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AMERICA Leads the Way



Did you know Bridge is an exciting game for spectators too?

After the first three rounds, the USA Blue Team is proudly leading the field, already 5 V.P. clear of the current runners-up, Netherlands Red. Among the top ten, three more Dutch teams can be found but we also see teams from Egypt, Turkey and Scotland as well as some transnational squads. The margins between all these teams are small, as can be expected, with so many more rounds to be played. France did not enjoy the good day many of us were expecting but they too, like the others, have all the time in the world to recover today, hopefully an equally enjoyable Sunday.

Today's - Schedule

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| 10.00 | KO Teams – Qualification, 4th round |
| 12.00 | KO Teams – Qualification, 5th round |
| 14.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 6th round |
| 16.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 7th round |
| 18.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 8th round |

KO TEAMS-QUALIFICATION

RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

1	USA-BLUE	66
2	NETH.LNDS RED	61
3	NETHERLANDS BLUE	60
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Short but effective

by Marjo Chorus

For the third and final match of the Saturday, the joint leaders USA Blue and Netherlands Girls, both on 47 V.P. after two matches, obviously had to face each other.

The first big swing goes to the Americans:

Board: 22. Dir: East/EW

♠ A J 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A K 10 7 6 5 ♣ Q J 9	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 ♥ A K 9 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ A 10 8 6 4
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Dekkers</i>
3♥	Pass	1♦	2♥
		3NT	All pass

No problem and 11 tricks on a heart lead,. USA Blue +660.

At the other table, the fireworks were lit:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>J. Spangenberg</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
4♦	Pass	1♣	3♥
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♦	All pass	5♥	Pass

When Justin Lall put the ♠K on the table as his opening lead, this contract had no chance any longer. Declarer won the ace, drew trumps and took the losing club finesse for a quick and painless one off.

USA Blue another +100 and 13 IMPs.

Strangely enough, nothing interesting at all seems to happen in this match. All boards are pushes except for one single overtrick to the US team near the end. So the final score became 14-0 or 19-11 V.P. to USA Blue and this became about the shortest complete match report I ever wrote.

Swiss Teams, Round 1

by Jos Jacobs

Team 42 v. Netherlands Red Italy v. Venezuela

Most of the more spectacular hands of this set were pushes in both these matches so in this small report, I will concentrate on some of the other deals.

In the Italy v. Venezuela match, the Europeans led 5-0 when their opponents missed a slam:

Board: 5. Dir: North/NS

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

Open Room

West <i>Ojeda</i>	North <i>Di Franco</i>	East <i>Milano</i>	South <i>Manno</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♠	All pass	

* any GF

The Italians had no trouble at all once 3NT by North launched a series of cuebids. Having denied club control, South could make a general slam try of 4NT when 4♥ implied a club control. Italy +1430.

Closed Room

West <i>Paparo</i>	North <i>Hantos</i>	East <i>Franchi</i>	South <i>Ortega</i>
	1♠	Pass	2NT
3♦	4♥	5♦	5♠
All pass			

For Venezuela, reaching the slam may depend on the agreements. If 4♥ can be any splinter, it is more difficult for South to assess the values of her hand, though one wonders what North would have (in that case) to justify his 4♥

bid. Anyway, 13 IMPs were lost when South contented herself with 5♠.

The next board was very interesting as two of our declarers went down in what looked like a makeable 4♠:

Board: 6. Dir: East/EW

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

Open Room

West <i>Ojeda</i>	North <i>Di Franco</i>	East <i>Milano</i>	South <i>Manno</i>
		1♥	1♠
3♥*	4♠	All pass	

* weak



Luz Ortega, Venezuela

For Italy, Manno took an interesting line. He won the heart lead, ruffed a heart, led a diamond to the king and ruffed his last heart. Next came the ♠Q on which he played the ace...followed by the ♠10 which West won with his king, only to continue a heart...

