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GOLD FOR CHINA AND ENGLAND



Venice Cup winners Yan Ru, Dong Yongling, Sun Ming, Liu Yi Qian, Wang Wenfei and Wang Hongli.

Two teams taking different routes to their respective championships became gold medal winners on Friday as China Long Zhu captured the Venice Cup and England won the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

The first Venice Cup victory for China – they have two seconds and two thirds – came in a dominating 220-148 victory against a strong American team – USA2. China won five of the six sets, losing only the last 19-18 when the issue was just about settled.

With the victory, four members of the Chinese team became World Grand Masters, the highest rank in the World Bridge Federation. They are Liu Yi Qian, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli and Wang Wenfei. Another Chinese player, Zhong Fu, also achieved World Grand Master rank in Sao Paulo.

In contrast to China's win, England had to come back from a serious deficit against their Seniors Bowl opponents from Poland. After falling behind 59-1 in the first set (62.67 including carryover), England knuckled down and played tough the rest of the way, particularly on Friday, when they surrendered only 47 IMPs over 48 boards to emerge with a 187-163.67 decision.

England's win was the first in the event for a non-USA squad. The Seniors Bowl was inaugurated in 2001.



Winners of the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl: David Price, Paul Hackett, Colin Simpson, npc Peter Baxter, Gunnar Hallberg, John Holland and Ross Harper.

While the Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl crowned their champions, USA2 and Italy continued their battle in the Bermuda Bowl. With 32 deals to play today, the Americans are ahead by 68.33 IMPs.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, Apreo Logistic Poland holds a 34-32.5 lead over the Pierre Zimmerman team with 32 deals to play.

The winners of the City of Sao Paulo Cup are Oyzum: Ernesto Muzzio, Alejandro Bianchedi, Marta Putz and Dragan Markovic.

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VUGRAPH MATCHES



Final Session 7 (11.00-13.20)

VG: Table 1 Italy - USA 2 (BB)
BBO 4: Table 61 Zimmermann - Apreo Logistic Poland (WTOT)

Final Session 8 (14.30-16.50)

To Be Decided

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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	14	24	36	-	-	167
	USA 2	8.33	46	1	47	57	48	28	-	-	235.33

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	45	36	18	220
	USA 1	0	27	32	19	18	33	19	148

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	25	41	26	187
	Poland	3.67	59	23	31	5	8	34	163.67

World Transnational Open Teams

Quarterfinals

Tbl		Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Total
61	Zimmermann	62	38	100
	Orhan	34	10	44
62	Welland	18	40	58
	Russia	69	27	96
63	Deutschland	49	69	118
	Brazil	25	25	50
64	Sweden Seniors	11	23	34
	Apreo Logistic Poland	69	53	122

Semifinals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Total
61	Zimmermann	8	43	34	85
	Russia	0	13	13	26
62	Deutschland	0	28	41	69
	Apreo Logistic Poland	8	47	33	88

Finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
61	Zimmermann	5.50	27	-	-	32.50
	Apreo Log. Poland	0	34	-	-	34

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

11.00-13.20

BB - Final Session 7

WTOT - Final Session 2

14.30-16.50

BB - Final Session 8

WTOT - Final Session 3

19.30

Prize Giving Ceremony

(Teatro Alfa)

21.00

Victory Banquet

(Open Playing Room - Hotel Transamérica)



São Paulo City Cup Board-A-Match Teams

Final Ranking After 3 Sessions

1	Oyzum	77.0
2	Mark Gordon	77.0
3	USA I	77.0
4	Texan Aces	76.0
5	Rossard	73.0
	Dhondy	73.0
7	Platero	71.7
8	Julia	70.0
9	Jones	65.0
	Belgium	65.0
11	Ecuador	64.7
12	Machado de Gaivalho	64.0
13	Pampas Aces	63.0
14	Juan Valdez	57.8
15	Peganninguens	56.0
16	Nader	55.0
17	Sao Paulo	54.0
18	Sampaio	52.8
19	Gema	52.0
20	Vai Vai	50.0
21	Brasilia	49.0
22	Copanema	38.0



São Paulo City Cup Top 3 Teams Rosters

Oyzum	Ernesto MUZZIO Alejandro BIANCHEDI Marta PUTZ Dragan MARKOVIC
Mark Gordon	Joe GRUE Curtis CHEEK Pratap RAJDHYAKSHA Mark GORDON
USA I	Fred STEWART Kit WOLSEY Adam WILDAWSKY Douglas DOUB

HOTEL TRANSAMÉRICA

Em nome da WBF Secretaria (Anna, Carol e Christine), gostaríamos muito de agradecer todo o staff do Hotel (recepção, restaurantes e todos os funcionários que trabalharam para o evento) por toda a cordialidade e gentileza.



Tudo estava muito bom e, com certeza, fez a nossa estadia no Hotel Transamérica ficar muito mais prazerosa.

Bridge on mobile phone



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

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.

VENICE CUP **Semifinal 5**



China Long Zhu v

France



The One-Two Punch

by Phillip Alder

China started the fifth of six sessions down by 23.33 IMPs. But that changed in a hurry.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ K 9 7 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 10</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ — ♥ 6 5 ♦ A K 10 8 5 ♣ A K 7 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 9 4 3 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 9</p>
N						
W E						
S						
<p>♠ A Q 4 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 7 ♦ 4 ♣ 8 6 3</p>						
<p>West <i>Willard</i></p>	<p>North <i>Sun</i></p>	<p>East <i>Cronier</i></p>	<p>South <i>Wang Hongli</i></p>			
<p>5♥ 6♥</p>	<p>2♠ (a) Pass All Pass</p>	<p>3♠ 5♠</p>	<p>4♠ Pass</p>			

(a) 5-plus spades and 4-plus in either minor

<p>West <i>Liu</i></p>	<p>North <i>D'Ovidio</i></p>	<p>East <i>W. Wenfei</i></p>	<p>South <i>Allouche-Gaviard</i></p>
<p>2♦ (b) 3♥ 4♥ 6♣</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>2♣ (a) 3♦ (c) 4♦ (d) 5♣</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass Pass</p>

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

- (b) Relay
- (c) Maximum with 6 clubs and 4 diamonds
- (d) A fifth diamond

In the Closed Room, six clubs was not hard to make. Wang Wenfei ruffed the spade-ace lead, took three rounds of trumps, crossed to the heart ace, and ran the diamond jack. Although the finesse won, she still had to lose a diamond trick.

In the Closed Room, maybe East should have overcalled four notrump to stress that her hand was all minors.

