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# TAKING THEIR BEST SHOTS



Play in the World Transnational Open Teams is well under way now, with 68 teams in the Swiss qualifying, which continues today. Knockout play in the WTOT begins on Thursday.

Only a dozen teams remain in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl and they are busy trying to knock each other out of their respective events.

Some teams are doing a better job of that than others.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Italy started with a 5-IMP carry-over lead over Bulgaria and have expanded on it in every set so far. Half-way through the 96-board match, the Italians lead by 55 IMPs. In the other Bermuda Bowl match, USA2 had a very strong second set against China Long Zhu, winning 68-11, but China came back in the next stanza 45-18 to trail by 56 IMPs with 48 boards to play.

In the Venice Cup, USA1 was in control against USA2, leading by 77.5. That was in contrast to the France-China Long Zhu match in which the former leads by 21.33 IMPs with a lot of bridge left to play.

Indonesia in the Seniors started well against England, but the round robin winners won the third set 45-14 to pull to within 12.5 IMPs. In the other match USA2 trailed after two sets but won the third 55-22 to take a 128-106 lead.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, the Pierre Zimmerman squad was in the lead after seven rounds of the Swiss qualifying with 147 victory points. In second was the

Roy Welland squad with 136, and right behind them were USA1, hoping to make up for the disappointment of not qualifying in the Bermuda Bowl.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES



#### Semifinal Session 4 (11.00-13.20)

|          |          |                         |       |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| VG:      | Table 21 | China Long Zhu - France | (VC)  |
| BBO 1:   | Table 1  | Italy - Bulgaria        | (BB)  |
| BBO 2:   | Table 22 | USA 2 - USA 1           | (VC)  |
| BBO 3:   | Table 41 | England - Indonesia     | (OSB) |
| BBO 4:   | Table 42 | USA 2 - Poland          | (OSB) |
| OurGame: | Table 2  | USA 2 - China           | (BB)  |

#### Semifinal Session 5 (14.30-16.50)

To Be Decided

#### Semifinal Session 6 (17.20-19.40)

To Be Decided

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Watch OurGame at: <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>





# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

### Semifinal

| Tbl |                | c/o | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Boards<br>65 - 80 | Boards<br>81 - 96 | Total |
|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1   | Italy          | 5   | 53               | 28                | 44                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 130   |
|     | Bulgaria       | 0   | 36               | 19                | 13                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 68    |
| 2   | USA 2          | 11  | 38               | 68                | 18                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 135   |
|     | China Long Zhu | 0   | 23               | 11                | 45                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 79    |

## Venice Cup

### Semifinal

| Tbl |                | c/o  | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Boards<br>65 - 80 | Boards<br>81 - 96 | Total  |
|-----|----------------|------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 21  | China Long Zhu | 0    | 21               | 29                | 36                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 86     |
|     | France         | 1.33 | 32               | 36                | 38                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 107.33 |
| 22  | USA 2          | 0    | 32               | 20                | 17                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 69     |
|     | USA 1          | 4.50 | 49               | 27                | 66                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 146.50 |

## d'Orsi Seniors Bowl

### Semifinal

| Tbl |           | c/o   | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Boards<br>65 - 80 | Boards<br>81 - 96 | Total |
|-----|-----------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 41  | England   | 14.50 | 17               | 3                 | 45                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 79.50 |
|     | Indonesia | 0     | 38               | 40                | 14                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 92    |
| 42  | USA 2     | 11    | 28               | 34                | 55                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 128   |
|     | Poland    | 0     | 52               | 32                | 22                | -                 | -                 | -                 | 106   |

## TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS SCHEDULE

**Session 8** (10.30-12.00)

**Session 9** (12.20-13.50)

**Session 10** (14.50-16.20)

**Session 11** (16.40-18.10)

**Session 12** (18.30-20.00)



## Closing Ceremony



The closing ceremony will include the prize giving at the Teatro Alfa followed by a dinner with a dance orchestra. Every delegation and teams participating in the Transnational Open Teams are invited, but they must register at the championship office (Caracas

Room on the ground floor) by Friday, Sept. 11, at noon. If you do not register, there will be no table for you and probably no food.



# RESULTS



## Transnational Open Teams

### Ranking after 7 Sessions

| Rank | Teams                 | VPs |    |                |     |    |                     |    |
|------|-----------------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|---------------------|----|
|      |                       |     | 23 | Australia      | 112 |    | Tucano              | 98 |
| 1    | Zimmermann            | 147 | 24 | Argent         | 110 | 47 | Sulzbeck            | 97 |
| 2    | Welland               | 136 |    | Caminito       | 110 | 48 | Geo Timah Indonesia | 96 |
| 3    | USA I                 | 131 |    | Galo Team      | 110 |    | Grime               | 96 |
| 4    | Russia                | 129 |    | Rossard        | 110 |    | JuanValdez          | 96 |
| 5    | Garrincha             | 127 | 28 | Mark Gordon    | 109 | 51 | Gema                | 95 |
| 6    | Orhan                 | 124 |    | Sun Sea Slams  | 109 |    | Tunisia             | 95 |
| 7    | Brazil                | 122 | 30 | Dhondy         | 107 | 53 | India               | 94 |
| 8    | Brum                  | 121 | 31 | Jones          | 106 |    | Schnetzer Chauvaud  | 94 |
| 9    | Sweden Seniors        | 120 |    | Rio            | 106 | 55 | Anzac               | 92 |
|      | Ventin                | 120 | 33 | Belgium        | 105 |    | Mendes              | 92 |
| 11   | Cornell               | 119 |    | Nakamura       | 105 | 57 | Ecuador             | 91 |
|      | Ferlema               | 119 | 35 | Bekkouche      | 104 | 58 | Machado de Carvalho | 89 |
|      | Texan Aces            | 119 |    | Julia          | 104 | 59 | Alonso              | 88 |
| 14   | Amaral                | 117 | 37 | Platero        | 102 | 60 | Ipanema             | 86 |
|      | Apreo Logistic Poland | 117 | 38 | Elizabeth      | 101 | 61 | Poisen Ivy          | 85 |
|      | Deutschland           | 117 |    | Nader          | 101 | 62 | Barbados            | 83 |
| 17   | Egypt                 | 116 |    | SaoRio         | 101 | 63 | Zighel              | 80 |
|      | Pakistan              | 116 | 41 | Black Boks     | 100 | 64 | Vai-Vai             | 79 |
| 19   | Joel                  | 115 | 42 | Rio de Janeiro | 99  | 65 | Sao Paulo II        | 75 |
|      | Pampas Aces           | 115 |    | Thulipa        | 99  | 66 | Ragtag              | 73 |
| 21   | Brasilia              | 114 | 44 | Guarana        | 98  | 67 | Copanema            | 72 |
| 22   | Japan                 | 113 |    | House of Pain  | 98  | 68 | Amici               | 61 |



### Bridge on mobile phone

You can watch the Bridge Base Online broadcasts of the World Championships via your mobile phone with Internet via [bridgebase.com/mobile](http://bridgebase.com/mobile)

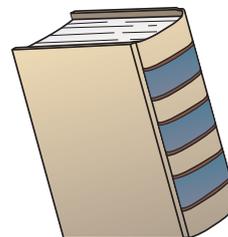
### WBF cards for sale



Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated

on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room. The price is US\$0.60 per pack

### World Championship Book 2009



The Official book of these Championships in Sao Paulo will be available in March 2010, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage. Advance orders can be made in Sao Paulo to Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the discounted price

of US\$30, Euros 20, or Reals 55 per copy, including postage.

The principal writers will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. There will be a full listing of all participants and results and many photographs. Every board of the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be covered, along with the best of the action from the earlier stages, plus the Senior Bowl and Transnational Teams.

# BERMUDA BOWL Quarterfinal 5



Italy

v

Russia



## The Fifth Cavalry

*by Phillip Alder*

Six European teams qualified for the Bermuda Bowl and all made it into the quarterfinals. Italy was expected by some to defeat Russia without too much difficulty, but the match had been very close. Russia led by 5.5 IMPs after two sessions, was down by 9.5 at halftime, and gained 5 in the fourth session to trail by only 4.5 with 32 boards to play.

The fifth session started with four flat boards. Then came:

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South vul.

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

| West          | North         | East           | South           |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Dubinina</i> |
| Pass          | Pass          | Pass           | Pass            |
| 1♥            | 1♠            | Dble           | 2♥              |
| 2NT (a)       | Pass          | 4♥             | All Pass        |

(a) 6 hearts and 4 in a minor

| West            | North          | East            | South        |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Matushko</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Khokhlov</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass            | Pass           | Pass            | Pass         |
| 1♥              | 1♠             | Dble            | 2♥           |
| Dble            | 3♠             | Pass            | Pass         |
| 4♥              | Dble           | All Pass        |              |

The difference, obviously, was that Fulvio Fantoni (North) doubled with his four trumps.

In both rooms the defense tapped declarer in spades and took the contract down three.

Sitting in the Closed Room, I had wondered if North's double might have persuaded Georgi Matushko (West) to lead the heart ten from his hand on the first round. But he did not.

Minus 150 and plus 500 gave Italy 8 IMPs.

An overtrick IMP to Russia was followed by...

Board 7. Dealer South. Both vul.

