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# SHOOTOUT IN SAO PAULO



Here are the hard-working caddies and Vugraph staff who have helped to make this tournament a success: front, Emilia Nuñez, Laura Marchioni, Gabriela Bandeira, Tamara Sousa, Cecília Malva, Ariane Toledo, Bruno Pacheco; rear, Renan Barbosa, Hamilton Tateoka, Felipe Alberto, Renato Barros, Arthur Capaccioli.

Two of the three matches in the major event finals were wild and woolly on Thursday, as USA2 in the Bermuda Bowl and Poland in the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl exchanged body blows with their opponents, Italy and England, respectively. Even at that, not much separated either at the end of the day.

USA2 started strong against the powerful team from Italy, winning the opening set 46-19 to take a 54.33-19 lead including carryover. Italy hammered the Americans in the second set 57-1 to take the lead, but then suffered a 47-17 pasting in the third of eight sets to trail by 9.33.

The Polish Seniors zoomed out to a 59-1 lead (62.67 with carryover) against England in the first set but then saw England regain their composure to win 57-23 in the next stanza. England gained 6 more IMPs to trail 116.67-95 with three sets to go.

It is not as close in the Venice Cup, where China Long Zhu is leading USA1 121-78 with 48 deals to play.

In the 48-board bronze medal playoffs, there were no close matches, as Bulgaria defeated China Long Zhu 186-84 in the Bermuda Bowl, France defeated USA 2 134.5-93 in the Venice Cup and Indonesia topped USA2 125-77 in the Seniors Bowl.

As this issue went to press, the World Transnational Open Teams had played 16 boards of 32 in their quarter-final matches. These were the scores with play to be completed on Thursday night: Zimmerman 62, Orhan 34; Russia 69,

Welland 18; Deutschland 49, Brazil 25, and Apreo Logistic Poland 69, Sweden 11.

The Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl will conclude today. The Bermuda Bowl competitors will play 48 more boards today and 32 more on Saturday.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES



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

VG:	Table 1	Italy - USA 2	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 41	England - Poland	(OSB)
BBO 2:	Table 21	China Long Zhu - USA 1	(VC)
BBO 3:	First Transnational Semifinal		
BBO 4:	Second Transnational Semifinal		
OurGame:	Table 21	China Long Zhu - USA 1	(VC)

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

To Be Decided

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

To Be Decided

Overall time schedule on page 3

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





# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

### Finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Boards 97 - 112	Boards 113 - 128	Total
1	Italy	0	19	57	17	-	-	-	-	-	93
	USA 2	8.33	46	1	47	-	-	-	-	-	102.33

### Play-Offs

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
2	<b>Bulgaria</b>	16	49	69	-	186
	China Long Zhu	0	14	31	-	84

## Venice Cup

### Finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	China Long Zhu	16	52	33	20	-	-	-	121
	USA 1	0	27	32	19	-	-	-	78

### Play-Offs

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
22	<b>France</b>	1.5	48	31	59	139.50
	USA 2	0	18	46	29	93

## d'Orsi Seniors Bowl

### Finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
41	England	0	1	57	37	-	-	-	95
	Poland	3.67	59	23	31	-	-	-	116.67

### Play-Offs

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
42	<b>Indonesia</b>	0	49	39	37	125
	USA 2	0	14	26	37	77



# RESULTS



## Transnational Open Teams

### Final Ranking After 15 Sessions

Rank	Teams	VPs						
1	Zimmermann	295	23	Nader	235		Ragtag	215
2	Apreo Logistic Poland	276		Belgium	234	46	Schnetzer Chauvaud	212.50
3	Deutschland	271	25	Jones	234	47	Amici	212
4	Russia	260	26	Australia	233		Grime	212
5	Brazil	256	27	Ventin	229	49	Julia	211
6	Orhan	251	28	Machado de Carvalho	228	50	Poisen Ivy	209
7	Sweden Seniors	250	29	Thulipa	227	51	Mendes	207
8	Welland	249	30	Galo Team	226		Platero	207
9	Texan Aces	248	31	Tucano	225	53	Black Boks	205
10	Dhondy	247		SaoRio	224		House of Pain	205
11	USA I	246	33	Tunisia	224	55	Guarana	202
12	Japan	245		Alonso	223		Rio de Janeiro	202
13	India	244		Garrincha	223	57	Sun Sea Slams	197
14	JuanValdez	242	37	Pakistan	223	58	Rio	192.50
15	Rossard	240		Pampas Aces	223	59	Ecuador	192
16	Ferlema	239	39	Amaral	220		Sulzbeck	192
17	Brum	238		Nakamura	220	61	Sao Paulo II	191
18	Caminito	237	41	Anzac	219	62	Barbados	188
	Mark Gordon	237		Brasilia	219	63	Zighel	182
20	Bekkouche	236	43	Geo Timah Indonesia	216	64	Vai-Vai	173
21	Cornell	235		Ipanema	216	65	Gema	163
				Elizabeth	215	66	Copanema	134
				Joel	215			



## Transnational Open Teams

### Quarterfinals

Tbl		Boards		Total
		1 - 16	17 - 32	
61	Zimmermann	62	n/a	62
	Orhan	34	n/a	34
62	Welland	18	n/a	18
	Russia	69	n/a	69
63	Deutschland	49	n/a	49
	Brazil	25	n/a	25
64	Sweden Seniors	11	n/a	11
	Apreo Logistic Poland	69	n/a	69

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**11.00-13.20**

BB/VC/OSB - Final Session 4

TOT - Semifinal Session 1

**12.00**

City Cup B-A-M Session 2

**14.30-16.50**

BB/VC/OSB - Final Session 5

TOT - Semifinal Session 2

**17.20-19.40**

BB/VC/OSB - Final Session 6

TOT - Final Session 1

**18.00**

City Cup B-A-M Session 3



# BERMUDA BOWL Semifinal 5



**USA 2**

**v China Long Zhu**



## The end of the line

by Brent Manley

In their semi-final Bermuda Bowl match against USA2, China Long Zhu had ended on a high note on Tuesday with a 45-18 win in the third of six sets. Starting the day on Wednesday, they had played the Americans virtually even, although they still trailed by 59 IMPs. With 32 boards to play, China was still optimistic about their chances of making the final.

China's hopes came unravelled in the fifth set, however, as they were thumped, 56-14, leading to their withdrawal down by 101 IMPs.