Six hearts can be made, but it takes great guesswork. Sylvia Willard (West) won the first trick with her club

queen and ruffed a spade in the dummy. Then she tried to take both of dummy's top diamonds, but South ruffed the second and returned a club. West won in the dummy, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, and threw a spade on the club king. But North ruffed, and South still had a trump trick to come: down two.

After the first two tricks, declarer had to call for dummy's remaining trump.

If South plays low, West must finesse her nine, draw two more rounds of trumps, and play on clubs. Or, if South splits her honors, declarer takes two rounds and turns to clubs. Suppose that South never ruffs, which is best defense. This position would be reached:

<p>♠ — ♥ 10 9 4 3 ♦ J 9 ♣ —</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ A K 10 8 5 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ — ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ —</p>
N						
W E						
S						
<p>♠ A Q 4 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ — ♣ —</p>						

Declarer must lead dummy's last club and ruff it. Then she plays the heart ten, forcing out South's queen. West ruffs the spade ace, cashes the heart nine, and takes the last two tricks in diamonds.

Plus 920 and plus 100 gave China 14 IMPs.



Sylvie Willard, France

And more was to come:

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South vul.

♠ 10 6 5 4 2 ♥ J 10 4 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ 10 7	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ 7 ♠ A K 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ A K 9 6 5 3 2	♠ A K ♥ 9 6 5 2 ♦ 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ Q 8	♠ Q J 7 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ K Q J 8 6 ♣ J 4
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West	North	East	South
Willard	Sun	Cronier	W. Hongli
Pass	2NT (b)	Pass	INT (a)
Pass	4♦ (c)	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♣

- (a) 14-16
- (b) Transfer to clubs (two spades would have shown both minors)
- (c) Splinter bid

West	North	East	South
Liu	D'Ovidio	W. Wenfei	Allouche-Gaviard
Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass	INT (a)
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
All Pass		Pass	5♣

- (a) 15-17
- (b) Transfer to clubs

When Sun Ming (North) splintered with four diamonds, South no doubt wanted to sign off in four notrump.

We can see how to beat five clubs by two tricks. West leads a spade. East cashes her honors, puts her partner on play with a diamond, and receives a spade ruff. But West understandably led the heart jack. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, discarded dummy's diamond on the third heart, and led the diamond king. If West had played low, no doubt declarer would have ruffed in the dummy and played a spade. And when West did cover, East still got her two spade tricks.

At the other table, Liu Yi Qian (West), because her opponents had not control-bid spades, led that suit. She played her lowest remaining on the second round as a suit-preference signal for diamonds, and the contract went down two.

Plus 600 and plus 200 gave China 13 IMPs and the lead by 3.67 IMPs.

France then scored 9 IMPs to 1 over the next four deals to lead by 4.33. But...

Board 7. Dealer South. Both vul.

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 9 8 6 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ 10 9 7 4	♠ A K Q J 8 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A 8 5 2 ♣ K Q	♠ 9 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ Q J 7 3 ♣ A J 6 2	♠ 6 5 3 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 8 5 3
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West	North	East	South
Willard	Sun	Cronier	W. Hongli
Pass	1♣ (a)	Pass	INT (b)
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ (c)	Pass	4♥ (c)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (a) 16-plus points
- (b) 8-13 or 16-plus balanced
- (c) Control-bids



Wenfei Wang, China Long Zhu

West	North	East	South
Liu	D'Ovidio	W. Wenfei	Allouche-Gaviard
Pass	2♣ (a)	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣ (b)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥ (b)	Pass	4♦ (b)
Pass	4NT (c)	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♦ (d)

(a) Either a strong hand with a long major or a balanced 22-23

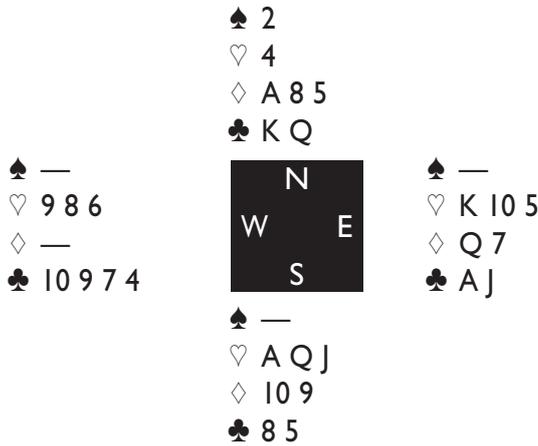
(b) Control-bids

(c) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(d) One key card

Four spades was easy to bring home with an overtrick. The stakes were much higher in the other room.

Wang Wenfei (East) led a deceptive diamond jack, in principle denying the queen. Declarer won with dummy's king and started playing trumps to give this position:



What should Catherine d'Ovidio have done?

The winning line is to cash the last trump, which squeezes East in three suits. She has to discard the club jack, but then declarer finesses in hearts and plays a club to East's ace.

In the above position, though, North led the club king. East defended perfectly, winning the trick and shifting to a



China overcome the French pairs' attempt to exhaust them of pass-cards!

heart. Still fooled about the diamonds, declarer put up dummy's ace and called for a diamond, losing a club and a diamond. But even finessing the heart jack would not have helped. North would still have lost the same tricks.

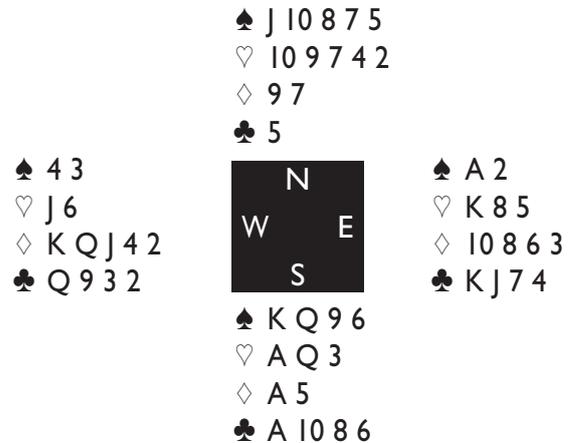
Plus 650 and plus 100 gave China 13 IMPs.

France regained 8 IMPs when Benedicte Cronier made a vulnerable four hearts while d'Ovidio was losing only 300 in two clubs doubled.

But then Wang Hongli made a vulnerable four spades with an overtrick. (It could have been defeated with a different lead.) When the game was missed at the other table, China gained 10 IMPs. And d'Ovidio went 500 in two clubs doubled to lose 9 IMPs.

The last sizable swing of the set came on this deal:

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South vul.