Now declarer could ruff, draw trumps and cash his top clubs for 10 tricks. Mind you, he even had an endplay on East available for the overtrick as East is squeezed down to his three clubs and thus the blank ♦A. Italy a lucky escape, +420.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Hantos</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Ortega</i>
3♥	4♠	1♥ All pass	1♠

Play was the same here but West did continue a diamond. East won two tricks in the suit and continued the 13th diamond for a trump promotion. Italy +50 and 10 IMPs.

In the Netherlands Red v. Team 42 match, Danny Moleenaar was also declaring 4♠ on a heart lead. His line was a club to the jack and queen at trick 2. When East returned ♦A and another, it looked as if he was home but he won the queen in dummy and next led the ♠Q to the ace and a low spade back. When West ducked this, communications were gone. One down, Team 42 +50.



Carlos Ojeda, Venezuela

Siderov, at the other table, won the heart lead, ruffed a heart and led a diamond from dummy. Drijver now went up with the ace and returned a trump. This meant all the defence could get more, was their one trump trick. Team 42 thus scored another +450 and 11 IMPs.

In the Girls' match (Turkey v. Netherlands), Marjo Chorus reports, both Souths were in 4♠ as well after EW had bid and raised hearts. On a heart lead, the Turkish declarer won the ace and ruffed a heart. Next came the ♠Q which held (well done, West!) followed by the ♠J on which East showed out. One down as declarer now has to lose a spade, a heart and two diamonds.

In the other room, the Dutch declarer was given a chance when she received a club lead but, naturally enough, she took this as a singleton. ♣A, ♥A, heart ruffed with the jack, diamond to the king and the last heart ruffed with the queen followed by a spade to the eight in hand. However, West can win and play a club now, locking declarer in dummy and thus forcing the trump promotion defence we saw earlier. At the table, West continued a heart so South could ruff, draw trumps and come to ten tricks.

Any suggestions for the best line?

Jos Jacobs continues his report now:

Board: 7. Dir: South/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ojeda</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Milano</i>	<i>Manno</i>
			1♠
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All pass

* forcing

Three Diamonds was explained as a transfer overall so the Venezuelans reached the proper strain. Game is a little against the odds so +170 looked a fair enough result for them and so it proved...

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Hantos</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Ortega</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All pass			2♣

No wild adventures here by EW so a quiet 11 tricks for Venezuela for another +150 and 8 IMPs back.

In the Netherlands Red v. Team 42 match, there also was a swing on this board:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣
All pass			4♠

The technically correct approach of "false preference" backfired when South jumped straight to game which had no play, not even on the actual diamond lead. Declarer can never reach dummy to discard a heart in time...the heart return by West after winning her club trick being automatic.

Down two, Netherlands Red +200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All pass			3♣

The limited opening jump rebid worked to perfection here as NS landed in the proper contract in just three bids. Another +130 to the Reds and 8 IMPs back.

On the final board of the match, the Dutch converted a sizeable defeat into a small victory:

Board: 10. Dlr: East/All

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	2NT

When NS did not fully exploit the values of their combined hands, the good slam was quickly missed.

Team 42 thus scored +690 when 12 tricks came in on a spade lead, ducked once.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	INT
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	5♥
All pass			6♣

In the Closed Room, Danny Molenaar upgraded his hand and decided to open a (14-)15-17 NT. This worked very well once he could accept the transfer to clubs. Netherlands Red +1390 and 12 IMPs back to go just ahead by 3 IMPs for a 16-14 win.

In the Italy v. Venezuela match, the final score became 36-8 to Italy, which converted to 23-7 VPs.