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

| West          | North         | East           | South           |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Dubinina</i> |
| Pass          | INT (b)       | Pass           | 1♣ (a)          |
| Pass          | 2♦ (d)        | Pass           | 2♣ (c)          |
| Pass          | 4♣ (e)        | Pass           | 3NT             |
| Pass          | 5NT (g)       | Pass           | 4♦ (f)          |
| All Pass      |               |                | 6♣              |

- (a) 16-plus points
- (b) 8-plus balanced
- (c) Inquiry
- (d) No five-card minor
- (e) Natural
- (f) Control-bid
- (g) Pick a slam



Fulvio Fantoni, Italy

|                                |                                |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Matushko</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Fantoni</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Khokhlov</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass                           | INT (b)                        | Pass                           | 1♣ (a)                       |
| Pass                           | 2♦ (d)                         | Pass                           | 2♣ (c)                       |
| Pass                           | 4♣ (f)                         | Pass                           | 3♥ (e)                       |
| Pass                           | 4♥ (g)                         | Pass                           | 4♦ (g)                       |
| Pass                           | Pass                           | Pass                           | 5♣ (h)                       |

- (a) 14-plus points and 4-clubs or any 15-plus balanced
- (b) 10-plus balanced
- (c) 15-plus balanced
- (d) 13-plus, asking
- (e) 2=3=4=4 and 15-16 points
- (f) Setting trumps
- (g) Control-bid
- (h) No spade control and an odd number of key cards

Six clubs basically requires bringing in the trump suit without loss. What is the best play and the percentage chance of success?

It should be clear that the best play is to cash the ace first (in case West has a singleton eight or nine), then to lead the jack from the dummy. Using suitplay.exe, I discovered that the percentage is just over 45.2.

And Dubinin did exactly that to gain 13 IMPs and to put Russia ahead by 1.5. But then the tide turned.

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

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

|                              |                               |                               |                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Duboin</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Gromov</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Sementa</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Dubinin</i> |
| All Pass                     | INT                           | Pass                          | 3NT                            |

|                                |                                |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Matushko</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Fantoni</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Khokhlov</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass                           | 1♣ (a)                         | Pass                           | 1♦ (b)                       |
| All Pass                       | INT                            | Pass                           | 3NT                          |

- (a) 14-plus points and 4-clubs or any 15-plus balanced
- (b) 4-plus hearts, 0-11 points

In the Open Room, Antonio Sementa (East) led the heart five. North won in the dummy and ran the spade queen.

East took his king and accurately shifted to clubs to take the contract down two.

At the other table, East led a diamond. North took dummy's three honors, played a heart to his ace, and cashed the diamond ace, East discarding the club four. Declarer took the heart queen, played a heart to dummy's ace (getting the bad news), and ran the spade queen. East won with the king and cashed his heart, but he had only two club winners to take, then had to lead a spade to North.

Plus 100 and plus 400 gave Italy 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West vul.

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

|                              |                               |                               |                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Duboin</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Gromov</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Sementa</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Dubinin</i> |
| 4♥                           | 3♥!                           | 3NT                           | Pass                           |
| 4NT                          | Pass                          | 4♠                            | Pass                           |
|                              | All Pass                      |                               |                                |

|                                |                                |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Matushko</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Fantoni</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Khokhlov</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Nunes</i> |
| 2♥                             | Pass                           | INT                            | Pass                         |
| 4♣ (b)                         | Pass                           | 3♥ (a)                         | Pass                         |
| 4NT (c)                        | Pass                           | 4♦ (b)                         | Pass                         |
| 6♠                             | Pass                           | 5♥ (d)                         | Pass                         |
|                                | Pass                           | Pass                           | Pass                         |

- (a) Typically 4-4 in the majors
- (b) Control-bid
- (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (d) Two key cards without the spade queen

In the Open Room, after North preempted with an emaciated hand, West transferred and invited a slam. It is surprising that East passed with four-card spade support.

Declarer got the spade suit right to take 12 tricks. Matushko thought for a long time over five hearts, but finally bid the slam.

North led the diamond jack and Claudio Nunes (South) played his queen. I wondered if declarer would assume this was a singleton and play South for three spades. However, after winning with his diamond ace, playing a spade to dummy's king, and calling for the jack, time stood still. Eventually, though, West put up his spade ace and went down in his slam.

Plus 690 and plus 100 gave Italy 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

|   |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| ♠ K Q 6<br>♥ A 5 2<br>♦ J 10 8 6<br>♣ K 5 2 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N  |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ A J 8<br>♥ K 10<br>♦ K Q 7 4 2<br>♣ Q 6 3 | ♠ 10 7 4 3 2<br>♥ Q J 9 7<br>♦ 9<br>♣ A 8 4 |
|   | N  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| W   |  | E   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|   | S  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>West</b><br>Duboin<br>Matushko           | <b>North</b><br>Gromov<br>Fantoni  | <b>East</b><br>Sementa<br>Khokhlov<br>INT | <b>South</b><br>Dubinin<br>Nunes<br>All Pass |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

Dubinin led the spade three. Declarer took North's queen with his ace, cashed the diamond king and played a diamond to the ace to get the bad news when South discarded the club eight.

East ran the club jack to South's ace. South played a spade to North's king, and North returned the diamond jack. East won and led the club queen, which held, then he conceded a diamond. North led a spade, but East won, cashed his long diamond, and gave North the lead in clubs to score his heart king at the end. Declarer took two spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club.

In the other room, Claudio Nunes (South) led the heart queen, ducked to declarer's king. The diamond king and a diamond to the ace were followed by the club jack run to South's ace. After a heart to his ace, North shifted devilishly



Andrei Gromov, Russia

to the spade six. I thought declarer had a chance to get this right because if North had had the king-ten or queen-ten of spades, he might well have led the ten, hoping for a surrounding play. But East played low, losing to South's ten. Back came a spade, declarer ducking this round and taking the next. He played the club queen, but North won and returned a heart for down two.

Plus 120 and plus 200 gave Italy another 8 IMPs and the lead by 30.5.

After an overtrick IMP to Italy came...

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South vul.

|   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 10<br>♥ K J 10 9<br>♦ J 10 8 3<br>♣ 7 6 5 4             | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |  | N   |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ J 7 6 3<br>♥ A 7 3<br>♦ 6<br>♣ A K Q J 3 | ♠ K Q 9 4 2<br>♥ 8 6 2<br>♦ K 9 5 2<br>♣ 10 |
|   | N  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W   |  | E  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | S  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| <b>West</b><br>Duboin<br>Pass<br>Pass<br>Pass<br>All Pass | <b>North</b><br>Gromov<br>2♣ (a)<br>2♠<br>3♦ (c)   | <b>East</b><br>Sementa<br>Pass<br>Pass<br>Pass | <b>South</b><br>Dubinin<br>2♦ (b)<br>2NT (b)<br>3NT |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

(a) 11-15 points with 6-plus clubs, or 5-plus and a 4-card major

(b) Inquiry

(c) 4=3=1=5

|  |   |   |                                       |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Matushko<br>Pass<br>2NT (c)<br>Pass | <b>North</b><br>Fantoni<br>1♣ (a)<br>Pass<br>Dble | <b>East</b><br>Khokhlov<br>2♠ (b)<br>3♦<br>All Pass | <b>South</b><br>Nunes<br>Dble<br>Pass |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|

(a) 14-plus points and 4-clubs or any 15-plus balanced

(b) Spades and a minor

(c) Asking for the minor

Against three notrump, West led the heart jack, which ran to South's queen. Dubinin played a club to dummy, then finessed his diamond queen and had ten tricks.

The defense against three diamonds doubled was lethal. After a club to the jack, North shifted to his trump, South playing three rounds of the suit. East took the third round in the dummy and played a spade to his king, but South won with his ace and played another club. Declarer could take only one spade and three diamonds for down five.

Minus 630 and plus 1100 gained Italy 10 IMPs.

The rest of the set was quieter, except that both East-West pairs missed a tough slam on the final deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

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



| West          | North         | East           | South          |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Dubinin</i> |
| Pass          | 1♥            | 1♠             | 3♥ (a)         |
| Pass          | 4♥            | Dble           | Pass           |
| 4♠            | All Pass      |                |                |

(a) Preemptive

| West            | North          | East            | South        |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Matushko</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Khokhlov</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass            | 1♥ (a)         | 1♠              | 3♦ (b)       |
| Dble (c)        | 4♥             | 4♠              | Pass         |
| Pass            | 5♥             | Dble            | All Pass     |

- (a) 5-plus hearts, 14-plus points (or 11-13 if 4=5+ in the majors)
- (b) Four hearts and not a completely hopeless hand (three hearts would have been even weaker)
- (c) Diamonds

Four spades made five when, after a heart to the ace and the club-queen shift, declarer played the ace and another spade.

Five hearts doubled went down three, losing two spades, two diamonds and one club.

The net result was 4 IMPs to Italy, who now led by a commanding 44.5 IMPs.



## The Best Chance

By Brian Senior

England led virtually throughout the Seniors quarter-final against Egypt, but the Egyptians came back strongly in the later stages to lose by just a single IMP. This deal from Set 5 was worth 11 IMPs to the Egyptian cause.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



At both tables North declared 3NT after the simple auction, INT – 3NT. The English East led the five of hearts to the jack and queen and declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond and led a spade to the jack and king. East continued with the ten of hearts and declarer had ten tricks for +430.

For Egypt, Amr El Askalani kicked off with the ten of hearts, declarer again winning with the queen and crossing to dummy in diamonds to take the spade finesse. Askalani won and decided that he was unlikely to be able to beat the contract unless his partner, Mohamed Shaker Ghamrawy, held the king of clubs. Accordingly, Askalani switched to the ace, queen and a third club and the contract was down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to Egypt. Nicely done.