West	North	East	South
Willard	Sun	Cronier	W. Hongli
2♦ (b)	Pass	2NT	1♣ (a)
3♣	3♦	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

(a) 16-plus points

(b) Weak jump overcall

West	North	East	South
Liu	D'Ovidio	W. Wenfei	Allouche-Gaviard
1♦	Pass	2NT	1♣
			All Pass

In the Open Room, after Sun's well-timed three-diamond cue-bid to show her major two-suiter, Wang was just about to bid four spades, which would have made easily, losing one spade, one heart and one diamond. But five diamonds doubled was more profitable.

North led her singleton club. South won with her ace and strangely returned the club ten, not the club six. So, North ruffed and shifted to a spade, which cost the second club ruff. But Willard still had to lose one spade, two hearts, one diamond, one club and one ruff for down four.

Wang Wenfei dropped one trick in two notrump, going down three, but plus 800 and minus 150 gave China another 12 IMPs.

China had won the session by 76 IMPs to 23 to take a 29.67-point lead into the last 16 boards.

Quinn's Triple Play

by Mark Horton

In baseball, an unassisted triple play occurs when a defensive player makes all three putouts by himself in one continuous play, without any teammates touching the ball. In Major League Baseball, it is the rarest of individual feats and in the long history of the *World Series* (which started in 1903) there has been only one such occurrence, when Bill Wambsganns became a baseball legend during the 1920 World Series, when as a second baseman for the Cleveland Indians he completed an unassisted triple play against the Brooklyn Dodgers. During the fifth inning of Game 5 with base runners on first and second, a sharp line drive was hit to Wambsganns who caught it, stepped on second base and then tagged the runner coming from first.

In bridge terms a simple squeeze is common and a double squeeze is reasonably frequent. But a triple squeeze is simply not an everyday occurrence, especially in the rarified atmosphere of a World Championship.

However, when the opportunity arose in the Venice Cup bronze medal decider between France and USA 2, Shawn Quinn was able to demonstrate her considerable talents on this deal:

Dealer South. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard Wittes</i>		<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass		Pass	6♦
2♦	Inverted		

West led the two of clubs for the jack and queen and East switched to the three of hearts. Declarer put up the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, East discarding the five of

hearts, played a diamond to the jack (this time East pitched a club), ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed another club to reach this position:

♠ 10 8 4 2 ♥ 8 ♦ Q ♣ —	N W E S	♠ A J 3 ♥ — ♦ K 10 ♣ K	♠ Q 9 7 ♥ Q 9 ♦ — ♣ A
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When declarer played a diamond to the king East, in deep trouble, discarded the seven of spades. On the last trump she parted with the nine of hearts while declarer threw the five of spades. She crossed to the king of spades and cashed the king of hearts, throwing the king of clubs from dummy. When the queen appeared she could claim the last two tricks for +1370, worth 12 IMPs against the +690 recorded at the other table.



Shawn Quinn, USA 2

BERMUDA BOWL Final 3



Italy

v

USA 2



Keep away from children

by Phillip Alder

The last Vugraph show on Thursday featured some surprisingly poor play, so do not let young children and the impressionable read this article.

First, though, a defensive problem:

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South vul.

N	♠ 3
W	♥ A 9 7 6 4
E	♦ J 4 3
S	♣ A 8 6 4

(Dummy)

(You)

♠	A K 9 7 6 5 4
♥	Q 5
♦	10 8 6 2
♣	—

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	3♣ (a)	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	5♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) At least a game-invitational heart raise

Your partner (North) leads the club queen. After declarer plays low from the dummy, you ruff and ... do what?

The session began with Italy leading by 21.33 IMPs.

Giorgio Duboin tried to go down in three diamonds on the first board. When he realized the error he had made, he looked very cross with himself. But when he made it anyway, he breathed a big sigh of relief – and took off his sweater!

After seven deals, the score was 2-1 to the United States. Then there was some action:



Giorgio and Zia, thinking their next move

Board 7. Dealer South. Both vul.

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

Both tables were in six diamonds, Duboin after an uncontested auction and Jeff Meckstroth after East had overcalled in hearts and doubled a five-club Roman Key Card Blackwood response.

The bidding made it clear for Meckstroth to start by cashing his diamond ace, so he made the slam. But Duboin won the first trick with his spade king and led a diamond to dummy's king. He could not recover.

Plus 1370 and plus 100 gave 16 IMPs to USA 2. Then...

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Sementa	Hamman	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠ (a)	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT (b)	Dble	4♦
Dble	All Pass		

- (a) Maximum pass with heart support
- (b) "Please pick a minor."

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT (a)	Pass	3♥	All Pass

(a) Heart raise

If Zia had been psychic, he would have led the diamond nine against four diamonds doubled. Three rounds of trumps followed even by a low-heart shift would have taken the contract down four. But Zia not surprisingly led the heart three.

Duboin won with dummy's jack, cashed his ace and king to pitch dummy's spade, then crossruffed to get out for down one.

At the other table, Meckwell demonstrated that even three hearts was too high.

Meckstroth led his singleton club. Eric Rodwell won with his ace and shifted to his singleton spade. Then Meckstroth grabbed the first trump trick, gave his partner a spade ruff, and received a club ruff in return. The heart ace was the fifth defensive trick.

Plus 100 and plus 50 gave 4 IMPs to USA 2.
This was the very next deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Semeta	Hamman	Duboin
	1♦	1♠	INT
2♣	Dble (a)	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

(a) Extra values

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
	1♦ (a)	1♠	INT

All Pass

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

It is not readily apparent why Antonio Semeta removed his partner's penalty double of two spades. And that contract would not have been cheap. South would probably have led the diamond ten. North would have won with his ace and shifted to his trump. South would have taken two

rounds and exited with a heart. Declarer would have cashed the diamond queen to pitch his club, ruffed a diamond, and drawn trumps, but he would have then lost three heart tricks for down two, minus 500. (An initial heart lead results in down four!)

Against two notrump, Zia led the spade six. (This is often the winning lead when righty has tenaces over partner. It may allow partner to return the suit safely.) Declarer took the king with his ace and played a heart. Zia won and shifted to the diamond queen, ducked to East's king. Bob Hamman returned a low spade, South's nine losing to West's jack. Now came another diamond, won in the dummy. Declarer played a heart to his ten, cashed the spade queen, and took dummy's hearts, bringing everyone down to four cards. A diamond from dummy endplayed West to lead away from the club king at trick 12. Nicely done!

Against one notrump, Alfredo Versace led the spade jack. Meckstroth won with his queen and played a heart to establish seven tricks: two spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club.