Four boards accounted for nearly all the American scoring, starting with the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Dai	Katz	Yang
	2♠	3♣	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Dai Jianming's aggressive 2♠ opener seemed to propel Nick Nickell and Ralph Katz to the optimum spot, although Katz had a nervous moment after ruffing the opening spade lead. Considering all the bidding, a bad break in clubs would not have been surprising, and Katz considered the situation for some time before playing a club to dummy's queen. The appearance of the ♣J from North gave Katz pause again, but he eventually played another round, breathing easier when North followed a second time. Katz had the spots in the diamond suit to assure only one loser and therefore the contract.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Rodwell	Zhuang	Meckstroth
	Pass	1♣*	Dble*
1♥	2NT*	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
1♣ Strong			
Dble Majors			
2NT Cuebid for spades			

There was nothing to the play, and Zhuang Zejun recorded plus 420 for an 11-IMP loss. It was 17-8 in the set, 185-117 overall, when more bad news came China's way.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ J 8 5 4 3 ♦ K Q 10 3 2 ♣ A K J	<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 7 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ 8 7 3 2	♠ Q J 8 6 4 2 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 9 5
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W		E										
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West	North	East	South
Nickell	Dai	Katz	Yang
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♦ Hearts.

Yang Lixin led a club, taken in hand by Katz with the queen. He played his singleton diamond to Yang's ace and



Zejun Zhuang, China Long Zhu

took the club continuation in dummy. He ruffed a diamond low, then played the ♥A and another heart. The defenders got two trump tricks and the ♦A, but Katz had plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Rodwell	Zhuang	Meckstroth
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Zhuang no doubt regretted his decision to open that 9-point hand. It was not a good dummy for the contract Wang had to play.

Rodwell led a low heart, ducked to Meckstroth's king. Meckstroth returned the ♥10, covered by the jack and queen, declarer playing low. Rodwell switched to a club, taken in dummy with the queen, and the ♦9 was run through South. Declarer cashed the ♥A, played a club to hand, then followed with the ♦K to Meckstroth's ace. Two spade tricks put the contract one down to earn 12 IMPs for USA2.

Two boards later, Nickell made a nice play on defense to help his team to more IMPs

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Dai	Katz	Yang
			1♣
1♥	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Nickell started with a low heart, taken in dummy with the queen. Yang played the ♠J at trick two, ducked by Nickell. Yang repeated the spade finesse at trick three, and Nickell won to clear the suit. When he later got in with the ♥A, Nickell put Katz in with the ♣A to cash two spade tricks for one down.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Rodwell	Zhuang	Meckstroth
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The play to trick one was the same, dummy's ♥Q winning the first trick, but when Meckstroth played the ♠10, Wang

won to cash the ♥A and clear the suit. Meckstroth had his nine tricks then, however, and another 11 IMPs went to the Americans.

The last straw in the match for China occurred on the final deal of the set and, as it turned out, the match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Dai	Katz	Yang
			Dble
1♥	Pass	1NT	
2♦	2♠	All Pass	

Katz led a low heart, won by Nickell with the jack. Nickell played a low heart to Katz's king and ruffed the club return, getting out with a spade. Dai won in dummy, played a spade to hand and followed with the ♣J, which Nickell ruffed. He cashed his top diamonds for plus 50.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Rodwell	Zhuang	Meckstroth
			Dble
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass
Redbl	3♣	Dble	

Wang's redouble no doubt expressed a maximum or near maximum opener in the context of their strong 1♣ system. The only problem was that Rodwell had an easy nine tricks after discovering the 4-0 trump split. He took the opening spade lead in dummy, cashed the ♣A, then entered his hand with a spade to play the ♣J and claim.

Plus 470 was good for another 11 IMPs in a 56-14 set for USA2 that increased their margin to 224-123, which became the final score when China conceded.



Ralph Katz, USA 2

## WBF Executive Council Decisions

### Ratification of the IMSA President

José Damiani, President of the WBF, was re-elected President of the International Mind Sports Association for four years, i.e. 2013 by the Executive Council of the IMSA and the Executive Council of the WBF ratified this election unanimously.

### Senior participation in the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl

For the D'Orsi Senior Bowl qualification, the requirement that a Senior Team from the same NBO had to participate in the preceding World Bridge Games or World Bridge Series Championships was eliminated.

#### *Appendix 7: Participation in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Seniors Bowl*

The exact number and zonal distribution of teams in each of the above named Championships will normally be determined by the Executive Council at its meetings held during the previous World Bridge Championships (i.e. at the previous Bermuda Bowl).

The following regulations will apply in the absence of any decision to the contrary:

Zones may send the following number of teams for participation in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Seniors Bowl

Zone	Teams
1	6
2	3
3	2
4	2
5	1
6	3
7	2
8	2

In addition, the host country may send a team to all three Championships ex-quota of 1 above.

Due to its registered membership in excess of 140,000, Zone 2 may send no more than 2 teams for each event from the United States (to be known as the United States Bridge Federation). No other NBO may have more than one (1) team in each event.

### Future Championships

After Philadelphia, USA in 2010  
Morocco is candidate for 2011  
Indonesia is candidate for 2013  
Argentina is candidate for 2015  
Macau or Abu Dhabi are considering 2012

### Constitution

Article 4.1 of the By-Laws is amended as follows :



### ARTICLE 4 – ZONES

#### 4.1 Zones

For purposes of administration and furtherance of the objectives of the WBF and to comply with the International Olympic Committee's principles of the five IOC rings, the world shall be divided by the Executive into five geographical Continental Conferences identical to the IOC's five rings. The Executive may establish zones within any of the five Continents which, although part of a Continent, shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths in WBF tournaments set forth in Article 9 of the By-Laws. A zone may have its own zonal conference of the NBOs situated within the said zone and may conduct its own zonal competitions for representation in WBF tournaments.

Article 4.4 of the By-Laws is amended as follows:

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#### 4.4 Zonal Representation on Executive

The Executive shall consist of not less than eight nor more than twenty-three (23) members, plus the President of the WBF. Zones 1 and 2 shall each be entitled to elect or appoint five members to the Executive, Zone 6 two members and each other zone one member. Each zone which is allocated two or more representatives shall elect or appoint at least one representative of each sex. The Executive shall have the authority, based upon such factors as it may deem relevant, to increase the entitlement of any zone so that any such zone may elect or appoint an additional member to the Executive, subject always to the maximum of twenty-three members of the Executive, plus the President of the WBF. The Executive shall also have the authority to eliminate a zone's entitlement to any voting member of the Executive under such conditions and based upon such factors as it may deem relevant, provided that in any such case a zone with no voting members on the Executive shall be entitled to an official observer on the Executive. Each ZC shall be responsible for appointment or election of its voting member or members to the Executive and for the notification, in writing, to the Secretary of the WBF of the name and address of each such member. Such notification to be given annually not later than June 30. Such member or members shall continue in office until the appointment or election thereof is cancelled, revoked or substituted by the ZC empowered to appoint or elect the same, unless at any time a zone's entitlement regarding the number of voting members is reduced, the Executive shall have the authority to require the ZC to remove any such appointment or election so that the zone has only the number of voting members on the Executive to which it is then entitled.