It isn't quite true that the only chance for the defence is to find West with the ♣K. But the alternative is to find him with both the ace and jack of hearts, when a heart through nets two hearts and two clubs – but that requires two specific cards instead of one, so is a less likely lay-out.

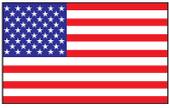
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# BERMUDA BOWL

# Quarterfinal 6



USA 2

v

Netherlands



## One last shot

by Brent Manley

Going into their sixth and final set with the Netherlands in the Bermuda Bowl quarter-final round, USA2 had a lead of 35 IMPs. Considering that the Dutch had won the last set of the day on Sunday 44-11, no one was taking anything for granted.

The Dutch had shown themselves to be resilient competitors, and they struck first.

Drijver's jack, won the diamond return in dummy, pitching a club, then cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club. He played a spade to the ace, then cashed the ♠Q and could have made the contract by cashing the ♥A, but he played a spade to dummy's king, expecting to ruff dummy's fourth spade to endplay North, who Zia thought was down to ♥K 10 5. Unfortunately for Zia, South ruffed the ♠K. North still had a trump trick to come. One down meant 6 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Two deals later, they scored again.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West    | North    | East   | South      |
|---------|----------|--------|------------|
| De Wijs | Rodwell  | Muller | Meckstroth |
|         | Pass     | Pass   | 1♦         |
| Dble    | 1♥ (♠s)  | Pass   | 2♣         |
| 2♥      | All Pass |        |            |

Eric Rodwell led the ♣Q to the ace, and declarer, Simon de Wijs, returned a club at trick two. Rodwell took the ♣J and switched to the ♥2: 3, 9, queen. Now de Wijs ruffed a club and returned to hand with the ♠A to ruff his last club loser. He played a diamond from dummy, taken by Jeff Meckstroth with the king. The only other loser for de Wijs was the trump king: plus 170.

| West | North   | East   | South    |
|------|---------|--------|----------|
| Zia  | Drijver | Hamman | Brink    |
|      | Pass    | Pass   | 2♦       |
| Dble | Pass    | 2♠     | Pass     |
| 3♥   | Pass    | 4♥     | All Pass |

Zia Mahmood received the lead of the ♦10, taken by Sjert Brink with the king. He tried to cash the ♦A, but Zia ruffed and played a low heart from hand to dummy's jack. Apparently convinced that Brink's ♥9 was a singleton, Zia embarked on a line of play designed to succeed if North held four trumps to the king. Zia passed the ♣9 to Bas Dri-

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North    | East   | South |
|------|----------|--------|-------|
| Zia  | Drijver  | Hamman | Brink |
|      | Pass     | 2NT    | Pass  |
| 3♥   | Pass     | 3♠     | Pass  |
| 3NT  | All Pass |        |       |

With North holding ♠A and ♦A along with the six-card heart suit, Hamman never had a chance – not that the final contract was his fault. Zia's raise to game with his meagre assets was on the aggressive side.

Brink led a heart to his partner's 9, Hamman ducking. The ♥Q went to dummy's ace, and Hamman played a club to his 9 and Brink's queen. A spade to the ace allowed Drijver to clear the heart suit while he still held the ♦A. The result was three down for minus 300.

| West    | North    | East   | South      |
|---------|----------|--------|------------|
| De Wijs | Rodwell  | Muller | Meckstroth |
|         | Pass     | INT    | Pass       |
| 2♣      | 2♥       | Pass   | Pass       |
| 2♠      | All Pass |        |            |

De Wijs lost a diamond, a club and two spades for plus 140 – 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

The Americans recovered 4 IMPs on boards 20 and 21, and another 5 on this deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

|   |  |   |         |   |  |
|---|--|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 3<br>♥ K Q J 3<br>♦ J<br>♣ 7    | <table style="border: 1px solid black; 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 | ♠ K J 6<br>♥ A 9 7 6<br>♦ K Q 8<br>♣ Q J 4 |
| N   |  |   |         |   |  |
| W     E                                       |  |   |         |   |  |
| S   |  |   |         |   |  |
| ♠ 10 8 2<br>♥ 8 4 2<br>♦ 10<br>♣ A K 10 8 5 3 |  | ♠ —<br>♥ 10 5<br>♦ A 9 7 6 5 4 3 2<br>♣ 9 6 2 |         |   |  |

Brink as South opened 4♦ and played it there, losing three clubs, two diamonds and a heart for minus 300. At the other table, Meckstroth as South opened 3♦ and passed when Rodwell bid 4♠, which was one down.

On the next deal, more IMPs went to the Dutch.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

|  |  |  |         |   |  |
|--|--|--|---------|---|--|
| ♠ K J 10 2<br>♥ 10 5 2<br>♦ K 7 2<br>♣ A K Q | <table style="border: 1px solid black; 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 | ♠ 8<br>♥ A K 8 7<br>♦ A Q 9 4 3<br>♣ J 7 4 |
| N  |  |  |         |   |  |
| W     E                                      |  |  |         |   |  |
| S  |  |  |         |   |  |
| ♠ 9 6 4 3<br>♥ Q<br>♦ 10 8 6 5<br>♣ 10 9 6 2 |  | ♠ A Q 7 5<br>♥ J 9 6 4 3<br>♦ J<br>♣ 8 5 3 |         |   |  |

| West     | North   | East   | South |
|----------|---------|--------|-------|
| Zia      | Drijver | Hamman | Brink |
| Pass     | INT     | 2♦     | Dble  |
| 4♦       | Pass    | Pass   | Dble  |
| All Pass |         |        |       |

Brink led the ♦J to Hamman's queen. Hamman played a spade at trick two, taken by Drijver to play another trump. Hamman won in dummy, cashed the ♥Q, ruffed a spade to hand and cashed two high hearts, pitching clubs. He threw another club on the losing heart, but Brink played a club to his partner for a third round of trumps to defeat the contract one trick for plus 100.

| West    | North   | East   | South      |
|---------|---------|--------|------------|
| De Wijs | Rodwell | Muller | Meckstroth |
| Pass    | INT     | Pass   | 2♣         |
| Pass    | 2♠      | Pass   | 3♠         |
| Pass    | 4♠      | Dble   | All Pass   |

Muller made a well-judged double. He started with a high heart, cashed his ♦A next, then continued with the other high heart, followed by a ruff. Plus 100 at both tables meant 5 more IMPs to the Dutch, still down 28 IMPs, but a big gain was in store.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

|  |  |  |         |   |   |
|--|--|--|---------|---|---|
| ♠ —<br>♥ Q J 6 5<br>♦ A K 7 2<br>♣ A K Q 5 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; 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 7 6<br>♥ A 8 4 3<br>♦ Q 10 8<br>♣ J 7 6 |
| N  |  |  |         |   |   |
| W     E                                      |  |  |         |   |   |
| S  |  |  |         |   |   |
| ♠ —<br>♥ Q J 6 5<br>♦ A K 7 2<br>♣ A K Q 5 2 |  | ♠ Q 10 9 8 4 2<br>♥ K 9 7 2<br>♦ J 3<br>♣ 3  |         |   |   |
|  |  | ♠ K J 5 3<br>♥ 10<br>♦ 9 6 5 4<br>♣ 10 9 8 4 |         |   |   |

| West | North   | East     | South |
|------|---------|----------|-------|
| Zia  | Drijver | Hamman   | Brink |
|      | INT     | Pass     | 2♠    |
| Dble | Pass    | Pass     | 2NT   |
| Dble | Pass    | Pass     | Redbl |
| Pass | 3♣      | 3♥       | Pass  |
| 6♥   | Dble    | All Pass |       |

2♠ To play

Brink led a diamond, and Hamman put up the ace. He cashed the ♦K and ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a spade, cashed three high clubs and ruffed a club (North pitching a spade), then ruffed a spade. Hamman could have been down only one by ruffing a diamond, but he called for dummy's last club: ♥3, ♥9, ♥10. A spade was ruffed by dummy's ♥J and overruffed by the ace. A heart back crashed the king and queen together, Drijver taking the last trick with the only remaining trump. Plus 500.



Sjoert Brink, Netherlands

|                        |                         |                       |                            |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>De Wijs | <b>North</b><br>Rodwell | <b>East</b><br>Muller | <b>South</b><br>Meckstroth |
| 2♦                     | 1♦                      | 1♠                    | Pass                       |
| 3NT                    | Pass                    | 2♠                    | Pass                       |
| 6♥                     | Pass                    | 4♥                    | Pass                       |
|                        | All Pass                |                       |                            |

No double, no trouble...well, almost no trouble. Muller also played along crossruff lines after Meckstroth led a club. Muller ruffed a diamond near the end instead of a club, but there just weren't enough tricks. Still, minus 100 was worth 9 IMPs to the Netherlands, now within 14 IMPs with seven deals to play.

Board 28 gave USA2 some breathing room.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

|                    |                         |                       |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Zia | <b>North</b><br>Drijver | <b>East</b><br>Hamman | <b>South</b><br>Brink |
| Pass               | 1♥                      | Pass                  | INT                   |
| Pass               | 3♥                      | All Pass              |                       |

Hamman led a low diamond to the king and ace, and he won the ♠10 when Zia shifted to a low spade and Drijver put in the 9. Now the ♦J went to dummy's queen, and a spade to the ace was followed by three rounds of hearts. Declarer lost two spades, two hearts, a diamond and a club for minus 200.

|                        |                         |                       |                            |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>De Wijs | <b>North</b><br>Rodwell | <b>East</b><br>Muller | <b>South</b><br>Meckstroth |
| Pass                   | 1♣*                     | Pass                  | 1♦*                        |
| 1♥                     | Pass                    | 2♣                    | 3♣                         |
| All Pass               |                         |                       |                            |

1♣ Strong  
1♦ Negative

Meckstroth did well to compete in clubs, and Rodwell played skilfully to land his contract. Rodwell discarded a spade from dummy on the heart lead, winning the ace. He played a diamond to the king and ace, then played the ♣9 on the trump shift. Muller put in the 10 (playing the ace would sacrifice a trump trick), forcing dummy's queen, but Rodwell ruffed a low diamond with the ♣K, cashed the ♥K, pitching a spade, then ruffed a heart to dummy and played a trump. The defenders got two trumps and two diamonds, but Rodwell had plus 110 and a 7-IMP swing.