Tim Verbeek, Netherlands

Girls... they wanna have fun

by Marjo Chorus

For the first round of the teams event, we are watching the girls teams from Turkey, the hosts, and the Netherlands. This happens to be a match in which quite a number of IMPs exchanged hands; there are a few slams to be bid and on some other hands, careful bidding and play is required. Swings galored all over the place on board 2:

Board: 2. Dir: East/NS

<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ 9 7 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ K 10 9 4 3 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E S</div> </div>	<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ J 8 6 4 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ Q J 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A K J 10 ♥ A K Q 3 2 ♦ A K 8 5 ♣ –</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sariöz	J. Spangenberg	Tekin	S. Spangenberg
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	??	Pass	3♦



Pinar Sariöz, Turkey

Now, Jamilla Spangenberg has a problem. According to the partnership agreements, she cannot bid 2♠ over 2♥ – the latter bid promising a six-card suit. As a consequence, the spades are lost after partner's 3♦ rebid. She finishes off the auction by bidding 4♥ and thus, the spade slam is missed by the Dutch. Eleven tricks, Netherlands Girls +650. After the match, the Dutch captain suggests that it is not a good idea to have such strict requirements for a 2♠ bid after partner's strong opening bid; five-card suits are more frequent than six-baggers.

Another Junior player suggested to play 2♠ as a weak relay and the 2NT reply as showing five spades. This way, you are giving a much clearer picture of your hand to partner.

The Turkish girls had no problem whatsoever in reaching 6♠ for +1430 and 13 IMPs.

After this good start for the Turkish girls, we saw a lot of one-way traffic in favour of the Dutch. Board 6 was an interesting play problem, amply discussed in Jos Jacobs' report on this same round.

On board 9 the girls show they know their theory. The elimination endplay in 4♥ was easily found at both tables.

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

<p>♠ 9 3 ♥ J 8 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 5 3 ♣ Q J</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E S</div> </div>	<p>♠ 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ – ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ 10 8 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 ♥ A K 10 6 4 ♦ A J 2 ♣ 9 7</p>
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South leads a top club against 4♥ and continues a spade. You win, cash two top trumps and the other top spade, ruff the last spade and exit with the ♣Q. South can win her ♥Q but then has to concede a ruff and discard or give away the diamond finesse. Well played at both tables.

The final result of the match was a big win for the Netherlands (25-4 V.P.) It had been an entertaining round at many more tables (we saw a score of 80-7 somewhere else) but apparently not in the USA Red v. Scotland under 26 match: the final score there was 2-1 in IMPs!

Round Robin Teams, Round 2

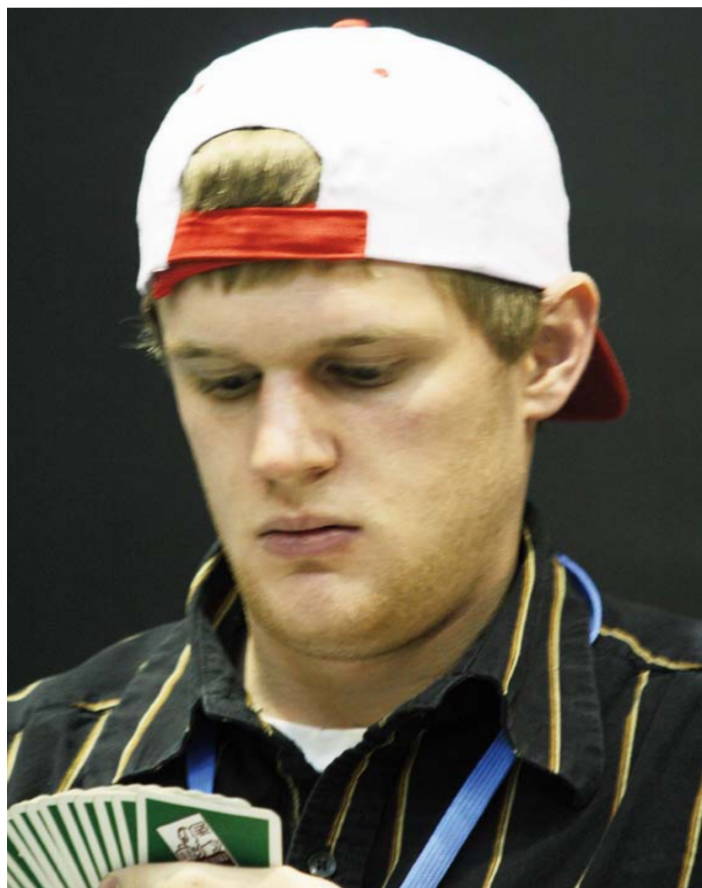
by Jos Jacobs

For Round 2, USA Blue had to play France, a team containing three Beijing Junior World Champions. The latter did not quite live up to their reputation, as we shall see. This was the first board:

