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A LONG AND WINDING ROAD



Day two of the qualifying stages of the Open, Women's and Seniors events is now in the books – and teams are planning their strategies for five more days of play. Most teams likely will welcome the day off on Thursday to prepare for the final day of qualifying on Friday.

All of the contenders have their eyes on the top of the standings. In the Open, the top four teams from each of the four groups will advance to knockout play. In the Women's three groups, the top five in each will play on – plus the remaining team with the best record.

The Seniors are in two groups, so the top eight in each will advance.

The team with the best record so far comes from the Seniors. USA has 132 victory points out of a possible 150, or 88%. USA won the event in 2004, but none of the defenders is playing in Beijing.

In the Open event, Norway and Germany took the lead with 128 VPs each, and Italy, despite losing to Albania in round 4, moved to the head of Group A.

England and Spain had the best VP totals in the Women's event.

Herculean task acknowledged



The WBF Executive Council, at its first meeting here in Beijing, recognized the enormity of the task that the President had undertaken in chairing the Organizing Committee for these 1st World Mind Sports Games. To bring all these together in such a short space of time was a real achievement on his part, demanding hours and hours of organization.

The Executive moved that it be recorded that the World Bridge Federation offers its heartfelt congratulations and thanks to the President for all that he has done in organizing the 1st World Mind Sports Games.



OPEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 7

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Bye	France	1 French Polynesia	San Marino	1 Bermuda	Bosnia	1 Botswana	Turkey
2 Slovakia	Pakistan	2 Russia	Sweden	2 Egypt	Singapore	2 Philippines	England
3 South Africa	Japan	3 China	Netherlands	3 Poland	Chile	3 Jordan	Reunion
4 Kenya	Finland	4 Hungary	Mexico	4 Georgia	Bulgaria	4 USA	Greece
5 Estonia	Canada	5 Austria	India	5 Norway	Bangladesh	5 Thailand	Switzerland
6 Brazil	Trinidad	6 Scotland	Portugal	6 Guadeloupe	New Zealand	6 Lebanon	Venezuela
7 Ireland	Denmark	7 Israel	Latvia	7 Spain	Iceland	7 Serbia	Indonesia
8 China Macau	Italy	8 Korea	China Hong Kong	8 Ukraine	Belgium	8 Australia	Germany
9 Romania	Albania	9 Jamaica	Argentina	9 Chinese Taipei	Morocco	9 Lithuania	Belarus

ROUND 8

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Ireland	China Macau	1 Israel	Korea	1 Spain	Ukraine	1 Serbia	Australia
2 Italy	Romania	2 China Hong Kong	Jamaica	2 Belgium	Chinese Taipei	2 Germany	Lithuania
3 Albania	Brazil	3 Argentina	Scotland	3 Morocco	Guadeloupe	3 Belarus	Lebanon
4 Trinidad	Estonia	4 Portugal	Austria	4 New Zealand	Norway	4 Venezuela	Thailand
5 Canada	Kenya	5 India	Hungary	5 Bangladesh	Georgia	5 Switzerland	USA
6 Finland	South Africa	6 Mexico	China	6 Bulgaria	Poland	6 Greece	Jordan
7 Japan	Slovakia	7 Netherlands	Russia	7 Chile	Egypt	7 Reunion	Philippines
8 Denmark	France	8 Latvia	San Marino	8 Iceland	Bosnia	8 Indonesia	Turkey
9 Pakistan	Bye	9 Sweden	French Polynesia	9 Singapore	Bermuda	9 England	Botswana

ROUND 9

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Ireland	China Macau	1 San Marino	Sweden	1 Bosnia	Singapore	1 Turkey	England
2 Italy	Romania	2 French Polynesia	Netherlands	2 Bermuda	Chile	2 Botswana	Reunion
3 Albania	Brazil	3 Russia	Mexico	3 Egypt	Bulgaria	3 Philippines	Greece
4 Trinidad	Estonia	4 China	India	4 Poland	Bangladesh	4 Jordan	Switzerland
5 Canada	Kenya	5 Hungary	Portugal	5 Georgia	New Zealand	5 USA	Venezuela
6 Finland	South Africa	6 Austria	Argentina	6 Norway	Morocco	6 Thailand	Belarus
7 Japan	Slovakia	7 Scotland	China Hong Kong	7 Guadeloupe	Belgium	7 Lebanon	Germany
8 Denmark	France	8 Jamaica	Israel	8 Chinese Taipei	Spain	8 Lithuania	Serbia
9 Pakistan	Bye	9 Korea	Latvia	9 Ukraine	Iceland	9 Australia	Indonesia

Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

We are delighted to bring you a series of problems from the renowned Australian expert.

I.A Sighter

Dealer East. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 5
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ A J 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q 3
♥ A J
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ K Q 10 9

West	North	East	South
		3♥	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All pass			

West leads the two of hearts to East's queen. How do you plan the play?