USA2 returned the favor on the next deal.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

|                        |                         |                       |                            |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>De Wijs | <b>North</b><br>Rodwell | <b>East</b><br>Muller | <b>South</b><br>Meckstroth |
| Dble                   | Pass                    | 1♣*                   | 3♣                         |
| Dble                   | 5♣                      | Pass                  | Pass                       |
|                        | All Pass                |                       |                            |

De Wijs and Muller did well not to press on over 5♣. Played by East, 5♥ would almost certainly have been defeated by a diamond lead. Three tricks were available to the defenders, so they collection plus 200.

|                    |                         |                       |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Zia | <b>North</b><br>Drijver | <b>East</b><br>Hamman | <b>South</b><br>Brink |
| 4♣                 | Pass                    | 1♥                    | 3♣                    |
| 6♥                 | 5♣                      | 5♦                    | Pass                  |
|                    | All Pass                |                       |                       |

Brink could have led his singleton diamond for a ruff and two down, but Hamman had no way to avoid losing two aces even after the clubs lead and soon was recording minus 100.

The Dutch missed a chance for a partscore pickup on the next deal, but managed another 5-IMP gain on the next-to-last deal to get the margin to 12 IMPs, but there was no chance of a swing on the final board – a routine 3NT that would always be bid and never go down. In fact, Zia managed to take 11 tricks for plus 660 against plus 600 for de Wijs. The final score was 214-200 for USA2.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA 2

# Making Life Difficult

by Brian Senior

England has become home to bridge players from many different countries. At last year's Beijing World Games the Open team included players who came originally from Norway and Sweden, while one of the Women's world champions hails from Bulgaria. Here in Sao Paulo, the Seniors team includes Gunnar Hallberg, a former Swedish international who has lived in England for many years.

Gunnar was declarer on these two deals in England's narrow victory over Egypt in the quarter-finals. In both cases he firstly gave the defence a problem and secondly was willing to back his card-reading and be prepared to look foolish if he had got it wrong.

Board 57. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

We have seen this deal before with 4♣ going down except where N/S got involved in the auction to give declarer a clue as to how to play the spade suit. Gunnar was declarer as East on an uncontested auction and received the lead of the four of diamonds.

With a heart holding like this Gunnar judged that the lack of a heart lead placed the ace over the king maybe 70% of the time. He won the diamond in dummy and was tempted to play a low club immediately. However, the diamond could have been a singleton so he cashed the ace and king of trumps, getting the bad news there. Then he led a low club to his ten and South's jack. The first hope was that South might panic and switch to hearts in case declarer had queen-ten doubleton club, but South got it right by cashing the queen of spades then leading a second diamond.

Gunnar won the diamond and cashed the remaining diamonds, throwing a heart from dummy, then cashed all his spades. On the last spade, South decided that he had a problem. Clearly declarer could not have queen-doubleton club as he would have unblocked and cashed the suit earlier, but what if he had started with ten-to-three? Then it would be essential to keep two clubs as North would be down to the bare queen and otherwise a club to the ace would drop the king and queen together, leaving dummy's eight as the game-going trick. So South bared his ace of hearts and, backing his judgement, Gunnar threw the low club from dummy and led his low heart from hand.

When the ace of hearts appeared, Gunnar had the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and king of hearts to make his game.

Board 65. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West     | North   | East | South    |
|----------|---------|------|----------|
|          | Holland |      | Hallberg |
|          | 1♣      | 3♦   | 3♠       |
| Pass     | 4♣      | Pass | 4♠       |
| Pass     | 5♦      | Pass | 5♠       |
| All Pass |         |      |          |

With a seven-card suit, Gunnar felt that he had to bid 3♠ rather than make a negative double, but he found John Holland with a very strong hand and the partnership could not stop below the five level. West led the ten of diamonds, an obvious singleton as the Egyptians are not the type to make frivolous pre-emptive overcalls on jack-to-six.

Gunnar thought that the ace of spades rated to be in the East hand. He could play spades from the top and hope to drop a doubleton jack, or find that the diamond ruff was with jack-to-three, but he felt that the actual spade lay-out was quite a strong possibility and the straightforward play would lead to defeat.

So Gunnar won the diamond in hand and led the nine of spades. Even had West held jack-to three spades, he might not have seen a good reason to go up with the jack, but he was never going to do so from his actual holding. When he played low there were only two defensive trump tricks, whether or not West got his ruff, and an 'impossible' contract had made.

In both contracts, straightforward play would have made life easy for the defence and led to defeat, but Gunnar gave the defence a chance to go wrong.



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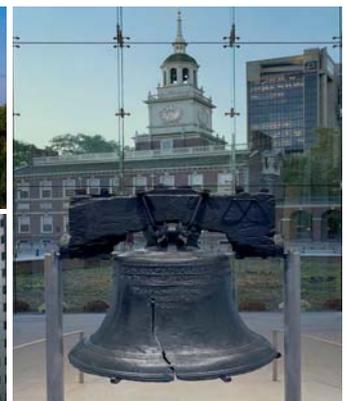
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|----------------------|---|
| Friday October 1     | 6.30 pm – Opening Ceremony  |
| Saturday October 2   | <b>MIXED PAIRS</b> - qualifying 1 & 2   |
| Sunday October 3     | Mixed pairs – qualifying 3 & Final 1 / Mixed Pairs Plate 1  |
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| Wednesday October 6  | Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)  |
| Thursday October 7   | Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)  |
| Friday October 8     | Rosenblum (64) / McConnell (32)<br>Swiss Plate **<br><b>SENIORS TEAMS</b>   |
| Saturday October 9   | <b>OPEN AND LADIES PAIRS QUALIFYING 1 &amp; 2</b><br>Rosenblum (32) / McConnell (16)<br>Seniors Teams   |
| Sunday October 10    | <b>WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – RR (5 matches) *</b><br>Rosenblum (16) / McConnell (8)<br>Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying 3 & 4<br>Seniors Teams  |
| Monday October 11    | Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4)<br>Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying (5) / Semi Final 1 [pairs from the Rosenblum (32/16) or McConnell (16/8) may drop into the semi finals]<br>Seniors Teams<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5 matches) *   |
| Tuesday October 12   | <b>SENIORS PAIRS – Qualifying 1 &amp; 2</b><br><b>IMP PAIRS – Qualifying 1 &amp; 2 **</b><br>Rosenblum (4) / McConnell (2)<br>Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 2 & 3<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5 matches) *   |
| Wednesday October 13 | Rosenblum Final<br>Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 4 & 5<br>IMP Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4<br>Seniors Pairs – Qualifying 3 & 4<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (2 matches) & QF(40) *   |
| Thursday October 14  | <b>MIXED SWISS TEAMS – Qualifying 1 &amp; 2</b><br><b>WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP *</b><br>Open & Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs – Final 1 & 2 (pairs from the QF/SF & F of the Rosenblum and SF/F of the McConnell may drop into the finals)<br>Seniors Pairs – Final 1 & 2<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – SF (48) * |
| Friday October 15    | Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 3 & 4<br>Seniors Pairs – Final 3 & 4<br>Mixed Teams Qualifying 3 & Final 1 & Swiss Cup (1)<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (48) *<br>World Youth Bridge Individual Championship *   |
| Saturday October 16  | Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 5<br>Mixed Teams – Final 2 & Swiss Cup (2)<br>World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (16) *<br>World Youth Bridge Individual Championship *<br>5.00 pm Closing Ceremony   |



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# D'ORSI SENIORS BOWL Quarterfinal 6



**England**

v

**Egypt**



by Mark Horton

It seemed somehow appropriate that after watching the thrilling D'Orsi Senior Bowl semi-final between England and Egypt that when I turned on the TV the movie showing was *The Return of the Mummy*.

The modern Mummy franchise was based on the classic 1932 horror film from Universal Studios directed by Karl Freund and starring Boris Karloff as a revived ancient Egyptian priest. The three new films resurrect several characters from the original movie, including an Ancient Egyptian priest called Imhotep, his lover, Princess Ankh-es-amon and Ardath Bey, a leader of the Medjai.

Imhotep engages an affair with Anck-su-Namun, the mistress of Pharaoh Seti I. Imhotep himself is forced to endure the curse of *Hom Dai*: his tongue is cut out and he is buried alive with a swarm of flesh-eating scarabs. The ritual grants eternal life, forcing Imhotep to endure the agony of his wounds for all time (not much of a deal in my opinion). He is buried under high security, sealed away in a sarcophagus below a statue of the Egyptian god Anubis, and kept under strict surveillance by the Medjai, descendants of Seti's palace guards.

In the movie, the mummy makes a comeback, only to be thwarted by the three heroes. As Egypt gradually turned the match in their favour, the question was could England find a way to continue their quest for the title?