That gained Italy 1 IMP, but it could have much more.

On Board 11, both Souths were in two hearts. Meckstroth got a favorable trump lead, and a later misdefense by Versace resulted in 10 tricks for declarer. Duboin adopted a strange line of play. His trump suit was ♥ 6 3 2 opposite ♠ A J 7 5 4. When he came to play the suit, he led a low one from his hand. This went to Hamman's ten on declarer's right. Hamman then cashed the club ace, played a club to his partner's king, and ruffed the third club with the heart queen. Now came a diamond, declarer having to ruff with ♥ A J 7 left. He chose the seven and was overruffed by the nine to go down one. If he had ruffed with the jack, it would have held and the ace would have dropped the nine and king.

Plus 170 and plus 50 gained 6 IMPs for USA 2. Then...

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Semeta	Hamman	Duboin
1♥	2♣	3♣ (a)	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

(a) At least a game-invitational heart raise

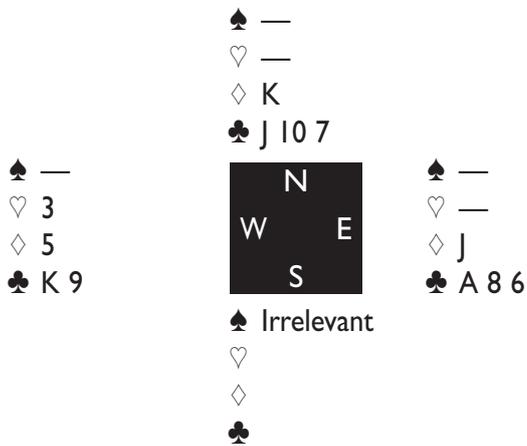
West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
1♥	Pass	3♦ (a)	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(a) Limit raise with four-plus trumps

Meckstroth won 12 tricks, of course.

Although Sementa had made a light two-club overcall, it looks wrong to pass over four hearts. Then, to make matters only slightly worse, Duboin misdefended five hearts doubled.

Sementa did well to find the club lead, which gave the defense a chance. But after ruffing the first trick, Duboin cashed his spade. Then he shifted to a diamond, but it was too late. Zia won with his ace, ruffed his second spade on the board, and ran his trump suit to squeeze North in this ending:



Antonio Sementa, Italy

North succumbs to the last heart.

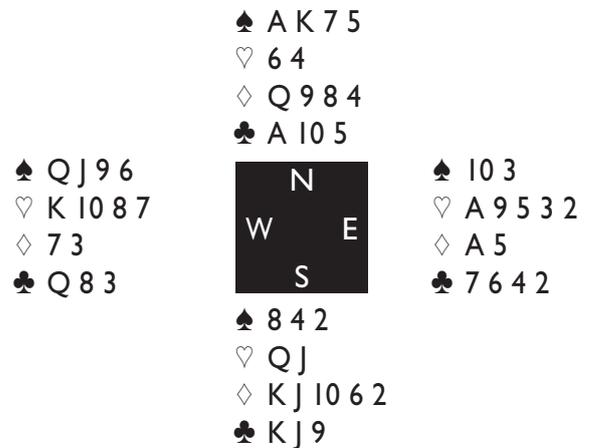
To Zia's credit, he speeded up play by claiming after trick four!

Plus 1050 and plus 650 gave USA 2 a huge 17 IMPs and the lead in the match by 22.33.

At the other ten tables that played this deal, six were in five spades doubled, two in four spades doubled, one in five hearts making, and one in five hearts failing by a trick. The winning club lead was found by Julian Stephanov and the immediate diamond shift produced by Victor Aronov, for Bulgaria in the third-place playoff. They gained 14 IMPs for plus 50 and plus 1050 en route to their emphatic victory over China Long Zhu by 102 IMPs.

Two overtrick IMPs to USA 2 and a flat game were followed by...

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South vul.



West	North	East	South
Zia	Sementa	Hamman	Duboin
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
3♦ (a)	Pass	3♥	3♣ (a)
			All Pass

(a) A limit raise in partner's suit

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Against three hearts, Duboin led a diamond. Hamman, after winning with his ace, might have played a spade, trying to find out who had what. It was clear that South would have three spades (no negative double over one heart) and North would have four (no one-spade opening, if he had five). Then declarer might have divined the trump position. (The risk would be that South had four clubs and North, say, doubleton-honor in hearts, gaining a trump promotion on the fourth club. So perhaps declarer should have ducked the first trick.) However, East immediately played a heart to the jack and king, then he ran dummy's heart seven. South scooped up his queen and shifted to the club jack (necessary if East had had the ten). Thus the defense took two spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs for down three.

A typically aggressive Meckwell three notrump did not work so well this time, because they lost the first six tricks after a heart lead.

Plus 150 and plus 200 gave Italy 8 IMPs.

This was the final deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

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

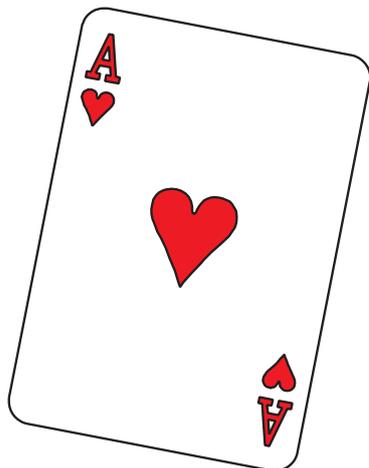
West	North	East	South
Zia	Sementa	Hamman	Duboin
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
INT	All Pass		

At both tables, North led a club (Sementa an attitude three, Rodwell a fourth-highest seven).

Versace ducked the first trick, won the next club with dummy's king, and played a heart to his jack. North won and cleared clubs. West led a heart to dummy's queen, then called for a diamond. South rose with his ace and shifted to the spade queen, but declarer now had one spade, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

Zia strangely took the first trick in his hand, then led the spade ten! North rose with his king and played another club. Now declarer took a heart finesse, but North won and cashed four clubs, which squeezed West. North accurately led back his last spade. Zia took that and the heart ace, but lost the last three tricks to North's high heart, South's diamond ace and South's spade queen: down two.

Plus 90 and plus 200 gave Italy another 7 IMPs. But USA 2 had won the session by 47 IMPs to 17 to open up a 9.33-point lead.



An edit too speedy

by Phillip Alder

After talking with Fulvio Fantoni, I edited my write-up of Board 17 from the Bermuda Bowl final, but did not do a very good job. Let's get it straight.