The Solution can be found on page 4.

WOMEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 7

GROUP E

1	Guadeloupe	England
2	Belarus	Thailand
3	Trinidad	Japan
4	China Hong Kong	India
5	Egypt	Italy
6	Reunion	Palestine
7	Brazil	Portugal
8	Lithuania	USA
9	Norway	Poland

GROUP F

1	Kenya	Philippines
2	Argentina	Serbia
3	Spain	Australia
4	Venezuela	China
5	Estonia	Denmark
6	Indonesia	France
7	Russia	Scotland
8	Jordan	Canada
9	Bermuda	Finland

GROUP G

1	South Africa	Latvia
2	New Zealand	Turkey
3	Sweden	Pakistan
4	Singapore	Hungary
5	Morocco	Ireland
6	Jamaica	Barbados
7	Greece	Mexico
8	Chinese Taipei	Korea
9	Germany	Netherlands

ROUND 8

GROUP E

1	Brazil	Lithuania
2	USA	Norway
3	Poland	Reunion
4	Palestine	Egypt
5	Italy	China Hong Kong
6	India	Trinidad
7	Japan	Belarus
8	Portugal	England
9	Thailand	Guadeloupe

GROUP F

1	Russia	Jordan
2	Canada	Bermuda
3	Finland	Indonesia
4	France	Estonia
5	Denmark	Venezuela
6	China	Spain
7	Australia	Argentina
8	Scotland	Philippines
9	Serbia	Kenya

GROUP G

1	Greece	Chinese Taipei
2	Korea	Germany
3	Netherlands	Jamaica
4	Barbados	Morocco
5	Ireland	Singapore
6	Hungary	Sweden
7	Pakistan	New Zealand
8	Mexico	Latvia
9	Turkey	South Africa

ROUND 9

GROUP E

1	England	Thailand
2	Guadeloupe	Japan
3	Belarus	India
4	Trinidad	Italy
5	China Hong Kong	Palestine
6	Egypt	Poland
7	Reunion	USA
8	Norway	Brazil
9	Lithuania	Portugal

GROUP F

1	Philippines	Serbia
2	Kenya	Australia
3	Argentina	China
4	Spain	Denmark
5	Venezuela	France
6	Estonia	Finland
7	Indonesia	Canada
8	Bermuda	Russia
9	Jordan	Scotland

GROUP G

1	Latvia	Turkey
2	South Africa	Pakistan
3	New Zealand	Hungary
4	Sweden	Ireland
5	Singapore	Barbados
6	Morocco	Netherlands
7	Jamaica	Korea
8	Germany	Greece
9	Chinese Taipei	Mexico

Championship Diary



Regular followers of the Diary will know that a message or comment to markhor-ton007@hotmail may earn you undying fame by getting a mention in the Bulletin. Canada's Linda Lee (of Masterpoint Press) was less than impressed by yesterday's Editorial, as she reported in her excellent blog (www.masterpointpress.com).

I don't know why the Bulletin staff always chortle about the fact that there are so many European teams in the top of the open field. Yes, the USA is number one so far but so what ... Well hello, there are only two North American teams and they are both doing

very well thank you very much. The only way that we can get more teams in the top 8 is if Quebec secedes from Canada or maybe Texas decides to become a country.

The Australian wizard Tim Bourke is a welcome visitor. Dropping by the Bulletin office he pointed out that in the land of Oz the O in his name is silent!

Marc Smith, having received a commendation from one of the Editors about his first article, sent the following message: 'I will try to entertain the masses daily with my own particular brand of humour. Charlotte always used to say I had the perfect face for radio comedy.'

SENIOR TEAMS



ROUND 7

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 France	England	1 Ireland	Australia
2 Hungary	China Hong Kong	2 Canada	Reunion
3 Kenya	Pakistan	3 Finland	India
4 Chinese Taipei	South Africa	4 Belgium	Poland
5 USA	Denmark	5 Thailand	China
6 Wales	Estonia	6 Netherlands	Guadeloupe
7 Japan	New Zealand	7 Indonesia	Egypt
8 Sweden	Brazil	8 Italy	Germany

ROUND 8

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Japan	Sweden	1 Indonesia	Italy
2 Brazil	Wales	2 Germany	Netherlands
3 Estonia	USA	3 Guadeloupe	Thailand
4 Denmark	Chinese Taipei	4 China	Belgium
5 South Africa	Kenya	5 Poland	Finland
6 Pakistan	Hungary	6 India	Canada
7 China Hong Kong	France	7 Reunion	Ireland
8 New Zealand	England	8 Egypt	Australia

ROUND 9

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Sweden	New Zealand	1 Italy	Egypt
2 France	Pakistan	2 Ireland	India
3 Hungary	South Africa	3 Canada	Poland
4 Kenya	Denmark	4 Finland	China
5 Chinese Taipei	Estonia	5 Belgium	Guadeloupe
6 USA	Brazil	6 Thailand	Germany
7 Wales	Japan	7 Netherlands	Indonesia
8 England	China Hong Kong	8 Australia	Reunion

Solution

As you will have only twelve tricks even if the diamonds produce four tricks, it will cost you nothing to duck the queen of hearts. It also enables you to confirm that hearts are indeed 1-7.