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None

<p>♠ 9 7 2 ♥ A Q 10 7 3 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A J</p>	<p>♠ K 10 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ K Q J 7 ♣ K 5 4 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	<p>♠ A Q ♥ 9 4 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ 9 8 7 6 2</p>
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S						
<p>♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ K J 6 5 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ Q 10</p>						

In the Closed Room, the French had stopped in 3♥ which definitely is a reasonable proposition. It made with an over-trick but in the Open Room, the Americans were much more ambitious:



Jeremy_Fournier, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Grosset</i>
1♥	Dble	Redble	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

After the double, the play was quite straightforward. North led the ♦K which held the trick. The next diamond was won in dummy and declarer now went for the cross-ruff. Diamond ruffed in hand, spade to the queen, last diamond ruffed in hand, ♠A, ♣A, spade ruffed in dummy followed by the ♥9 which held the trick. Declarer thus still held his ♥AQ10 which were good for the last two of the tricks required. USA Blue +590 and 9 IMPs.

The French levelled the match on the next board:

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS

<p>♠ J 7 5 4 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A J 7 ♣ Q 10 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 6 2 ♥ A K Q J 9 7 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ K 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	<p>♠ K Q 3 ♥ - ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ A J 9 8 7 6 3</p>
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W E						
S						
<p>♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ -</p>						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Grosset</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	4♣
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dble
All pass			

5♥ can be made thanks to the fortunate layout in spades so the Americans were right when they took the save. Two down, France +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lebatteux</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	1♣	2♣	Dble
4♣	4♥	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♥	All pass	

Strong Club by North but too much optimism later on. One down, France +100 and 9 IMPs back.

The entertainment continued on the next board:

Board: 13. Dir: North/All

♠ K 9 6 3 2 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 7 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J ♥ J 8 ♦ 9 8 7 6 ♣ K Q J 10 8	♠ A 7 4 ♥ K Q 10 6 5 ♦ A J 5 ♣ 6 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Grosset</i>
Dble	Pass	Pass	1♥
5♦	4♥	Dble	Pass
	All pass		

After his very light take-out double, Fay was quite right to take shelter when partner doubled 4♥. This way, the Americans had found an even more profitable save when nobody doubled: France just +200 (two down).



Nicolas Lhuissier, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lebatteux</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	4♥	All pass	

No such aggression from the solid French so the Americans were allowed to play and make their vulnerable game in peace for another +620 and 9 IMPs to them.

Again, the French struck back on the next board:

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

♠ - ♥ K 10 9 7 2 ♦ A K 5 4 2 ♣ Q 8 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 8 7 6 ♣ J 9 7 4 2	♠ K 10 6 5 4 ♥ J 8 6 5 ♦ Q ♣ K 10 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Grosset</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣*	Dble	2♠	Dble
All pass			
* Majors			

This time, Fay's aggression was a little mistimed. Down five, France +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lebatteux</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
All pass			

A quiet auction to a solid +450 but the French had won 12 IMPs and thus taken the lead by 3 IMPs. Please note that slam is indeed very close: had diamonds been 3-2, there probably would have been 12 tricks without a (possible) club lead.

On board 17, it was the Americans' turn again:

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

♠ J 10 4 3 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ K J ♣ 6 5 3	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 8 5 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 8 6 3 2 ♣ K Q 8
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Open Room

West <i>Fay</i>	North <i>Franceschetti</i>	East <i>Chiu</i>	South <i>Grosset</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All pass

Well, the auction was just threatening to run away from the Americans when it duly stopped. Not much harm done; one down and France +50

Closed Room

West <i>Lebatteux</i>	North <i>Lall</i>	East <i>Lhuissier</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
	1♦	Pass	3♣
Dble	Pass	3NT	Dble
Redble	All pass		



Justin Lall, USA

After the invitational minor suit raise, EW were in trouble as soon as they opened their mouth. There was no longer a way out for them when nobody bid anything over the redouble...