England made a move on the very first deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

|  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ A Q 5<br>♥ A Q 7 6 4<br>♦ Q<br>♣ A 8 5 3 | ♠ J 10 3 2<br>♥ K 5 2<br>♦ 10 9 5<br>♣ Q J 2 | <div style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 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> </div> ♠ K 9 8 4<br>♥ J 8 3<br>♦ J 7 3 2<br>♣ 10 9 |  | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ 7 6<br>♥ 10 9<br>♦ A K 8 6 4<br>♣ K 7 6 4 |
|  | N  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| W  |  | E   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | S  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |

**Open Room**

| West     | North    | East     | South   |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Ghamrawy | Price    | Askalani | Simpson |
|          | Pass     | Pass     | 1♦      |
| Dble     | 1♠       | Pass     | 2♣      |
| 2♥       | All Pass |          |         |

North led the ten of diamonds and South won with the king and tried to cash the ace. Declarer ruffed and played a low club. North went in – otherwise his honours could be ruffed out, setting up declarer's eight – and switched to a trump, but declarer was in command and quickly claimed ten tricks, ruffing one club and discarding the other on the jack of diamonds, +170.

**Closed Room**

| West    | North  | East     | South    |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| Holland | Wattar | Hallberg | Kamel    |
|         | Pass   | Pass     | 1♦       |
| Dble    | 1♠     | Pass     | 2♣       |
| 2♥      | 3♦     | 4♥       | All Pass |

North led the queen of clubs and when that held he switched to the ten of diamonds, South winning with the king and returning the nine of hearts. When declarer played low North won with the king and returned a heart and now with the spades 4-2 and no squeeze developing declarer had to go one down, -50.

Declarer did have a winning line, albeit a difficult one. He must rise with the ace of hearts, then play to ruff both his losing clubs in dummy. Finally he can pin South's ten of hearts by playing the queen from hand.

Still, unbiased spectators wanting to see a close match would be happy to see Egypt pick up 6 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|   |  |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ K 9 5 4 3<br>♥ A 5<br>♦ 10 9 6 3<br>♣ 8 4 | ♠ A 8<br>♥ Q J 10 9 7 6<br>♦ A 7<br>♣ 10 3 2 | <div style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 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> </div> ♠ Q 6<br>♥ K 8 3<br>♦ K Q J 8<br>♣ A J 9 6 |  | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ J 10 7 2<br>♥ 4 2<br>♦ 5 4 2<br>♣ K Q 7 5 |
|   | N  |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| W   |  | E  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|   | S  |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |

**Open Room**

| West     | North | East     | South    |
|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Ghamrawy | Price | Askalani | Simpson  |
|          | Pass  | 1♥       | INT      |
| 2♥*      | Dble  | 2♠       | Pass     |
| 2NT      | Pass  | 3NT      | All Pass |

3NT was simply too high – indeed it would not have been ridiculous for North to have doubled. Declarer ducked the heart lead, won the next one and played a spade to the queen. North won the next trick with the ace of diamonds and set up his heart tricks. Declarer cashed out for two down, -200.

**Closed Room**

| West    | North    | East     | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Holland | Wattar   | Hallberg | Kamel |
| Pass    | 1♥       | 1NT      | Pass  |
| 2♥      | Pass     | 2♠       | Pass  |
| 2NT     | All Pass |          |       |

Tell it not in Gath, but South blotted his copy book by failing to lead his partner's suit. On a low club declarer could take North's ten with the jack and play on diamonds. The contract was secure – indeed declarer might have taken an overtrick, but he was happy enough with +120 and 8 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West     | North    | East     | South   |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Ghamrawy | Price    | Askalani | Simpson |
| 1♦       | Pass     | 1♥       | Pass    |
| 1♠       | Pass     | 4♦       | Pass    |
| 4♠       | All Pass |          |         |

If you were looking for points then it would not be absurd to stretch to a slam on the East/West cards, and Six Hearts can be made (not Six Spades, provided the defenders lead a club and North covers the queen of diamonds when it is played for a ruffing finesse and then does not take the ace of spades prematurely). However, the four level proved to be problem enough for the Egyptian declarer.

North led the six of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the ace and ran the queen of diamonds, discarding the losing club from dummy. He is now cold for twelve tricks, but...

He played the jack of spades and when that held continued with a low spade. North went in with the ace and played a club, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer played a heart to the ace and now played a heart to the jack and queen. Suddenly he was down! South played a diamond and although dummy could ruff that one declarer had to lose a trick to the nine of spades and another to the king of diamonds, -100.

**Closed Room**

| West    | North    | East     | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Holland | Wattar   | Hallberg | Kamel |
| 1♠      | Pass     | 4♦*      | Pass  |
| 4♠      | All Pass |          |       |

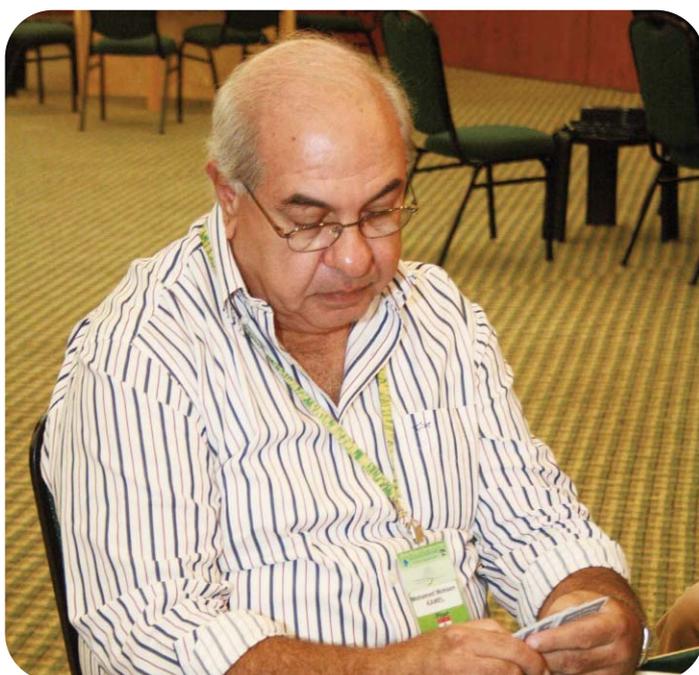
Here North led the ten of hearts and that gave an easy twelve tricks, +680 and 13 English IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West     | North | East     | South    |
|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Ghamrawy | Price | Askalani | Simpson  |
| Pass     | 3♠    | Pass     | 3♦       |
| Pass     | 4♠    | Dble     | 4♦       |
|          |       |          | All Pass |



Mohamed Mohsen Kamel, Egypt

East led the queen of clubs and West overtook and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed, played a heart to the ten and ruffed another club. Not wanting to play trumps lest East had a stack he played another heart, but now it was possible for West to get a heart ruff, so that was two down, -500.

**Closed Room**

|                               |                               |                                |                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Holland</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Wattar</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Hallberg</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Kamel</i> |
| Pass                          | 4♠                            | All Pass                       | 3♦                           |

Once declarer got in he cashed the ace of spades and followed it with the queen, so there was no ruff for the defence. He was one down, -100, but Egypt picked up 9 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

|                                |                              |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Ghamrawy</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Price</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Askalani</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Simpson</i> |
| Pass                           | INT                          | 2♥*                            | Dble                           |
| 3♣*                            | Dble                         | 3♦                             | All Pass                       |

- 2♥ Hearts and a minor
- 3♣ Pass or correct

South led the jack of diamonds, which served to speed up the play. Declarer won in hand with the queen, crossed to dummy with the queen of hearts and played a diamond to the nine, claiming nine tricks, +110.

**Closed Room**

|                               |                               |                                |                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Holland</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Wattar</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Hallberg</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Kamel</i> |
| Pass                          | INT                           | 2♥*                            | Dble                         |
| 3♣                            | Dble                          | All Pass                       |                              |

- 2♥ Hearts and a minor

East/West had an accident about the meaning of the Three Club bid. North cashed his top clubs and then the defenders took four spade tricks for three down, -500 and 12 IMPs.

Egypt was very close now and they struck again on the next deal:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

|                                |                              |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Ghamrawy</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Price</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Askalani</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Simpson</i> |
| Dble                           | 1♥                           | Pass                           | 1♠                             |
|                                | All Pass                     |                                |                                |

North's opening bid picked off the suit that East/West could make a game in, but they collected some compensation by doubling One Spade. The defenders started with four rounds of clubs, East pitching his diamonds, ruffing the fourth round and exiting with the eight of spades. Declarer could do nothing and was two down, -300.

**Closed Room**

|                               |                               |                                |                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Holland</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Wattar</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Hallberg</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Kamel</i> |
| 1♣                            | Pass                          | Pass                           | Pass                         |
| 2♦                            | Dble                          | 1♠                             | Pass                         |
| 3NT                           | Pass                          | 2♠                             | Pass                         |
|                               | All Pass                      |                                |                              |



Mohamad Shaker Ghamrawy, Egypt

When the English pair failed to locate their heart fit they finished in the second best game. North led the three of hearts and declarer won in hand with the queen and played a diamond, North putting up the queen and returning a diamond to the jack.

When declarer came off dummy with a heart South discarded an encouraging three of spades so North took the ace of hearts and continued with the ace of spades and a spade, one down, -100 and 9 lead changing IMPs for Egypt, ahead by 4 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West     | North | East     | South   |
|----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Ghamrawy | Price | Askalani | Simpson |
| Pass     | 1♥    | Pass     | INT*    |
| Pass     | 2♠    | Pass     | 2NT     |
| Pass     | 3♥    | All Pass |         |

INT Forcing

The North hand is awkward to express, especially after South's INT response.