#### 4.4.1 Player Representation

There shall be one player representative on the Executive, who shall be a WBF Grand Master or Life Master and who, along with an alternate, shall be elected by WBF Grand Masters and Life Masters including Women. The election shall be at the World Bridge Series Championships (WBSC) with the first such election being held at the WBSC in 2010. Players must be present to vote: no proxies or mailed ballots will be allowed. The term shall be for four years and shall begin January 1 of the year following the election.

The representative or alternate must attend some of the WBF Executive sessions. The player representative or alternate shall have all the rights and privileges of the members of the Executive.

Note that 3 more women are then coming onto the Executive Council and one player (and an alternate) will also come onto the Executive Council.

Article 6.4 of the By-Laws is amended as follows:

#### 6.4 Special Voting Requirements

If action is proposed to be taken by the Executive Council in respect of a) election of a new WBF President, b) change in zonal boundaries or recognition of new zones, c) change in the WBF Constitution or By-Laws, d) approval of the members of the WBF Management Committee, or e) changes to the number of voting members on the Executive allocated to any zone, then in each such event, notwithstanding any other By-Laws provision to the contrary, the proposed action shall require the affirmative vote of 75% of the whole Executive.

Article 9.1 of the By-Laws is amended as follows:

#### 9.1 WBF Tournaments

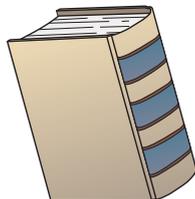
WBF Tournaments conducted under the sanction and control of the WBF are by invitation only and will include, but not be limited to:

- The World Bridge Games to be held in each leap year;
- The World Bridge Series Championships to be held in even numbered years, two years from the previous World Bridge Games;
- The World Bridge Teams Championships which include, but are not limited to, Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, the D'Orsi Senior Bowl and Transnational Teams to be held in each odd numbered year.
- The World Youth Bridge Teams Championships for the Patiño Trophy for players up to 25 years of age (Juniors) and the Damiani Cup for players up to 20 years of age (Youngsters) to be held at times established by the Executive, but preferably in the even years; \* and
- The World Youth Bridge Congress to be held at times established by the Executive, but preferably in the odd years.

\*To be eligible to play in a Youngsters Championship, the player must not have achieved his/her 20th birthday by December 31 of the year prior to the year of the Championship.

To be eligible to play in a Juniors Championship, the player must not have achieved his/her 25th birthday by December 31 of the year prior to the year of the Championship.

### 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.

### 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

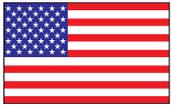
### Tournament on TV



Guests at the Hotel Transamerica can keep up with all three events in the World Championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – on Channel 96 on their television sets. The daily broadcasts will include running scores and rankings.

# BERMUDA BOWL

# Final I



**USA 2**

v

**Italy**



## Fast start

by Brent Manley

The Nick Nickell team has changed since defeating Italy to win the Bermuda Bowl in 2003, but four of the six members are still playing – Nickell, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. The new members are Zia Mahmood and Ralph Katz in place of the late Paul Soloway and Richard Freeman.

Italy, winners over Nickell in 2005, have one new face – Antonio Sementa, replacing Norberto Bocchi. The rest of the team is intact: Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes and Giorgio Duboin.

Neither team was around at the end of the Bermuda Bowl in 2007, when Norway claimed the crown, so USA2 and Italy are happy to be playing a rubber match of sorts in Sao Paulo.

Naturally, both wanted to get off to a good start. USA2 struck first.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 8 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ A J 7 5 ♣ 9 5 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 6 3 2 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ Q 8 7	♠ K Q 7 ♥ A J 7 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ A K 10 6
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In the Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	1♥
			All Pass

Katz started with a low heart, taken by Nickell with the king when Nunes ducked. The diamond shift went to the 5, queen and 6, and the ♠6 was returned, Nickell playing the ♠5 when Nunes put up the king. Nunes played the ♥J to his queen and played a club to dummy's 10 and Nickell's jack. A second diamond play was ducked to Katz's king, and a spade through gave the defenders seven tricks for plus 300.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
			All Pass

Versace started with a low heart, won in dummy with the queen. Meckstroth played a club to his 10 and Versace's jack. Now a spade went to the 8, 9 and king. Meckstroth then cashed three rounds of clubs, ending in dummy, cashing the ♦A and playing a heart to his ace. In the end, Versace was down to the ♥K 8 and the ♠A J. Meckstroth put him in with a heart, and Versace had to concede a trick to Meckstroth's ♠K at the end. That was 9 IMPs to USA2, who were up 20.33-0 at that point, including carryover.

The Americans scored again on the next deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 5 3 2 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 7 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 K Q J 8 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ K 8	♠ 10 7 4 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ Q 9
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West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

The defenders had to grab all their tricks before letting declarer in, but they managed it. Nunes led the ♦A and it

was over quickly. Five tricks in the red suits meant plus 100 for East-West. At the other table, Versace didn't have the protection of a trump suit.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Rodwell led a low heart and soon realized four tricks in that suit. Left on lead after trick four, Rodwell led a low diamond in case declarer had the queen and Meckstroth had some holding such as KJ10x. Soon there were four more tricks for the defense – for plus 200 and another 3 IMPs.

USA2 picked up 10 IMPs on the following deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass	2NT	Pass

Nowadays, when players open the bidding on all manner of bad hands and bid game on any excuse, it is surprising to see two world champions stop in a partscore with 25 high-card points between them. It turned out to be the right level, more or less, for a heart contract, but that was small consolation.

Katz led the ♠7 to the 10, 2 and queen. Nunes played a diamond to dummy and played the heart to the 9, queen and king. Katz exited with a club to the 9 and Nickell's queen, and Nickell played a second spade to declarer's ace. A low heart went to Nickell's 6, and when Katz ruffed the third round of spades with the king, he could have defeated the contract by playing a diamond for Nickell to ruff. Katz played a club, however, and Nunes escaped with plus 140.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
2♥	Pass	1♣*	1♠
3♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Versace led a low club to the king and ace, and Meckstroth played a heart to the queen and king. Lauria returned a club to the 9 and queen, and won the ♣J at trick four. Meckstroth played a spade to the queen, cashed the ace and his five diamond tricks for plus 600.