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

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

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

Fantoni played the whole deal thinking he was in three notrump. So, after a club lead to the king and ace, he cashed the spade king and queen, then led a low diamond to the ten and jack. After taking the next club, he saw three chances to take nine tricks: The diamond king might drop under the ace; or the spades might be 3-3; or, if neither of those worked, the heart finesse might succeed. That is why, at trick four, Fantoni cashed the diamond ace. And when the king dropped, he had eleven tricks: three spades, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

He picked up his scoresheet to inscribe three notrump plus two, then noticed that he had already written the contract as four notrump. He breathed a big sigh of relief, because if he had remembered he was in four notrump, he might well have crossed to dummy with a heart, cashed the spade ace, and run the diamond queen, going down two.

VENICE CUP Final 2



China Long Zhu v

USA 1



The Goldfish Bowl

by Mark Horton

We take for granted the magnificent VuGraph presentations we enjoy today, but things were very different in the early days of bridge.

Our Coordinator Jean-Paul Meyer recalls that in 1963 in the European Championships in Baden Baden he played in what was called the Goldfish Bowl against the legendary Reese and Schapiro (who were playing the Little Major). The players sat inside a soundproof glass room, watched by spectators on the outside. It was hot and you could feel the pressure of the spectator's eyes upon you. One had to resist any temptation to play to the gallery. One certainly felt under pressure and even today the players can get nervous and make unexpected mistakes.

Keep that in mind as we follow the action from the second session of the Venice Cup Final:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S 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											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
1♥	2♥*	1♦*	Dble
1♦*	Precision	All Pass	

The American pair had a major misunderstanding about the meaning of Two Hearts. What I can tell you is that it is a common treatment for it to be natural, showing a five-card heart suit, the idea being to expose a possible psych.

East led the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy, played a club to the queen and played the ten of spades, covered by the jack and taken in dummy. West won the club exit and switched to a trump for the ten and ace. She ruffed declarer's spade exit and played another heart. East

won with the queen and had only to switch to a diamond to ensure three down. However, she cashed the king of hearts, so now declarer was able to score a second club trick, and finished two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
1♥	Dble	1♦	Dble
2♥	4♠	Rdble	1♠
		All Pass	

It's worth noticing that here North's double was pure take out (another treatment is to play it as showing four hearts). That quickly led to the spade game.

West led the six of hearts and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of spades and played on clubs, West taking the second round with the ace and switching to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to the king of spades and played a club. East could ruff and cash the king of diamonds, but declarer had the rest, +620 and 13 IMPs to China.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

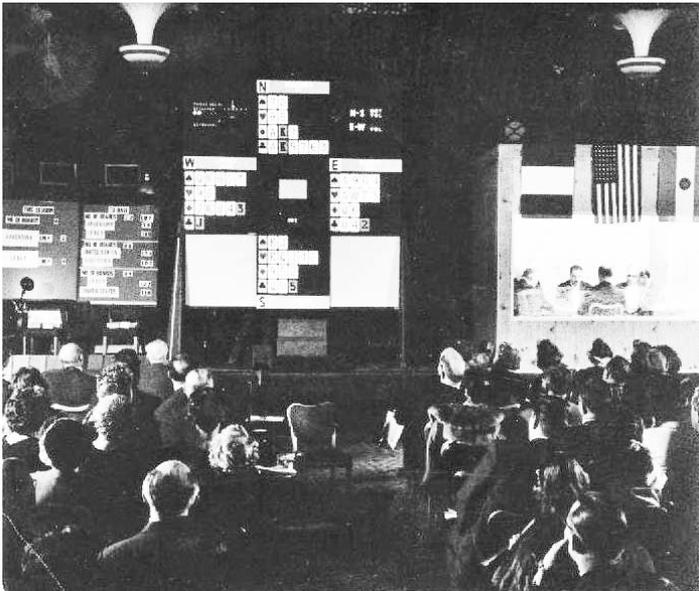
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ K 10 4 2 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ 9 6 5											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
Pass	1♣	2♦	Dble*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Spades were never in the picture and this was not a bad time to miss the 4-4 fit. West led the queen of hearts and when that held continued with the four to dummy's king.

This is the type of hand you might find in an elementary textbook on card play. Declarer needs three spade tricks and the right line in the suit is to cash the ace, then play a



Old-style vugraph at the 1958 Bermuda Bowl in Como, Italy, with the goldfish bowl on the right

second spade, intending to insert the ten if East does not play an honour. If West can win and plays a third heart declarer will win and can then take a diamond finesse into the 'safe' hand.

When declarer played a low diamond from dummy at trick three East went in with the king and cleared the hearts, declarer discarding a club from dummy. With the safety play in spades now looking decidedly unsafe, declarer tried the king of spades and followed that with a low spade. When West discarded a club she knew her fate, down one, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
Pass	1♣*	1♦	INT*
2♣	Dble	2♦	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ Precision
INT 8-13 GF

Four Spades can be made, but only if North is declarer. However, it was hardly obvious for West to lead a top club and she naturally preferred to attack by starting with her partner's suit.

Declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades and played a second spade. When East followed



with the nine declarer rejected the safety play and went up with the king, West discarding a club. She could play three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy, but East ruffed the ace of clubs, cashed her other trump trick and the king of diamonds for one down, +100 and a missed opportunity for both sides.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All Pass		Pass	2♠

West led the nine of hearts and declarer won in hand with the ten (East playing an upside down eight) and played a spade to the eight and East's king. She took the next heart with the king and played the queen of spades. West took the ace and played a low diamond to her partner's king, no doubt assisted by the suit preference heart return of the seven at trick two. East won with the king and played a third heart to dummy's queen. Declarer continued with the ace of hearts and when East ruffed declarer somewhat surprisingly discarded a club, giving up on what would have been an easy overtrick, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
2♦	Dble*	Pass	1♠
All Pass		Pass	2♠

Once again West led the nine of hearts and declarer won in hand and played a club. West went in with the king and played a second heart, getting a suit preference seven from East (who had played the eight on the first round). Declarer won in hand and played the five of spades but West went up with the ace and underled her diamonds, East winning with the king and returning a heart for West to ruff. That excellent defence held declarer to her contract, +110 and another flat board.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Baker</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With West not fancying a preemptive opening with such a miserable suit North/South were given a free run. East led the jack of hearts and declarer won in hand and decided to play ace of spades and a spade. West won and made the thoughtful play of the ace of clubs. When her partner discouraged with the nine she switched to her singleton diamond and East won with the ace and returned... a club.

(The play record is missing, so I can't tell you if there were any side issues arising from the heart West played at trick one.) That was a lucky escape for the USA, +620.