East led the five of diamonds and West took dummy's queen with the ace and returned the suit, declarer discarding the nine of spades on dummy's king. He played a spade to the eight and East's ten, ruffed the diamond return and played the king of clubs. East does best to duck this, but he won and returned a club. Declarer won with dummy's queen, ruffed a diamond and played ace of spades and a spade. East won and played a club, ruffed by West with the jack and overruffed by declarer, who exited with the seven of hearts to endplay West. That was one down, -100.

Closed Room

| West    | North  | East     | South |
|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| Holland | Wattar | Hallberg | Kamel |
| Pass    | 1♥     | Pass     | INT   |
| Pass    | 3♥     | All Pass |       |

Here too East led a diamond, but after winning West switched to a spade, East winning with the ten and returning the king. With no way to shorten his trumps declarer had to go two down, -200 giving England 3 useful IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

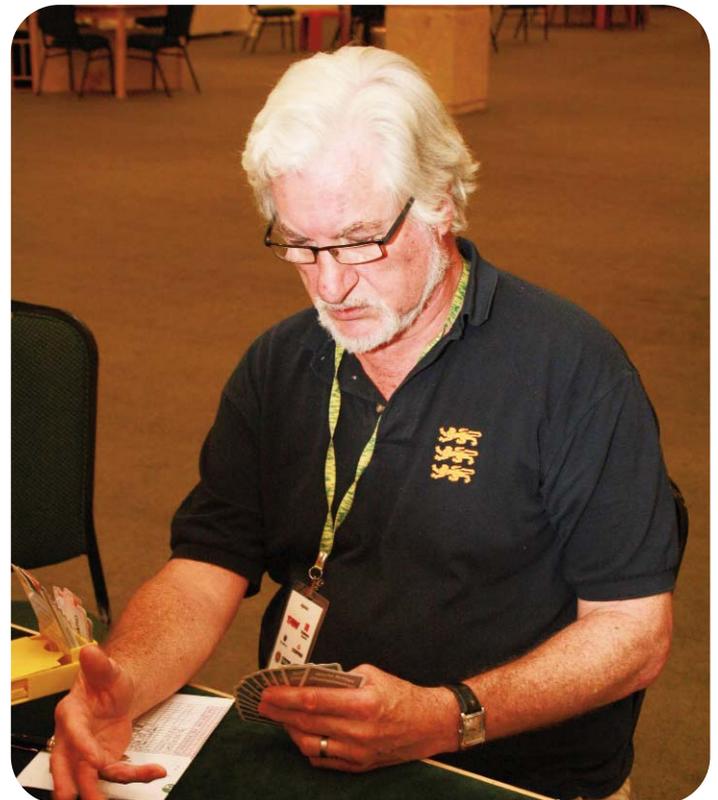
Open Room

| West     | North | East     | South    |
|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Ghamrawy | Price | Askalani | Simpson  |
|          |       | 2NT      | All Pass |

Although the queen of clubs was kindly disposed, the king of diamonds was not and 2NT had to go two down on the lead of the jack of diamonds, -100.

Closed Room

| West    | North    | East     | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Holland | Wattar   | Hallberg | Kamel |
| Pass    | 1♠       | 1♥       | Pass  |
| 2♣      | All Pass | INT      | Pass  |



David Price, England

Two Clubs was a picnic, declarer recording +130 for 6 IMPs that gave England the lead once more, if only by 5 IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

### Open Room

| West     | North | East     | South    |
|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Ghamrawy | Price | Askalani | Simpson  |
|          |       |          | 1♣       |
| Dble     | 1♥    | 4♠       | All Pass |

Once West had doubled East was full weight for his jump to game. However, the contract was doomed. Declarer ducked the club lead, won the next round and played a low diamond. South went in with the ace and switched to the nine of hearts, North winning with the queen, cashing the ace and playing a third heart. Declarer ruffed with the queen of spades, but did not divine the trump position by running the ten, so finished two down, -100.

### Closed Room

| West    | North    | East     | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Holland | Wattar   | Hallberg | Kamel |
|         |          |          | Pass  |
| Pass    | Pass     | 1♠       | Pass  |
| 2♦      | All Pass |          |       |

When North led the nine of spades this strange contract on a 4-2 fit was unbeatable. (It takes an initial club lead to hold declarer to seven tricks.) That was +90 and 5 vital IMPs.

On the final deal, England suffered a disaster in the Closed Room, allowing their opponents to play in Two Hearts down five, -250 when they had a stone cold vulnerable game available their way. The Egyptians duly bid that, but +660 was only worth 9 of the 10 IMPs they needed to force extra time.

## Missed Opportunity

By Brian Senior

The last board of Set One of the semi-finals saw a missed opportunity for the defenders. This was the deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

At most tables East declared 3NT. A couple of times North had shown interest in hearts so the king of hearts was led and now declarer could win and lead towards the jack of hearts to establish a ninth trick, and at another table North was on lead and the low heart lead had the same effect. But what about those tables at which South led a diamond?

3NT was beaten at one table on a diamond lead because declarer decided to win immediately and now the defensive communications were in place for a routine one down. But suppose that declarer ducks two rounds of diamonds. If South plays a third diamond there is no problem as there is no entry to the established tricks and declarer can simply lead to the king of spades for the game-going trick. So South must switch and the killer is the king of hearts.

If declarer ducks the heart a second round establishes the fifth defensive winner and the contract must fail, so declarer must win. Now he can lead towards either the jack of hearts or king of spades to establish the ninth trick, but he still cannot succeed. If he does not at this point cash the ace of diamonds, he never gets it and is a trick short. But if he does cash the diamond he either squeezes his own hand out of a club winner or he must bare the ♥J or ♠K, either of which gives the defence the possibility to win sufficient tricks to beat the contract.

It seems that there is no escape and the contract can always be beaten.

## Duplimate Discounts



The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.



## IBPA Awards

Here are two more winning entries from the International Bridge Press Association annual awards.

### Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year

Winner: Michelle Brunner (England)

Journalist: Maureen Hiron (Spain)

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
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|   | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
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|   | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

Michelle Brunner won for a brilliant play in Shanghai. I believe, though I stand to be corrected (*No! Nino Masucci 2006*), that this is the first time a woman has won this. Nor can I remember the same player winning two years in succession, so I intend submitting this hand as a contender for next year's prize.

Michelle passed as dealer and South opened one no trump (12-14). North bid two clubs, Stayman, then raised South's two-spade reply to the spade game.

John Holland, West, led the jack of hearts. Declarer ducked in dummy and Michelle won with her king. What were her chances of defeating four spades, faced with that dummy? Many players would simply return a trump and hope that declarer, left to his own devices, would adopt a failing line.

But Michelle envisaged a position where her partner held the king to three spades and a doubleton club. (He could not hold more than four high-card points, given South's one no trump opener.) Even that was not enough; she also had to paint a false picture for declarer.

So – she returned the nine of clubs, which, with dummy's assets on view, surely could only have been a singleton. Dummy won, and fearing a club ruff, South continued with ace and another spade. Holland won with his king and returned a club, South playing low from dummy. Michelle Brunner captured with her king, then gave her partner the club ruff that defeated the game.



### Brazilian Junior Deal of the Year

Winner: Thomas Bessis (France)

Journalist: Brian Senior (England)

Over several years of Youth tournaments I have found Thomas Bessis to be a rich source of top-quality play and defensive hands. Here in Poiana Brasov, Thomas left it until the final match, against England, for his finest effort.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
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|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

| West   | North  | East    | South |
|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Bessis | Atthey | Volcker | Owen  |
| Pass   | 1 ♠    | Pass    | 2 NT  |
| Pass   | 3 ♥    | Pass    | 4 ♠   |
| Pass   | Pass   | Pass    |       |

Chris Owen's two no trump response was an invitational or better spade raise and John Atthey's three hearts a length-showing game try, accepted by Owen who, of course, was always planning to go on to game.

It looks as though four spades is destined to make, courtesy of the ruffing club finesse, but...

Frederic Volcker led the eight of diamonds, second from three or more small cards, and Bessis won the king and cashed the ace, Atthey falsecarding with the queen as Volcker dropped the two, confirming two or four cards – clearly four on the auction. Bessis switched to the seven of clubs and, not surprisingly, declarer was taken in. Atthey ruffed low and gave up a heart, Bessis winning the ace and returning a diamond to declarer's ten. Atthey ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, being relieved to see that Bessis could not over-ruff, and ruffed another club. But Volcker could over-ruff and that was two down.

How could Bessis possibly find the brilliant underlead? His partner would surely have led a singleton club rather than four small diamonds so was marked with either two clubs or a void. Once declarer was known to have three diamonds, plus heart length because of the auction, it had to be he and not Volcker who had the club void.

As the French North-South pair had played in four clubs down one for minus 50 in the other room, Bessis' fine defence turned a 10-IMP loss into a 2-IMP gain.