The Americans gained 5 IMPs on board 12 in unusual fashion.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

That was not a useful dummy for Nickell. Nunes led the ♦9 to Fantoni's 10. Nickell ruffed the third round of diamonds with the ♠J and exited with the ♥K. Nunes won the ♥A and returned a heart. Nickell cashed two high spades the played a low club to dummy's 9 and Fantoni's jack. A trump return left Nickell with another loser, so he was two down for minus 200.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
Pass	Pass	1♦*	Dble
Redbl	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

1♦ Precision: possibly short.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA 2

Lauria's pass of 2♦ is curious. If Versace had a natural diamond bid, he surely would have been willing to take his chances against 1♦ redoubled.

Rodwell led the ♠10 to Versace's jack. He cashed the ♠K next, but Rodwell ruffed the ♠Q and pushed a trump through dummy. Versace took two spades, one heart and one club for minus 400.

Italy struck back on board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K J 7 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 6 ♣ 10 8 7 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		♠ Q 10 6 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ A K 5	♠ 8 4 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ Q J 6 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

3♥ Spades.

Nickell started with the ♥A, which didn't hurt declarer's cause. Fantoni discarded a club from dummy on the heart continuation, played the ♠Q, spade to the ace and a third high spade. He called for the ♦J, covered by Katz with the queen. Now a heart was ruffed in dummy. Declarer then played a diamond to his king and played the ♦9 from hand. When Nickell covered, that was it. The ♦8 was declarer's 12th trick for plus 980.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
3♠	Pass	2NT	3♦*
4NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♠	Pass

3♦ Hearts

Lauria started with the ♥9, which held the trick. Rodwell ruffed the heart continuation, played two rounds of spades, ending in hand, then played the ♦J to the queen and ace. Rodwell cashed the top clubs in dummy, then played the ♠10 to hand and ran the rest of the suit, hoping for a



squeeze. It did not materialize, however, and Rodwell was one down for minus 50 and 14 IMPs to Italy.

The Americans got almost all of that swing back on the next-to-last deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ Q 10 7 5 4 ♣ Q 8 4 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		♠ Q 10 ♥ K 10 9 2 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ K J 7	♠ 9 7 6 5 3 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A 10 9 6
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West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
2♦*	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Dble*	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ 10-13, 5+ diamonds, unbalanced

Dble Don't lead a diamond

Fantoni started with the ♦2, and when Katz played low, Nunes would have done better to play the 7 – declarer's entries to dummy were severely limited. Nunes inserted the 10, however, taken by Katz with the king. When Katz cashed the ♠Q, he got the news that the spade suit would provide only four tricks. That was the bad news. The good news was that Nunes was already having trouble finding discards.

Nunes threw the ♥6 on the first spade, but then he discarded three clubs on the next three. Katz played the ♦J, covered by the queen and ace. Katz cashed the ♦9, then played the ♣K, smothering Nunes' queen. Fantoni cashed the ♠9 and could have held Katz to nine tricks by exiting with a club, but he played a heart to his partner's ace, and Katz claimed plus 630.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
Dble	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Meckstroth started with a low club to the queen and king. The pace of play slowed after Rodwell discarded on the ♠Q, but Lauria cashed his spades and played the ♦J to the queen and ace. Lauria cashed the ♦K, but that was his last trick. When he played the ♦9 to Rodwell's 10, Rodwell played a club through declarer's jack. Meckstroth had four black winners to cash and a heart to play to his partner's ace. Plus 200 was good for 13 IMPs.

USA2 won the opening set 54-19.

## Transnational Open Teams Rosters (QF)

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<b>Deutschland</b>	SMIRNOV Alexander GROMOELLER Michael PIEKAREK Josef KIRMSE Andreas
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*Schedule of World Championship Events*

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



\*18 teams in each event, pre-qualified for Ortiz-Patino Trophy and Damiani Cup.

The World Youth Individual Championship is for players eliminated from the Round Robin & Quarter Final of the World Youth Team Championships - new players will be accepted.

\*\* The Swiss Plate / IMP Pairs qualifying are free of charge for teams knocked out of the Rosenblum/McConnell, or pairs eliminated from the Open or Ladies Pairs respectively. Other teams or pairs may also participate in these events on payment of an entry fee.

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## Senior Semifinals

### England v Indonesia – Poland v USA 2

by Mark Horton

With 16 deals to go the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl was the only event in which both semi finals would go the distance. England held a handy 28.5-IMP lead over Indonesia, but USA 2 were a slender 2 IMPs ahead of Poland. It was this match that witnessed an explosive start:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ Polish, 12-14 balanced, 15+ natural or any 18+

When North passed South's reopening double it was clear he had a strong hand with hearts. East's retreat to One Spade was entirely understandable, but perhaps a re-double, asking West to pick a spot, would have been a better idea.

South led the jack of hearts and declarer ruffed and played a club to the queen and North's king. Back came trump to South's ten and declarer was forced with another heart. He now tried a club to the ace and when North was able to ruff that declarer was in big trouble. He was forced to ruff the ace of hearts, leaving him with one trump to his opponent's four, and when he played a diamond to the king North took the ace and played another heart, South ruffing with the four of spades as declarer discarded a club.

The best defence now is for South to cash the jack of clubs, North discarding a diamond and then play another club. If North discards his last diamond on that the defenders will score all their trumps separately for three down. That was hard to see and after cashing the jack of clubs South cashed the ace of spades allowing declarer to 'escape' for down two, -300.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>
	1♥	Pass	INT*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the four of diamonds for the king and ace and when declarer exited with the king of clubs West won and played back the nine of diamonds. East took two tricks in the suit and then played the last diamond, West discarding his singleton spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a spade to his ten, West ruffing and exiting with a club. When declarer decided to ruff that he was soon three down, -150 giving Poland 10 IMPs and the lead.

A recent survey by Pietro Campanile that suggested that the idea of opening 2♥/2♠ to show a modest major/minor two suiter was an IMP-losing option would have been lost on the Americans after the next deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
		Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Dble	Rdble	Pass	Pass
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ Spades and a minor, 6-11  
2NT Forcing relay

If North had no game interest he could have responded with a pass or correct Three Clubs, so West's entry into a live auction was extremely dubious.

North led a diamond and South took the ace and switched to the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace. North cashed the jack of clubs and played another club for South to ruff. Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation and exited with the king of hearts. Had North simply

ashed the queen of hearts now the contract would have been no less than seven down, a cool -1700, but he played a diamond and according to the official score declarer lost a mere 1100 (it looks like 1400 is still a certainty, but what's the odd 300 points amongst friends?).