Yi Qian Liu, China Long Zhu

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Wang</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer won the jack of hearts lead with dummy's ace and ran the jack of spades, quickly claiming +650 and an IMP.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Baker</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

With South adopting a Mafia style response to her partner's reopening double (majors always first in answering) the nine card fit in clubs (a suit where you can make a slam, as did England's Ross Harper in the Seniors Bowl) was lost.

West led the three of diamonds and East took the ace and returned the queen, declarer winning and discarding a spade from dummy. She played a club to the ace and then the jack of clubs, putting up the king when East discarded the two of spades. She continued with a third club, West winning with the queen as East got rid of her remaining spade. West exited with the four of spades and when declarer went up with the ace East ruffed and switched to the jack of diamonds, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer had not made the best of things so far and when she now played a spade from dummy she gave up an extra under trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Wang</i>
Pass	1♣*	3♦	Pass
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

Some effective pressure bidding by East/West gave North/South no chance to locate the club fit. Four Spades was hopeless but declarer escaped for one down when she was allowed to get rid of a losing heart on the king of diamonds, -50 giving China 2 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
	1♦	2♣	2♥
4♣	6♥	All Pass	

Science played no part in this auction, but it was very effective. Dummy may have had an anxious moment or two when West led the queen of spades rather than the hoped for club, but all was well, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
	1♦*	2♣	Dble*
2♦*	4♥	All Pass	

It was surprising to see North simply jump to game rather than try something like Four Clubs. East led the king of clubs so declarer made all the tricks, +510 but lost 10 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦*
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
			All Pass

2♦ 0-10 usually a five card suit
 3♦ Preemptive

The hyper aggressive style of weak two bid used by North/South saw them reach a comfortable spot – indeed you would have to go seriously wrong to make less than eleven tricks in diamonds. Four Clubs was hopeless – South led a diamond to North’s ace, won the heart switch with the king over declarer’s queen and returned the suit to ensure two down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

I have no idea why South passed One Heart.

After that it was hardly obvious for North to take any further action although I suppose if South is allowed to pass with a hand as good as this then a double of Three Clubs might be in the frame.

North led her trump and declarer won in dummy and played the three of spades for the ten, jack and queen. When North switched to the four of hearts declarer wisely went up with the ace and drew trumps ending in dummy in order to play the eight of spades for the nine, king and ace. When North continued with two rounds of diamonds declarer had an overtrick, +130 and 6 IMPs.



Lynn Baker, USA I

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

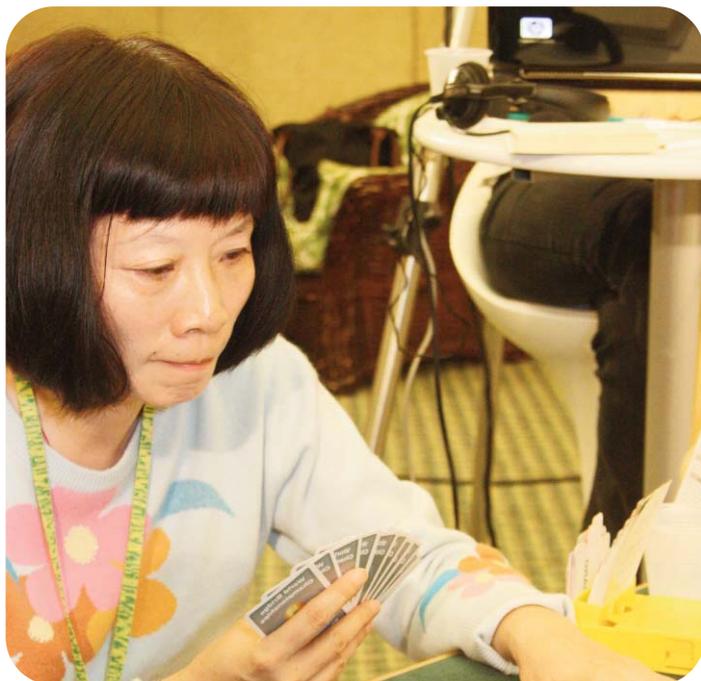
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W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Dble
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♥ Pass or correct
- Dble Hearts or take out

Having just penned a book on the Multi I fear I cannot recommend the double that South used here. It is better to pass and let partner double when West passes. Still, it would have survived if North had bid Two Spades. East led the ten of hearts and declarer won and played a diamond to the jack and king. She ruffed the heart continuation, crossed to dummy with a spade and played another diamond. East won and returned a spade and in the fullness of time the defenders collected another trump trick and two clubs for one down, +100.



Ming Sun, China Long Zhu

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
1♥	Dble	1♠	3NT
All Pass			

3NT was hopeless on the lead of the king of hearts but declarer was a little careless in the play, discarding a club from dummy on a winning spade and she finished three down instead of one, -300 costing China 5 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ K 10 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10 4	♠ A J ♥ Q J 5 4 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q J 8 7 3	<table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A J ♣ A 6
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	McCallum	Wang	Baker
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♦	Dble	Rdble	3♣
3♠	4♣	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

North really gave the game away here, the combination of her double and Four Clubs telling declarer how to play the trump suit. She won the club lead with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, ran the jack, crossed to hand with the ace of hearts, drew the last trump and played a spade for a splendid +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Sun	Palmer	Wang
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

With rather less to go on declarer also got the diamonds right here – but that was only good for +150 and China closed out the set with a 10 IMP pickup.

They sneaked the set 33-32 IMPs, but more important, they led 101-59 IMPs.



Unlucky, but...

by Brian Senior

At the half-way point in the Transnational quarter-final between Zimmerman and Orhan, Zimmerman, the multi-national pre-tournament favourites, led their Turkish opponents by 62-34. Could the Turks come back in the second set? As it turned out, the match never became close, Zimmerman cruising through to the semi-finals by 100-44 IMPs.

There were only two double-figure swings in the second half, one where the Turks bid a desperate two-ace slam. This is the other one.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekinici</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Korkut</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Basaran</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Falay</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both North/Souths quickly found the spade fit and North made a game try, Turkey's Emit Basaran a natural 3♦, Zimmerman's Tor Helness an artificial 2NT. Both Souths jumped to game, ending the auction.



Against Helness, Ergun Korkut led the ten of diamonds. Helness ducked but won the diamond continuation and ran the ten of clubs to Korkut's king. Korkut switched to a heart. Helness won the ace and led the nine of clubs to his jack then threw dummy's diamond loser on the ace of clubs. A crossruff now gave Helness the rest of the tricks; +650.