## Transnational Open Teams Roster

**Alonso**

TISCORNIA Marta, BUDKIN Diana, BLUM Martha E., BLUM Ana, ATTAGUILE Florencia, ALONSO Ana Maria De

**Amaral**

JOURDAIN Patrick, SUNDELIN Per-Olof, JUNQUEIRA Guilherme, SAMPAIO Fabio, GERARD Ronald, AMARAL Marcelo

**Amici**

RAMSEY Catherine, SANTORO Claudio, ROMEO Manuel, SELANIO Carmen

**Anzac**

NIXON Roy, BRAITHWAITE Andrew, RUSSELL Douglas, ROBB Trevor, MURRAY James

**Apreo Logistic Poland**

GAWRYS Piotr, KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof, NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz, KALITA Jacek, BURAS Krzysztof

**Argent**

SCHOENBORN Michael, SILVER Joseph, HOBART Arno, CARRUTHERS John, BARAN Boris, KIRR Martin (coach)

**Australia**

APPLETON David, REYNOLDS Peter, BRIGHTLING Richard J, ROBINSON Ian, THOMSON Ian, DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival

**Barbados**

MOSELEY Harley, MOSS Alan, ATHERLEY Leslie, GILL Michael, BLACKMAN Dave, WATKINS Tony

**Bekkouche**

FARHOLT Stense, KLEMMENSEN Christina, BINDERKRANTZ Trine, BEKKOUCHE Nadia, BERTENS Huub, BERTHEAU Katherine

**Belgium**

BOLLACK Bogdan, BIGDELI Faramarz, STAS Jacques, KAPLAN Alain, JANSSENS Hubert, JOHNSON David (pc)

**Black Boks**

NISBET Pamela, CUMPSTONE Karen, WILKINSON Jenny, NEWTON Shirley, TERBLANCHE Peter, BURATOVICH Nikola

**Brasilia**

RAUL Costa Jr, PAIVA Marcos, MIRO Andrade, JEOVANI Salomao

**Brazil**

FIGUEIREDO Mauricio, CHAGAS Gabriel, VILLAS-BOAS Miguel, CAMPOS Joao-Paulo, BRENNER Diego, CASTELLO-BRANCO Marcelo

**Brum**

MELLO Roberto De, LA ROVERE Marcello, BARBOSA Roberto, BRUM Paulo Roberto

**Caminito**

ZANALDA Jorge, MONSEGUR Martin, MADALA Adolfo Daniel, LERNER Marcelo, GUEGLIO Jorge, DE MIGUEL Carlos, PILOTTO Maria Cristina (npc)

**Copanema**

DE SOUZA Ana Maria, DE OLIVEIRA Maria Luiza, DE BARROS GOMES Maria Lena, DE ANDRADE Eduardo, CARBONARA Ana Lucia, ABRAVANEL Marice De Lourdes

**Cornell**

DELMONTE Ishmael, BACH Ashley, CORNELL Vivien, CORNELL Michael

**Deutschland**

SMIRNOV Alexander, GROMOELLER Michael, PIEKAREK Josef, KIRMSE Andreas

**Dhondy**

KAY Alan, DHONDY Heather, CALLAGHAN Brian, DHONDY Jeremy (pc)

**Ecuador**

RENDON Carlos, HERDOIZA Erick, PINOARGOTE Alamiro, PAPENBROCK Bernd, RUMBEEA Mauricio

**Egypt**

KHALIL Mohamed Yehia, WATTAR Wael, ASKALANI Amr El, GHAMRAWY Mohamad Shaker, SAMIE Lotfy Abdel, KHEDR Marwan

**Elizabeth**

SAMPAIO Suely, BERTAGNONI Marco, SZEPS Elizabeth, SAMPAIO Paulo, PANADERO Maria, BABOT Mari Carmen

**Ferlema**

CARACCI Marcelo, RAVENNA Pablo, LEMA Fernando Alfredo, DHERS Alberto, PACHECO Morella, GUSSO Franco

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CASTRO Alexandre, RIBIERO Luis, GUIMARAES Guilherme, ANDRADE Claudio, MISK Alexandre, PAES Damiao

**Garrincha**

HARSANYI Josef, CULHAM Susan, NEHMERT Pony Beate, DE LA SALLE Maurice, YUEN Michael, JACOB Dan

**Gema**

TORO Elizabeth, SERRANO Carlos, SALGADO Beatriz, SALGADO Alexandra, BAQUERIZO Mariquita, BAQUERIZO Jorge

**Geo Timah Indonesia**

KORENGKENG Irne, DAMAYANTI Fera, BOJOH Lusje Olha, TUEJE Julita Grace, SUMAMPOUW Conny, RIANTINI -, KOMAR Priatna (npc)

**Grime**

MARTINUSSEN Stig, SAELENSMINDE Erik, OLSEN Morten, SAETERDAL Atle, SUNDENG Bent Cato, GRIME Per-Ove (pc)

**Guarana**

NOSHESE Fobio, AMARAL Marita Lujon, BERETTA Sondro, MARCHIONI Gabriela, DE ABREU SODRE Anna Maria, VASARLEY Iris

**House of Pain**

STOUT Graeme, MILLER Jeff, SCHWARTZ Arlene, ACKERLEY Chris

**India**

CHOKSHI Sunit, VENKATARAMAN K Raman, DALAL Rajesh, GUPTA Subhash, SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju, KIRAN Nadar, PANT Tribhuwan Chandra (npc)

**Ipanema**

BREITMAN Isa, PACHECO Juliana, MAGALHAES Amilcar, CAMARGO Jose Tomas

**Japan**

TERAMOTO Tadashi, CHEN Dawei, IMAKURA Tadashi, INO Masayuki, FURUTA Kazuo (pc)

**Joel**

JOEL Geeske, SOKOLOW Tobi, ROSENBERG Debbie, ROSENBERG Michael

**Jones**

GAMIO Claudia Valerie, JONES John, REYGADAS Miguel, LIRA Nancy

**JuanValdez**

JORDAN Herbert, CARRERA Jaime, VILLALBA Fernando, FIGUEROA Santiago (pc)

**Julia**

SABBOG Ricardo, JUSTOS Julia, JUNQUEIRA Andrea, BARROS Renato, GOMES Irene, AMARAL Marina

**Machado de Carvalho**

CARVALHO Leao, TUSA Gabriele, KLADT Federico Alfredo, ARANHA Sergio, TOMA Marco, PEIRAO Manoel

**Mark Gordon**

MOLBERG Jorgen, AA Terje, GRUE Joe, CHEEK Curtis, RAJADHYAKSHA Pratap, GORDON Mark, HYATT Debra (npc), COKIN Allan (coach)

**Mendes**

CAMPOS Marie Helena, PAES Tereza, CHANFON Najla, ALVIM Claudia, MENDES Branca, MAIE Elizabeth

**Nader**

KABE Hamilton, CAMPOS Jose Eduardo, CHALOM Ralf Rafael, MOREIRA Mauro, NADER Jose L

**Nakamura**

NISHIDA Natsuko, SHIMAMURA Kyoko, NAKAO Tomoe, SHIBANO Harumi, NAKAMURA Yoshiyuki (pc)

**Orhan**

KORKUT Ergun, EKINCI Orhan, FALAY Faik, BASARAN Emin

**Pakistan**

BILAL Gulzar, MOHIUDDIN Khalid, HUSSAIN Mirza Shauq, GHAZI Rashidul, TALPUR Nawab Muhammad Yusuf, MAZHAR Massod

**Pampas Aces**

BARCELLOS Eduardo, FERNANDES Renato, KATZ Saul, FELIZZOLA Anna Celina, FALK Maria Teresa

**Platero**

LUPU Luminita, IGLESIAS Adrian Marcelo, UBERTI Mauro, FRONTAURA Frankie, MULLER Serge de

**Poisen Ivy**

MIRZA Parvez, BOKHARI Roshan Ara, DOSSA Qudsia, ABID Najim, RUBINA Agha

**Ragtag**

VASALLO Felipe, FURLAN Bruno, TANAKA Simone, POLLAK Anita, HAHN Albert, RODRIGUES Sergio

**Rio**

CASTRO Daniel, DA ROSA Paulo Vitor, CORREA Berando Simoes, FERRARIO Juliano, BACZYNSKI Alexandre

**Rio de Janeiro**

MENEZES Lucia, VIDIGAL Ana Carolina, PALMEIRA Luis Antonio, PONCIONI Graca

**Rossard**

GOTARD Tomasz, JAGNIEWSKI Rafal, ROMANOWSKI Jerzy, ROSSARD Martine

**Russia**

DUBININ Alexander, GROMOV Andrey, KHOLOMEEV Vadim, KHIUPPENEN Yury, MATUSHKO Georgi, KHOKHLOV Alexander

**Sao Paulo I I**

PRADO Susana, STEFANI Paulo, NAVAJAS Ciro, NAVAJAS Lena, CHAPUIS Leticia, CHAPUIS Eduardo

**SaoRio**

DE DEOS Joao, LIMA Luiz Ronaldo, MANDELLOT Pedro, PEIXOTO Sergio, FUJIHIRA Kazuo, LA ROVERE Emilio

**Schnetzer Chauvaud**

GARAFULIC Sandra, CUEVAS Loreto, PALMA ORTUZAR Isabel, ISRAEL AGUILLON Herta, SCHNETZER CHAUVAUD Jacqueline

**Sulzbeck**

SIQUEIRA Emiliana Camargo, SULZBECK Andre J E, DE OLIVEIRA ARAUJO Antonio Jose, ROSIER Rosani, MAURO Joao, SULZBECK Liliane

**Sun Sea Slams**

SEALE Yvonne, HINDS Roglyn, COLLINS Nan, THOMPSON Jacqueline, CUMMINS Patricia, SPRINGER Adelle

**Sweden Seniors**

AXNE Olle, HALLEN Hans-Olof, DAHLBERG Borje, TRAPP Leif, FLODQVIST Sven-Olov, MORATH Anders

**Texan Aces**

TEWARI Rajeshwar, PRABHAKAR Honey B, SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan, SUNDERRAM S, SHAH Jyotindra, VENKATESH Gopal, PRABHU Maddhav (npc)