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Russyan	Lair	Lasocki	Berkowitz
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♠

East led the six of hearts and declarer took West's king with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and king. West returned the four of hearts and when declarer put in the seven East was able to win with the eight. There was no way declarer could generate a ninth trick and he had to concede one down, -100 handing Poland 15 IMPs and a commanding lead.

This deal also saw a big swing in the other match:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdble	Pass	2♦
2♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Another dubious entry into the auction saw West find the relative security of the 5-3 spade fit (it only costs 500) but North/South pressed on to game. When West led the queen of spades declarer won, played the queen of clubs for the king and ace and then lost a trick to the king of diamonds. He won the club return with dummy's jack, cashed his diamonds and took a heart finesse, +600.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	4♥*

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 4♦ RKCB for diamonds

With a horrible hand to lead from, West tried a speculative king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and king. West's jack of hearts exit was taken by dummy's queen and declarer played a diamond to the ace, West discarding the six of clubs. Declar-

er played the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace, cashed the jack of clubs and ruffed a club.

At this point declarer needs to cross to the jack of diamonds and play the nine of hearts, pinning East's eight. When he missed this, electing to ruff a spade, he could not recover, down one, -100 and 12 IMPs to England.

As the matches continued USA 2 could make little impression on the Polish lead, but Indonesia suddenly staged a dramatic conterattack.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♥
2♠	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West cashed the ace of clubs and followed it with (to my eyes a strange play), the ace of spades. He then went back to clubs, cashing the king and playing the three. Now South, who had already made a number of excellent plays during the course of the tournament had another chance to shine.

If he ruffs with the king of hearts and then passes the jack of hearts he sees the ten fall. He discards the ace of diamonds on the queen of spades (with a polite thank you to West) and the losing clubs go on the diamonds. However, declarer, after long thought, elected to ruff with the eight of hearts and that was that, -100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
1♠	2♠*	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Here West cashed the ace of clubs and then continued with the king. When East's queen appeared he had only to play a third club to defeat the contract, but like his counterpart in the other room he cashed the ace of spades. He then gave South less chance to shine by playing a second spade. Declarer ruffed, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with the king of hearts and tabled the

jack, running it when East followed with the seven. Now the diamonds took care of the losing clubs for a splendid +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 7 4 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 9 7	♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ 6 4 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ K ♥ 10 9 4 3 2 ♦ A K J 10 6 2 ♣ K
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

A heart lead would remove a vital entry to the West hand and make it impossible for declarer to unscramble his tricks, but that was clearly impossible given East's initial response. South led a diamond and declarer took North's



Eddy Manoppo, Indonesia

queen, unblocked the black kings and with suitable Indonesian prayers played a heart to the king. When that held declarer was home, +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the queen of spades and declarer won with the king and played diamonds from the top (the jack of diamonds at trick two was an option). He gave up a trick to the queen of diamonds, ducked the spade return, won the next spade, crossed to the king of clubs and cashed his diamonds. If the ace of hearts had been wrong then now even 3NT might have been in jeopardy, but as it was declarer had ten tricks for +430, still a loss of 11 IMPs.

Indonesia's run continued on the next deal:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 2 ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ 7 3	♠ Q 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ A ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ 10 8 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 9 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ A K Q 9 5 4
			♠ A 5 ♥ K J 9 7 4 ♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ J 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
	2♠	3♣	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East started with his three top clubs and West overruffed dummy's five with the ten and switched to a heart. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to the ace of spades, ruffed a heart and exited with the queen of spades to West's king. West cashed the jack of spades and dummy discarded a heart as East parted with a club. When West exited with the seven of diamonds declarer guessed to put up the queen and now had to go three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
	2♦*	3♣	3♠*
All Pass			
2♦	Multi		
3♠	Pass or correct		

The play was virtually identical, but this time declarer got the diamonds right, playing low on West's diamond exit, so he made eight tricks, -50 and 10 Indonesian IMPs.

England's once commanding lead had shrunk to 13.5 IMPs, but they immediately steadied the ship:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
Pass	2♣*	1♦	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♦*
		All Pass	

West led the nine of hearts and declarer was allowed to win in hand with the queen. With the heart suit now wide open he could not afford to lose a trick. Rejecting any idea of playing back a heart, hoping for some pressure to be applied if the defenders cashed four tricks in the suit, declarer crossed to the king of diamonds and played the jack of spades (essentially hoping to find East with ♠Kxx). When that held he played a spade to the queen, but then exited with a heart. East took the ace and switched to the queen of diamonds but declarer could win in hand, cash the ace of spades, cross to dummy with a club, cash the last spade and score the ninth trick with the king of clubs, +600.



John Holland, England

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
		INT	All Pass

East/West stole the pot here. With best defence four down is possible, but after leading a club, ducked to East's queen, South discarded both his hearts on the run of the clubs (North having taken trick two with the king of diamonds). Now he had no exit card after winning the third round of spades, so declarer was only -300, a gain of 7 IMPs.

There were still six deals left, but England put the issue beyond doubt on this board:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Holland	Sacul	Hallberg
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led his spade and West won and incredibly cashed the ace of diamonds before playing back a spade. East could ruff but that was the last trick for the defence, +620.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Dble	3♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♥	Flannery		
3♥	4522 minimum		

Even without the helpful bidding there is no way David Price was going to get this one wrong. He won the spade lead and returned the nine for partner to ruff. The ace of diamonds and another spade ruff meant one down and 12 IMPs that secured a place for England in the final.

They would face Poland in the first ever all European final.

# BERMUDA BOWL Final 2



**USA 2**

v

**Italy**



by Phillip Alder

The American team took a 35.33 IMP lead into the second session. The lineups were the same as the opening stanza, except that Giorgio Duboin and Antonio Sementa replaced Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace in the Open Room.

The first board looked like an overtrick battle, but it almost did not work out like that.

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
	Pass	2NT (a)	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(a) 19-20 points

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
	Pass	1♦ (a)	Pass
1♠ (b)	Pass	1NT (c)	Pass
2♣ (d)	Pass	2♥ (e)	Pass
2NT (d)	Pass	3NT (f)	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	All Pass

- (a) 14-plus points, 4-plus diamonds
- (b) In theory 0-9 points with 4-plus spades
- (c) 18-plus balanced
- (d) Asking
- (e) 4 hearts
- (f) 2=4=5=2

When Claudio Nunes underbid his hand slightly on the first round, he felt that he had to make a try later in the auction, which got his side to four notrump.

At both tables, South led a club to the king and ace. Then the declarers cashed their top spades. (If they had wanted

only four spade tricks, they would have overtaken the second honor with the ace, winning against all 3-3 breaks and against ten- or jack-doubleton. But they had other options and did not want to risk establishing two losers there.)