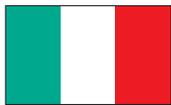
Cesary Balicki found the more challenging lead of a trump. Basaran won in dummy and took a club finesse. That lost and Balicki continued with a second trump. Again, Basaran won in dummy and led the remaining club to his jack. He cashed the ace of clubs for a diamond pitch then, needing to keep Balicki off lead to avoid a third round of trumps, led a diamond to the nine and jack. Adam Zmudzinski returned the queen of clubs, forcing dummy to ruff as Balicki pitched his remaining diamond. Basaran tried to cash the diamond ace now but Balicki could ruff and return his last trump and the contract was two down for -200 and 13 IMPs to Zimmerman.

Basaran was a little unlucky but he could have taken slightly greater care and been successful. His error was to cash the ace of clubs. Suppose instead that he had ducked the diamond at this point. Whatever the return, he could next cash the ace of diamonds before taking the diamond discard on the ace of clubs. Now there would be no ruff and no third round of trumps.



Tor Helness, Team Zimmermann

BERMUDA BOWL Final 4



Italy

v

USA 2



The battle is joined

by Brent Manley

In the Bermuda Bowl final on Thursday, USA2 and Italy went back and forth, the Americans taking the lead after one set but then getting clobbered in the next 57-1. USA2 rallied in set three to win 47-17. Would it be Italy's turn in the fourth stanza on Friday morning? In a word, no.

The Italians started off with a 6-IMP gain to cut the USA2 margin to 102.33-99.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2NT Puppet Stayman (asking about five-card majors)

Alfredo Versace started with the ♥A, switching to a low diamond at trick two. Meckstroth played a club to his jack and Versace's king, followed by the ♥K and two more heart tricks. Lorenzo Lauria did not immediately cash his ♣A, but he got it soon after for plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Nickell also started with the ♥A and a diamond switch, but he ducked when Fulvio Fantoni played a club to his jack. The play record is obscured, but Fantoni ended with nine tricks for plus 150, a good start for Italy.

Not much went well for them after that, however.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the closed room, Fantoni played a calm 4♠ after opening 1NT and getting a 2♥ transfer bid from Claudio Nunes. The defenders got their three aces, but that was all. Plus 420 to Italy.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
		1♦	1♥
Dble	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Perhaps Lauria thought his partner would have more to offer on defense considering his vulnerable overcall. It was not to be. North took three aces but Meckstroth had plus 590 and another 5 IMPs.

There was a swing on the next deal that resulted from an accident in the bidding.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

You wouldn't want to be in slam on the North-South cards unless you could see all four hands. Everything works – diamond finesse, singleton trump king, doubleton ♣K off-side. Nickell got a low diamond lead, and Fantoni put up the king. Nickell won and cashed the ♥A, felling the king, and when he took the right view in clubs, he was home with an easy plus 480.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠ (!)	All Pass	6♥

2♠ Minimum without three clubs or four spades

There were so many bids on the tray as it moved back and forth that Versace's opening 1♥ bid become obscured in the pile, and after Versace bid 6♥, Lauria momentarily forgot that his partner had opened 1♥, thinking instead that it was 1♠. Lauria attempted to change his 6♠ bid but was not permitted to, thus Versace was obliged to play a 4-3 fit with at least one guaranteed trump loser, among many problems.

Rodwell led a diamond, and dummy's 9 held. There was no chance to play the heart suit for no losers – even if Rodwell had a singleton ♥J, Meckstroth would cover the ♥Q. Even so, that was Versace's play at trick two. Rodwell won the ♥K and exited with a club. Versace won the ♣A and played a heart to the 10, ruffed by Rodwell. On the club continuation, Versace played low and ruffed out the king. He still had a trump to lose, however, and was two down for an 11-IMP loss. USA2 were now leading 118.33-99.

A couple of boards later, Versace and Nickell both bid to hopeless contracts, but Meckstroth and Rodwell did the Italians one better on defense.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 4	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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		♠ 5 2
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♦ Q	♦ A K J										
♣ A K 9 2	♣ 8 5 3										
	♠ Q J 10 8										
	♥ A K										
	♦ 10 7 4 2										
	♣ Q J 4										

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♥	Dble	2NT*	Pass
All Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠

2NT Limit raise in hearts.

Rodwell started with a high club. He cashed the other and switched to his singleton ♦Q. Meckstroth overtook with the ♦K and cashed two more diamond winners, on which Rodwell discarded his two low clubs. A club ruff finished off a nice defensive effort that resulted in plus 300 for USA2.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Katz	Fantoni	Nickell
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dble	4♥	Pass
All Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠

Nickell had a nice gain in hand by simply passing 4♥ doubled with his two trump tricks, but he soldiered on with 4♠. Nunes also started with a high club, but he switched to the ♦Q at trick two. Now the club ruff was impossible. Down two looked like a good result, but it was a 3-IMP loss.

Ralph Katz helped his team to an even better swing on the next deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 5	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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 2
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♣ K J 10 8	♣ 7 6										
	♠ A Q 9 8 7 6										
	♥ 6										
	♦ Q 7 3										
	♣ Q 9 5										

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth	Versace
2♠*	Pass	1♣*	1♠
1♣		4♥	All Pass
2♠			

Strong
Game force, no good bid

Versace, with no indication from the bidding, started with a low club. Meckstroth inserted the jack, taken by Lauria with the ace to switch to the spade. Lauria ruffed the third round of spades with the 9, but Meckstroth overruffed and ran trumps, claiming when Versace discarded his other two clubs. Plus 620 for USA2.

West Nunes	North Katz	East Fantoni	South Nickell
		1♥	2♠
2NT*	3♦	4♥	All Pass

2NT Heart raise

Nickell had no problem finding the killing diamond lead after Katz drew the roadmap with his excellent 3♦. Fantoni had to lose two spades, a diamond and a club for minus 100 and 12 IMPs to USA, now leading 133.33-99.

Italy got some back on this deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West Rodwell	North Lauria	East Meckstroth	South Versace
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Meckstroth could have defeated 5♠ by leading the ♣A and giving his partner a ruff, but he started with the ♥9 and Lauria was soon wrapping up plus 650.

West Nunes	North Katz	East Fantoni	South Nickell
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

Fantoni did find the ♣A lead, but after Nunes ruffed there was only the trump king to come, so Katz had plus 420 for a 6-IMP loss.

Italy was trailing 133-107 when both USA2 pairs got the maximum out of board 29.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West Rodwell	North Lauria	East Meckstroth	South Versace
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Strong
2♦ 8-10 balanced

With his 4-3-3-3 distribution and Rodwell's announced flat hand, Meckstroth had an easy choice of games. He lost three aces in 3NT for plus 630.