**Thulipa**

DAVID Paula, VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella, DE MELLO Sylvia Figueira, PAIN Leda, NOGUEIRA Heloisa, MANDELLOT Agota

**Tucano**

TAJTELBAUM Lia, PEREIRA Lucilia, SALGADO Carlos, FERREIRA Lis

**Tunisia**

REBAI Mohamed, LAKHDHAR Mohamed Ali, KLIBI M, KCHAOU Ahmed

**USA I**

ROBINSON Steve, WOOLSEY Kit, WILDAVSKY Adam, STEWART Fred, BOYD Peter, DOUB Doug

**Vai-Vai**

SOLETTI Claudia, ROSSI Jean Claude, ROCHER Gilbert, MEYER Marie Christine, FRAIPPONT Marie Noelle, CICUREL Mona

**Ventin**

VENTIN Juan Carlos, PELLEGRINI Carlos, MUZZIO Ernesto, BIANCHEDI Alejandro, BROGELAND Boye, LAMBARDI Pablo

**Welland**

WELLAND Roy, GARNER Steve, KAMIL Mike, HENNER-WELLAND Christal

**Zighel**

DOUER Alisa, SILVERA Rivi, VAISBERG Ronny, DICHI Andree, ZIGHELBOIM Odette, RABICEW Elisabeth

**Zimmerman**

MULTON Franck, ZMUDZINSKI Adam, HELGEMO Geir, HELNESS Tor, BALICKI Cezary, ZIMMERMANN Pierre (pc)

## Las Semifinales de la BB

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

Bulgaria, China, Italia y USA2... son los 4 sobrevivientes de los QF y están enfrentándose para definir quienes llegan a la final. Italia está en un mano a mano con Bulgaria y USA2 negocia con China.

Al finalizar el primer golpe de 16 manos de las SF, USA2 superaba en 25 IMPs a China e Italia en 22 IMPs a Bulgaria. Veamos como se llegó a estos resultados...

En la primera mano China e Italia se llevaron 1 IMP de premio por una sobre-baza. En la mano 2, la pareja de Meckstroth-Rodwell jugó un parcial en corazón que cumplió, cuando los Chinos en la otra sala se estiraron a un game en espadas NV con 2 multas... volvió el IMP para USA2. En la otra SF los Búlgaros sentados como M-R contrataron y cumplieron el game en corazón lo que les dio 11 IMPs porque Italia jugó el mismo contrato que China y también pagó dos multas.

Mano 2: Dador Oeste, Nadie Vulnerable **USA2-China**

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

**Sala Abierta**

| Oeste | Norte   | Este   | Sur        |
|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Wang  | Rodwell | Zhuang | Meckstroth |
| 1♠    | Doblo   | Paso   | Paso       |
| 2♠    | Paso    | Paso   | 2♥         |
| Paso  | 3♥      | Fin    | Doblo      |

Salida: ♠A

Wang salió con el ♠A y siguió con ♠, el declarante tomó con su ♠K y jugó la ♥Q... para el ♥K de Oeste... que volvió trébol... R. tomó en el muerto dio dos vueltas de triunfo terminando en su mano, y jugó trébol... Este ganó con su ♣Q... pero su vuelta de diamante dejó puesto en mano a su compañero y el declarante se tendió.

En la otra SF, **Italia-Bulgaria**, la subasta fue:

| Oeste   | Norte     | Este   | Sur      |
|---------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Versace | Karakolev | Lauria | Danailov |
| 1♠      | Doblo     | Paso   | Paso     |
| 3♠      | 4♥        | Fin    | 3♥       |

Salida: ♦K

El declarante ganó con su ♦A, jugó el ♥J y cuando Oeste cubrió con el ♥K sobre-tomó con el ♥A del muerto, para terminar de destriunfar quedando en la mano, jugar espadas y hacer el ♠K cuando Este aflojó, siguió con la ♦ al ♦J... la ♦Q... Oeste adelantó su ♠A y ♦... al ♦10 del declarante que ahora jugó ♣A y ♣... cuando Lauria... puso chico... pasó el ♣10 y se tendió.

La mano 5 fue el primer swing del match **USA2-China**.

Mano 5: Dador Norte, N/S Vulnerable

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

**Sala Abierta**

| Oeste | Norte   | Este   | Sur        |
|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Wang  | Rodwell | Zhuang | Meckstroth |
| Paso  | Paso    | 2♠     | Doblo      |
| Fin   | 3♥      | Paso   | 4♥         |

Salida: ♦J

Este salió del ♦J que fue baza y siguió con el ♦10, el declarante cubrió con el ♦K que Wang ganó con su ♦A para jugar su ♦Q... en la que Zhuang descartó el ♣9. Oeste salió de su mano con el ♣2, el declarante ganó la baza con su ♣A y jugó ♥A y ♥ al ♥K, Este descartó el ♠2... el declarante falló la ♣Q en el muerto adelantó el ♥J... ♠ al ♠A... ♥Q descartando el ♠10 de su mano y se tendió sobre los diamantes firmes.

**Sala Cerrada**

| Oeste | Norte | Este    | Sur  |
|-------|-------|---------|------|
| Katz  | Dai   | Nickell | Yang |
| Paso  | Paso  | Paso    | 1♣   |
| Paso  | 2♦    | Paso    | 2NT  |
| Paso  | 3♣    | Paso    | 3♦   |
| Paso  | 3♥    | Paso    | 4♥   |
| Fin   |       |         |      |

Salida: ♦J

El declarante cubrió con el ♦K, y Oeste ganó con su ♦A, siguió con la ♦Q y ♦ para el fallo de ♥9 de su compañero

que volvió espadas al ♠K del declarante que cuando encontró el triunfo cuarto en Oeste se rindió.

En la otra semifinal, Bulgaria también cumplió el contrato de 4♥ en el abierto y lo derrotó en el cerrado.

Mano 11: Dador Sur, Nadie Vulnerable

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

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|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♠ K J 10   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♥ J 5  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♦ A 3 2  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♣ A K Q J 9  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

**Sala Abierta**

| Oeste | Norte   | Este   | Sur        |
|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Wang  | Rodwell | Zhuang | Meckstroth |
| Paso  | 3♣      | Paso   | 3♦         |
| Paso  | 3♥      | Doblo  | Rdblo      |
| Paso  | 4♦      | Paso   | 4♠         |
| Paso  | 5NT     | Paso   | 6♣         |
| Fin   |         |        |            |

En el VG de BBO explicaban que 3♣ era una especie de Puppett Stayman, que los 3♦ negaban 5 cartas en un mayor y que los 3♥ negaban 4 cartas de ese palo pero no negaban 4 cartas de espadas, el redoblo mostraba un medio stopper a corazón... los 4♦ era palo quinto y 4♠ proponía jugar en el Moysian... a lo que M dijo 5NT pidiéndole a su compañero que eligiera el slam que más le gustara... eligió el de trébol...

La salida fue el ♥3, entregó el ♥A, falló la vuelta, destriunfó y se tendió... en la otra mesa China eligió jugar 6NT que con salida de ♥A hubiera provocado un gran swing, en cambio la salida de trébol...le dió 2 IMPs a China. En el VG de BBO comentaban que si el salidor hubiera seguido la regla de John Solodar (integrante del Equipo Senior de USA) la historia hubiera sido muy diferente...ya que esta regla que propone la salida de as contra los slams.

En la otra semifinal...Italia jugó el slam pero en diamante y Bulgaria sólo llegó a 5♠...los italianos agradecidos...pero en la mano 13 Bulgaria fue el único que declaró y cumplió slam...superando su traspie de la mano 11.

En la mano 15 la seguridad del contrato dependía de quien era el declarante del contrato...



Mano 15: Dador Sur, N/S Vulnerable

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

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|   | ♠ A J 8 7 4 3  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♥ Q 4  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♦ 9  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | ♣ 10 8 6 3   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

**Sala Cerrada**

| Oeste | Norte | Este    | Sur  |
|-------|-------|---------|------|
| Katz  | Dai   | Nickell | Yang |
| Paso  | 2NT   | Paso    | 2♦   |
| Paso  | 4♠    | Fin     | 3♥   |

La salida del ♦K le permitió al declarante, afirmar el palo lateral del muerto y cumplir su contrato.

En la mesa del Abierto:

| Oeste | Norte   | Este   | Sur        |
|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Wang  | Rodwell | Zhuang | Meckstroth |
| Paso  | 2NT     | Doblo  | 2♠         |
| Paso  | 4♠      | Fin    | 3♥         |

Oeste salió a trébol, Este hizo su ♣A y ♣Q, volvió el ♥K y el declarante se tendió. La salida a corazón hubiera derrotado el contrato en el acto...

En la otra SF, Bulgaria no jugó game e Italia jugó 4♠ del buen lado.

La mano 16 fue un cierre tranquilo para ambos matches...todos declararon 3NT...que cumplieron antes de retirarse a almorzar.

**Un Poco de Humor... Anónimo**

El camino al infierno esta pavimentado de buenas convenciones.

El doblo penal es una parte integral del juego. Sin esa parte no habría forma de que ciertos personajes no subasten hasta el infinito.



Finessear es humano, ganar es divino.

Primera ley del Bridge: siempre la culpa la tiene el compañero.

La diferencia entre la genialidad y la estupidez es que la genialidad tiene sus límites.

Cuenta tus ganadoras y cuenta tus perdedoras. Si suman 14, cuenta tus cartas.

Dónde está la mano que tenías durante el remate?