Jeff Meckstroth continued with the ace and a diamond, which worked well. South played another club, but was under pressure on the run of the diamonds. He threw a heart, so his queen dropped and Meckstroth took 12 tricks.

Fulvio Fantoni, playing the whole deal thinking he was in 3NT, led a low diamond at trick four, Nick Nickell playing low smoothly. Declarer misguessed, calling for dummy's ten. Ralph Katz won with his jack and returned a club. Now there was a distinct possibility that declarer would play a heart to dummy's ace, cash the spade ace (getting the bad news), and run the diamond queen to go down. But somehow Fantoni guessed the lie of the land, cashing his diamond ace to drop South's king. East crossed to dummy's diamond queen, cashed the spade ace and heart ace, played a heart to his king, and lost the last trick to South's heart queen.

That was 1 IMP to USA 2, but it was nearly many more.

Board 18. Dealer East. North-South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
		1♦ (a)	Dble
Redble (b)	1♥ (c)	Dble (d)	Pass
2♥	Dble (e)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (a) Precision: 11-15 with 2-plus diamonds
- (b) Hearts
- (c) Good hand
- (d) Three hearts
- (e) Takeout



<b>West</b> Nunes	<b>North</b> Katz	<b>East</b> Fantoni	<b>South</b> Nickell
2♦	Pass	INT (a)	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass	Pass	2♠

(a) 12-14 balanced or quasibalanced (could even be 4-4-4-1)

There was no defense to four spades. Duboin won the heart lead, ruffed a heart, played a spade to his ace, trumped his other heart, led a spade to his king, and played a club. Eric Rodwell rose with his ace and shifted to the diamond queen, but South won in the dummy and led a diamond toward his jack. Duboin lost one spade, one diamond and one club.

The weak notrump made life very hard for North-South in the Closed Room. Maybe North should have acted on the first round and maybe South should have jumped to three spades, but their actual actions were rea-sonable.

Against three hearts, Nickell led the spade ace and accurately shifted to a club, giving the defense five tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. But that was still 11 IMPs to Italy.

On the next two deals Italy gained an overtick IMP to close the margin to 24. Then:

Board 21. Dealer North. North-South vul.

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

<b>West</b> Rodwell	<b>North</b> Sementa	<b>East</b> Meckstroth	<b>South</b> Duboin
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥

<b>West</b> Nunes	<b>North</b> Katz	<b>East</b> Fantoni	<b>South</b> Nickell
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
	Pass	Pass	

As you can see, the auctions were identical up to North's decision over South's extra-value double of three clubs.

Katz passed, whereas Sementa pulled to three diamonds (a Last Train showing a good single raise?).

Three hearts played beautifully. West led his singleton spade, of course. Declarer won with dummy's jack, drew trumps ending in the dummy, and called for the spade ten, covered by the king and ace. Back to dummy with a trump, South played a spade to his eight, discarded a diamond on the spade queen, and claimed 11 tricks.

Duboin and Sementa were perhaps worried that they had lost 10 IMPs, but ... against three clubs doubled, the defense began with two rounds of hearts and a third heart, declarer discarding his spade loser. Now declarer could have made four, but he cautiously drew trumps to lose two tricks in each red suit. However, plus 200 and plus 470 were worth 12 IMPs to Italy.

Two flat boards followed, and then the United States missed an opportunity.

Board 24. Dealer West. None vul.

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

<b>West</b> Rodwell	<b>North</b> Sementa	<b>East</b> Meckstroth	<b>South</b> Duboin
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dble
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Meckwell had a coup when Duboin didn't risk a negative double on the first round. Against three diamonds, the defense took two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club for down one.

When Nickell signed off in five clubs, surely Katz should have passed. But Nickell had a chance to make six clubs. West led a diamond, East winning with his ace and playing a second round. Now declarer led his spade and if he had finessed in that suit, then finessed in trumps, he would have got home. But Nickell called for dummy's spade ace and then, although he got the trumps right, he had to go down.

Plus 50 and plus 50 gave Italy 3 IMPs. Note that if Katz had passed out five clubs, USA 2 would have gained 8 IMPs. And if Nickell had made the slam, USA 2 would have scored 13 IMPs.

Then North-South had another tough bidding problem.

Board 25. Dealer North. East-West vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
	1♦	2♣	Dble
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
	1♦	2♣	Dble
5♣	5♦	All Pass	

Rodwell allowed the vulnerability to affect his decision to jump only to four clubs. Then Sementa doubled for takeout, planning to correct four spades to five diamonds.

Four hearts made six, of course.

Nunes' full-blooded jump to five clubs handcuffed his opponents and the slam was again missed.

Plus 480 and minus 420 gave Italy another 3 IMPs, closing the deficit to 6.33.

After a flat board came...

Board 27. Dealer South. None vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥ (b)
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

(a) Non-forcing

(b) 5 diamonds and top-honor-doubleton in hearts

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

(a) Forcing

Duboin and Nickell evaluated their hands differently, partly because Duboin knew of at least a nine-card diamond fit, whereas Nickell had the slight worry that his partner had 3=5=3=2 distribution. (Nickell could have rebid two spades to show a good diamond raise, but took the lower road.)

Of course, having said that, the United States were unlucky here. Five diamonds is no great shakes, having two top losers and needing a favorable lie. And what a favorable lie the Italians got. All roads led to an 11-trick Roman gain of 6 IMPs, bringing Italy within 0.33 IMPs.

There were more bidding decisions on the next deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. North-South vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
2♥ (a)	All Pass		

(a) 10-13 points and 5-plus hearts, or, as here, a very good 9 points

Meckstroth raised defensively, thinking the opponents might have a vulnerable game available. Here, though, four spades cannot be handled.

The defense kept tapping Rodwell in spades, taking him down two.

Against two hearts, Katz led the diamond queen. Now declarer could take nine tricks, losing one spade, one heart and two clubs.

Plus 100 and plus 140 gave Italy 6 IMPs and the lead for the first time in the match.

Both North-South pairs got too high on Board 29, reaching five diamonds with these hands:

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



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

On a good day this would have made, and the club finesse was winning, but the spades were unfavorable and the trumps 4-0. Italy gained 3 IMPs for one fewer undertrick.

After a flat game, Italy won another 5 IMPs, beating Nickell three tricks vulnerable in one notrump while Meckstroth made two hearts in the Open Room.