Down two, USA Blue +600 and 11 IMPs.

Two boards later, the American ambitions again led to a razor-sharp game like they did on the first board:

Board: 19. Dlr: South/EW

♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ Q ♦ K 6 5 4 3 ♣ A Q 6	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 10 8 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q ♣ K 9 8 7 4 2
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Open Room

West <i>Fay</i>	North <i>Franceschetti</i>	East <i>Chiu</i>	South <i>Grosset</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

With the club fit brought into the picture by East, it was suddenly quite easy for West to bid on.

Well done, 10 tricks, and no way for the defenders to both establish five tricks and cash them too. The only danger suit is diamonds but South won't get the lead any more...

USA Blue +630.

Closed Room

West <i>Lebatteux</i>	North <i>Lall</i>	East <i>Lhuissier</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	INT	Pass
2NT	All pass		

After the more standard INT response, the French could no longer reach game when East decided against his club suit coming in... Ten tricks here too, France +180 but 10 IMPs to USA Blue to win the match convincingly 50-26 or 22-8 V.P.



Opening Ceremony



Yesterday noon was the big moment. High up in the theatre of Yeditepe University's Rectorate we all gathered, eager to see the event coming to its start. Our elegant Master of Ceremonies led the proceedings very smoothly. After we all had listened to the National Anthem of Turkey she

handed over the microphone to Mr Fatih Üzümcü, President of the Turkish Bridge Federation, who told us that this was very much a limited budget event but run by enthusiastic people. So all would be very well, he assured us, and our stay in Istanbul would definitely be memorable, as were the three earlier international events Turkey has seen so far: Antalya 2000 (EJC) and 2007 (Open EC) and of course the Olympiad in 2004.

Next to the rostrum was the President of the WBF Youth Committee, Mr Ata Aydin. He too stressed the beauty of Istanbul and the importance of Junior bridge in the permanent WBF campaign of Bridge for Peace. He also made good use of his knowledge of the local situation by warning us all that some parts of Istanbul might be a little dangerous at night. He advised us to address any (local) official for more detailed information.



After the very short welcoming speech by Mr Gianrigo Rona, the WBF 1st Vice-President deputising for Mr José Damiani who would attend this event later on, a video presentation was shown of the achievements by the WBF over the now 51 years of its existence. This "movie" was not at all restricted to bridge but reminded us of great sportsmen in other disciplines, important political issues from the recent past, Beatles, men on the moon, talking heads of great bridge players over the decades and all that. Of course, the first Bridge Team Olympiad (1960) came by, as did the official recognition of bridge as an Olympic sport in 1997.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1) FAST FOOD RESTAURANT

Place:	Social Facility Building 1st Floor	
Open hours:	Weekdays	08:00 - 24:00
	Weekend	08:30 - 24:00
Activities:	TV Broadcast	(Music and Soccer)
	Billiards	
Food-Drinks:	Fast-Food	
	Döner - Pide	(Döner only at weekdays)
	Fresh tea and other drinks	
	Beer and Wine	18:00 - 24:00

2) YEDYTEPE RESTAURANT

Place:	Social Facility Building 1st Floor	
Open hours:	Weekdays	11:30 - 21:00
	Saturday	11:30 - 19:30
	Sunday	CLOSED
Food-Drinks:	Lunch	A la carte menu (changes every day)
	Dinner	Grill and alcohol (needs reservation during the day at the restaurant)

3) POOL

Place:	Social Facility Building - 1st Floor
Open hours:	10:00 - 19:00 every day

4) THE CAFETERIA OF THE DORMITORY

Open hours:	08:30 - 24:00 every day
Food - Drinks:	Fast-Food Non-alcoholic Drinks

Board-A-Match Tournament



All teams are kindly requested to pre-register for the Board-A-Match Tournament. Please do so to make our job easier...

The pre-registration opens today at 12.00 noon.

Maurizio Di Sacco
General Tournament Manager