At the other table, Fantoni and Nunes reached 4♠ by East, against which Nickell made the inspired lead of the ♥A, followed by a second heart. Nickell took his ♠A on the first round of trumps and gave Katz a ruff. The ♣A was the setting trick, and USA2 had another 12 IMPs in the bag.

The next board also produced a useful swing for USA2.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West Rodwell	North Lauria	East Meckstroth	South Versace
INT	All Pass	1♠	Pass

Versace's pass in the balancing seat with support for all unbid suits was conservative, to say the least. Lauria started with a low heart to Rodwell's queen. A spade was won in dummy and a diamond played to declarer's king. The ♦Q was ducked, and another spade went to Lauria's ace. The ♠J went to dummy's queen, the sixth and last trick for Rodwell. Plus 50 to Italy.

Nickell took a rosier view of his hand in the other room, albeit in a different auction.

West Nunes	North Katz	East Fantoni	South Nickell
Pass	INT	Pass	4♥
All Pass	2♣*	Pass	
2♣ Majors			

Nunes started with the ♦K to Nickell's ace. He didn't want to play on trumps in case Fantoni had three or four to the A-Q, which would allow him to play three rounds of the suit, so at trick two Nickell played his ♠9 to the ace and

called for the jack, discarding a club when Fantoni declined to cover. The ♠2 was next, covered and ruffed by Nickell with the 7. Nunes was able to overruff with the queen and play his other trump to Fantoni for a second round of the

suit. That defense kept Nickell from making the overtrick, but he had 10 tricks for plus 420.

USA2 picked up another 5 IMPs on the last deal of the set to take the lead 159.33-107.

Debbie's delight and Welland's wish

by Patrick Jourdain

Your reporter joined a squad in the World Transnational Open Teams with four Brazilians and one American. After two days, we were doing well enough to meet a former teammate from my Scottish era, Michael Rosenberg, now of the USA, and his wife, Debbie. I didn't spot any deals worth reporting from our match but heard later of Debbie's fine inference on this hand from the event:

Here is another deal from the WTOT, actually the last of the qualifying Swiss.

Welland wished to make the top eight to get into the knockouts, and he decided he needed a big swing to do so. This was the deal.

Board 1. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
2♦(1)	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(1) 9-13 diamonds, unbalanced

Michael Rosenberg's double of 4♦ was intended for penalties but Debbie expected this to be suitable for spades. The opponents can hold their loss to one trick, so it was right to be in Four Spades despite the work required to succeed in that contract.

The defenders led two top diamonds and East signalled for a heart by pitching the ♥3.

West obediently shifted to the ♥5, suggesting three. Debbie needed the spades to be 3-2, and West had ten red cards, so she placed him with short clubs.

Having drawn this conclusion, Rosenberg now found the fine move of advancing the ♣J. Had this held the trick she would have drawn two trumps with the ace and king then unblocked clubs and pitched the heart loser on the diamond queen. Whether East ruffed or not declarer could ruff one heart and throw the other on the club ace.

In fact East covered the club jack so declarer took the trump ace and queen, set up the clubs via the ruffing finesse, and made 11 tricks.

Board 1. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 9 5 ♥ A J 9 7 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A 10 8 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 3 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ K Q 9 5 4 3 ♣ K 6	♠ 10 8 7 6 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ 8 ♣ Q J 9 4 2
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West	North	East	South
	Welland		Kamil
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♦	Dble
All Pass			

The defence to Two Diamonds Doubled started with heart ten which went round to the king. North let the club king hold in case East had the spade ace, but took the next club to switch to a low spade to the king and ace. Back came a heart to the jack. Welland carefully avoided cashing the heart ace, first leading a trump through. This told Kamil that Welland still had an entry, which had to be the spade jack. The diamond went to the king and ace, and Kamil underled his spade queen to Welland's jack. Now came the heart ace on which South pitched a spade, and the fourth round of hearts promoted a fourth trump trick for South for down 800.

Welland's wish was granted. The swing was enough for his team to make the knockouts.



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d'Orsi Seniors Bowl – Indonesia (Bronze Medal)



Donde el Diablo Metió la Cola

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

3º Golpe de la Final Italia – USA.

Mano 12: Dador Este, N/S Vulnerable

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

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Mahmood	Sementa	Hamman	Duboin
1♥	2♣	3♣	3♠
4♥	Paso	Paso	Doblo
Paso	4♠	5♥	Doblo
Fin			

Salida: ♣Q

Duboin falló la salida de su compañero, siguió con el ♠A que fue baza y el ♦2 que el declarante ganó con el ♦A, falló el ♠J en la mesa y se tendió con un squeeze automático en



Eric Kokish, Zia Mahmood y Gabriel Chagas

diamante y trébol... Si Duboin hubiera vuelto diamante en la baza 2 el squeeze no era posible y la mano se derrotaba.

Sala Cerrada

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
1♥	Paso	3♦	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Paso	Paso	Doblo	Fin

Salida: ♦A

Versace salió con el ♦A que fue baza, siguió con chico trébol al ♣A de su compañero, el declarante falló en su mano y falló un corazón de su mano en la mesa, volvió con triunfo a su mano y falló el otro corazón en la mesa, volvió a su mano fallando otro trébol, destrionfó y se tendió... y 17 IMPs para USA... sin palabras.

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El Silencio es Salud

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

El destino baraja, y nosotros jugamos...

3° Golpe de la Final Italia – USA.

Mano 7: Dador Sur, Todos Vulnerable

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

Sala Abierta

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Versace	Rodwell	Lauria	Meckstroth
			1♦
Paso	2♦	2♥	4♥
Paso	5♣	Doblo	6♦
Fin			

Salida: ♣2

Versace salió a trébol respetando el doblo de su compañero, Lauria hizo baza con el ♦10 y volvió el ♥7 que el declarante ganó con su ♥A.

El contrato dependía de encontrar la ♦Q...pero el pez por la boca muere y los 2♥ de Lauria además de indicar que estaba largo a corazón también indicó estar corto a diamante...el declarante adelantó su ♦A, cuando vió el descarte de corazón de Este, jugó diamante al ♦J... baza, Lorenzo descartó el ♣3, ♦K...Lorenzo descartó otro trébol...Sur viendo los descartes de trébol afirmó un trébol del muerto y se tendió.

En la Sala Cerrada...el silencio de los americanos, no dió pistas y cuando Duboin jugó diamante al ♦K de la mesa selló su suerte para una abajo y 16 IMPs para USA.

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