Then Board 32 arrived, another bidding-competition deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. East-West vul.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♠ 10</li> <li>♥ A 8 3</li> <li>♦ K 10 9 8 6 5 4</li> <li>♣ 10 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♠ A J</li> <li>♥ Q J 5 4</li> <li>♦ 2</li> <li>♣ K Q J 8 7 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♠ K 9 6 5 4 3</li> <li>♥ K 7 6</li> <li>♦ A J</li> <li>♣ A 6</li> </ul>
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
3♦	Dble	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♣	4♠	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♦	2♥	Dble	3♣
4♦	All Pass		

Meckstroth chose unluckily over four clubs. Double would have netted 300, and four notrump, assuming he played North for a singleton diamond, would have been worth 630. In four spades, though, he lost four spades and one club for down two. (He traded his heart Isoer for an extra trump loser.)

Nunes made an overtrick in four diamonds, getting the trumps right and discarding his heart loser on the spade king.

Plus 200 and plus 150 gave Italy another 8 IMPs.

The session had been one-way traffic, Italy outscoring USA 2 by 57 IMPs to 1. Italy now led by 20.67.

## 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.

## I misplayed it slightly, he said (Norway v New Zealand)

by GeO Tislevoll

Meeting the English-Swede Gunnar Hallberg always gives rise to some interesting bridge talk. Although he is a fantastic card player, he, unlike many other good players, very seldom boasts about hands played by himself. This is a hand from the 6th segment of the semifinal, board 26.

Board No.26. Dealer East/All

<p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ K 10 9 6 3 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ J 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	<p>♠ J 10 6 5 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ K ♣ A 10 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ K 8 2 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ Q J 9 2 ♣ D 7 2</p>
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W	E								
	S								
	<p>♠ A Q 4 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A 10 7 6 4 ♣ K 9 6</p>								

Gunnar found himself in 3NT and got the Heart 9 lead from West. East played low and South won with the Queen. Now Gunnar played a diamond to the K and the spade Jack. As all can see there is no problem winning this contract. With spades yielding four tricks, a total of nine tricks is easy. After winning the spade Jack and a spade to the Queen, Gunnar exited with a heart. East took it and saw his problems coming up if the defence ran all the hearts. Holding Q-J of diamonds he could see it couldn't hurt to play the diamond Queen, and so he did. If he had no Jack, diamonds would not have been obvious to play back, and declarer would have had more options. Now Gunnar just had to cash out, and soon after had +600.

But what if spades had been 4-2? If so, as Gunnar pointed out, to play a heart back at once in trick two is better. If the heart tricks are cashed, East would have got into massive problems if he held four spades. So the defence had better switch to a diamond to the king, then the spade Jack from dummy. If the suit splits 3-3 it will still be 3-3 later, no problem. But if it is 4-2 with East holding the the four-carder, the defence must find the diamond switch to try and tamper with declarer's communications. Otherwise there will be different squeeze chances. If East has the king doubleton of spades, and alone stopping both minors, he will cover the spade Jack. Declarer takes it with the ace, and plays the spade 4 (!) to dummy's ten. Then he exits with a heart again, playing the oppononets suit for the second time. West is caught in a dilemma, where to take his hearts tricks now will squeeze partner, or never get those tricks. The master stroke of twice playing the suit where declarer has no stopper opens up several winning options on different lay-outs. Make a puzzle out of it for yourself with different combinations where spades are not 3-3.

## Expert Play

by Brian Senior

England's David Price made a 100% correct expert play on this deal from the fifth set of the Seniors semi-final between England and Indonesia. The play cost him one trick and could have cost two, but it assured the success of the contract.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ K Q J 4 2 ♣ Q 9 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	<p>♠ J 10 8 7 5 ♥ 10 9 7 4 2 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ A 2 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ 10 8 6 3 ♣ K J 7 4</p>
N									
W	E								
	S								
	<p>♠ K Q 9 6 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ A 10 8 6</p>								

Price was in 4♠ from the North hand on the lead of the five of hearts. He guessed well to put in dummy's queen and played a trump to East's ace. East continued with what looks to be the worst card he could possibly have selected, the king of hearts. All Price had to do was to win the ace and claim the rest of the tricks, but he called for dummy's three! East failed to give his partner a ruff now so Price made an overtrick and, with the Indonesians stopping short of game in the other room, that was worth 10 IMPs to England.

But why did Price duck the king of hearts? The answer is that he could afford to see the ace of hearts ruffed out on the third round of the suit but not the second. Consider the two lines of play if hearts are 4-1.

If declarer covers the ♥K with the ace and it is ruffed, a diamond switch establishes a winner for the defence, and that winner can be cashed when declarer concedes a heart to the jack – down one.

But when declarer ducks the heart king the defence is powerless. If the heart ruff is not given there is no possibility for a fourth trick. If the defence does take its ruff and switches to a diamond, declarer has time to ruff out the jack of hearts and that creates a discard for dummy's diamond loser. Again, ten tricks are secure.



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## La Final de la Bermuda Bowl

### Crónica de un Encuentro Anunciado...

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

Después de 11 días y 528 batallas... los amantes del bridge tendremos la oportunidad de ser testigos de un clásico entre los clásicos: Italia vs USA...

Italia representado por su Glorioso Nuevo Blue Team que entre otros galardones en el 2008 ganó el 1° World Mind Sports Game: Lauria-Versace, Fantoni-Nunes, Duboin-Sementa, capitaneados por MT Lavazza.

USA conformado por sus jugadores más emblemáticos: Mahmood-Hamman, Meckstroth-Rodwell, Katz-Nickell, a los que seguramente Freeman acompaña desde más allá y Eric Kokish dirige desde más acá.

El primer encuentro favoreció a USA que se sentó con 8 IMPs de carry-over y se levantó 35 IMPs arriba. Veamos algunas de las manos...

La segunda mano generó la primera diferencia a favor de USA, los americanos contrataron 3NT por Sur, que la salida del ♥K derrotó en el acto, los Italianos en cambio llegaron a 4♣...que se cumplen...lo que no ocurrió en el fragor de la batalla.

Mano 2: Dador Este, N/S Vulnerable

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



Eric Rodwell

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
1♥	Paso	Paso	1♦
Paso	3♠	3♥	Doblo
Fin		Paso	4♣

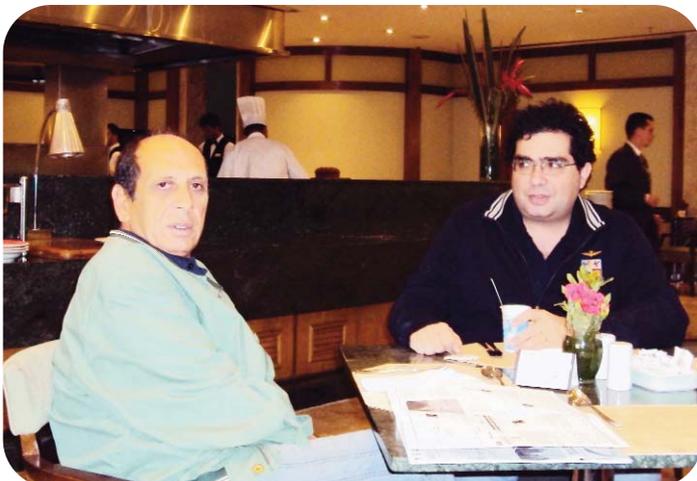
Salida: ♥Q

Versace aflojó la salida y Rodwell siguió con el ♥J... al ♥A del declarante, si en este momento el declarante juega ♦A y ♦... Oeste queda puesto en mano y el contrato es invencible...pero el declarante jugó, ♣A y ♣ a la ♣Q... le tomaron con el ♣K y le cruzaron ♠ para 2 abajo.

