		6♠	All Pass

Both East/West pairs bid smoothly to the excellent small slam and neither declarer had any trouble in coming to twelve tricks for a push at +980.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 2 ♣ K 10	♠ K Q J 8 4 2 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ Q 3 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ — ♥ A J 10 6 5 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ A J 9 7 2	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ 8 6 5 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Brum</i>	<i>Ong</i>	<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Watulingas</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Whether or not 2♥ is forcing, I would not pass it when holding what appear to be substantial extra values for a one-level overcall – 2♥ has certainly not made North's hand any worse – and I was surprised to see that Chagas had passed it. Villas Boas made ten tricks without difficulty