En la mano siguiente los americanos jugaron INT hechos dos, los italianos jugaron 3NT, al tratar de cumplirlos se pagaron 3 multas y 9 IMPs para USA. Cuando llegaron a la mano 14 los americanos llevaban 27 IMPs de ventaja...

Mano 14: Dador Este, N/S Vulnerable

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Lorenzo Lauria y Alfredo Versace desayunando, antes de la batalla

**Sala Abierta**

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
		2NT	3♦*
3♠	Paso	4♠	Paso
4NT	Paso	5♠	Paso
6♠	Fin		

\* corazón

Salida: ♥9

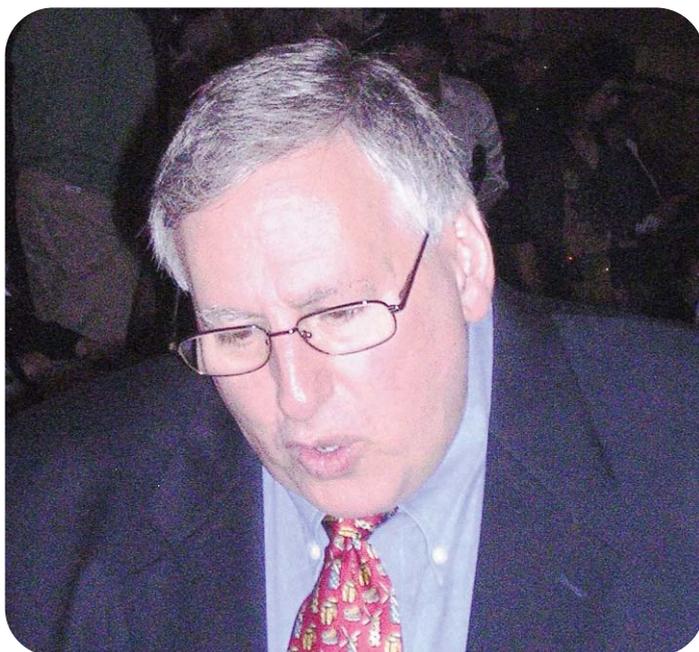
El ♥9 fue baza y Lauria siguió con corazón, Este jugó su ♥K, Versace ganó con su ♥A y el declarante falló en la mesa, dio dos vueltas de triunfo quedando en el muerto y jugó el ♦J, Lorenzo cubrió con su ♦Q y Meckstroth hizo baza con su ♦A... para seguir con su ♣A y ♣K... pero ya no había solución y se fue dos abajo... Si en vez de trébol hubiera seguido con ♦K y ♦, gracias a la posición del trébol, otra hubiera sido la historia...

**Sala Cerrada**

Oeste	Norte Este	Sur	
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
		1♣	2♥
3♥	Paso	3♠	Paso
4♥	Paso	4NT	Paso
5♠	Paso	6♠	Fin

Salida: ♥A

En la sala cerrada el declarante fue Este, y Nickell eligió salir de su ♥A que fue baza y continuó con la ♥Q, Fantoni descartó un trébol del muerto e hizo la baza con el ♥K para seguir con ♠Q y ♠ al ♠A y ♠K donde ambos defensores se fueron de un corazón. Ahora jugó el ♦J, que Katz



Eric Kokish Coach del equipo USA 2

cubrió con su ♦Q, el declarante ganó con el ♦A de su mano fallo su corazón perdedor en el muerto, jugó diamante a su ♦K y ♦9... cuando Nickell cubrió falló y se tendió... recuperando 14 IMPs para Italia.

La mano siguiente los americanos volvieron a cobrar 13 cuando cumplieron 3NT vulnerables donde los italianos pagaron 2 multas... la ultima mano fue un parcial cumplido en ambas mesas... y a almorzar... y prepararse para el siguiente golpe en 55 minutos...

En el segundo encuentro... el equipo de USA repitió la formación, los Italianos cambiaron, formaron con Duboin-Sementa, y Fantoni-Nunes... en la mano 27 empataban 55 a 55... y cuando en la 28 Meckstroth-Rodwell se estiraron a game y Fantoni-Nunes se quedaron en parcial... Italia tomó la punta... para irse distanciando cada vez más... 3 IMPs más en la 29... 5 IMPs más en la 31... 8 IMPs más en la 32... y finalizar 22 IMPs arriba. Mirando la planilla del segundo golpe, los americanos solo pudieron anotar 1 IMP en la primer mano, dicen que no hay que despertar al león... tarde... sin duda en el próximo golpe entran Zia-Hamman... y ya se están escuchando los rugidos... en inglés y en italiano...

**Bridge y Humor****Olvidar...**

Le preguntaron a un experto como superaba una mala mano en la mesa... a lo que dijo: Mi memoria es magnifica para olvidar.

**Coup**

Escuchaste hablar del Elvis Presley Coup...? Es cuando el jugador de la izquierda sale de A Q hacia tu K x: El Rey no esta muerto!!!!

**Criticar?**

Un miembro de una pareja de bridge esta criticando sin parar a su compañero. La tercera persona en la mesa saca del bolsillo un paquete de pastillas de menta extra fuerte...y le ofrece una...diciendo "Tome una pastilla"...se da vuelta hacia los otros dos que están en la mesa y les dice: "A ver si le mantenemos la boca ocupada."

**Desmayo**

Un participante de un Torneo de Bridge de repente se desmaya. Rápido... llaman a un doctor. Este le toma el pulso y nota que esta perfecto. Obviamente no es un ataque al corazón. Por la palidez del rostro de la víctima y por el sudor en sus manos el doctor se da cuenta que esta en shock. Como jugador de bridge, el doctor levanta las cartas del jugador que aun están sobre la mesa...y las estudia. Se vuelve a los de la mesa y les dice: "Por favor ahora necesito ver la subasta"