Your general plan should be try and get a count on East's hand before touching the diamond suit. The first step is to cash five black suit winners, while keeping a black-suit entry to hand.

When East has three or four cards in the black suits then he will have three and two diamonds respectively. In either case, you will have twelve tricks.

When East has only two black suit cards, he will have four diamonds. In that case you will finish the blacks, throwing a diamond from dummy. If East has not discarded a diamond then the seven of hearts will be high. Otherwise the diamonds will run.

When East has five black suit cards, there is a guess as to which one of them he will be longer in. However, as the odds are five to four that he will be longer in spades, cash three spades and the ace-king of clubs. On the diagrammed deal, East will be now be counted as having begun with 3-7-1-2 distribution. Now all you need is for East's diamond to be the jack, ten or seven in diamonds. When you cash the ace of diamonds you discover that East's only diamond is indeed the seven. So, when you lead the nine of diamonds, West will be forced to cover. After taking the ten of diamonds with the king, you will cash the queen and ten of clubs. All that remains will be to lead the eight of diamonds and your $\diamond 86$ will enable you to catch West's $\diamond J5$. You will make three spades, a heart, four diamonds and four clubs.

The full deal:

	♠ A 7 4				
	♥ 7 6 5				
	♦ K Q 4 2				
	♣ A J 3				
♠ J 9 8 6	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 5 2
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 2		♥ K Q 10 9 8 4 3			
♦ J 10 5 3		♦ 7			
♣ 8 6 4 2		♣ 7 5			
	♠ K Q 3				
	♥ A J				
	♦ A 9 8 6				
	♣ K Q 10 9				

WARNING



Don't take your telephone to the playing area!!

It will result in severe penalties, including the loss of 2VP!!



Collecting the Airport Taxes

The WBF treasurer will collect the taxes for the account of Air China each day from Wednesday, October 8th till Sunday, October 12th from 4.30 pm till 6pm at the WBF office (secretariat) on the 4th floor of the CNCC building.

Each president of national organisations or his representative is requested to come and pay for all his members. This is of course mandatory to ensure that there are no problems for the players on their return journey.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Albania	Italy	33 - 26 16 - 14
2	Trinidad and Tobago	Ireland	31 - 64 7 - 23
3	Canada	China Macau	43 - 6 24 - 6
4	Denmark	Slovakia	28 - 18 17 - 13
5	Japan	Brazil	16 - 33 11 - 19
6	Pakistan	Estonia	29 - 34 14 - 16
7	France	Kenya	59 - 7 25 - 4
8	BYE	South Africa	0 - 0 0 - 18
9	Finland	Romania	9 - 19 13 - 17

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Morocco	Belgium	19 - 57 6 - 24
2	New Zealand	Spain	22 - 31 13 - 17
3	Bangladesh	Ukraine	30 - 17 18 - 12
4	Iceland	Egypt	23 - 22 15 - 15
5	Chile	Guadeloupe	38 - 20 19 - 11
6	Singapore	Norway	10 - 58 4 - 25
7	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Georgia	57 - 30 21 - 9
8	Bermuda	Poland	11 - 81 1 - 25
9	Bulgaria	Chinese Taipei	18 - 15 16 - 14

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Slovakia	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
2	South Africa	France	29 - 32 14 - 16
3	Kenya	Pakistan	32 - 37 14 - 16
4	Estonia	Japan	29 - 31 15 - 15
5	Italy	Denmark	52 - 5 25 - 4
6	Romania	Canada	31 - 30 15 - 15
7	China Macau	Trinidad and Tobago	31 - 15 19 - 11
8	Ireland	Albania	52 - 12 24 - 6
9	Brazil	Finland	30 - 48 11 - 19

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Egypt	Bermuda	34 - 32 15 - 15
2	Poland	Bosnia & Herzegovina	48 - 9 24 - 6
3	Georgia	Singapore	48 - 57 13 - 17
4	Norway	Chile	66 - 18 25 - 4
5	Belgium	Iceland	89 - 27 25 - 2
6	Chinese Taipei	Bangladesh	48 - 19 22 - 8
7	Ukraine	New Zealand	25 - 24 15 - 15
8	Spain	Morocco	77 - 15 25 - 2
9	Guadeloupe	Bulgaria	49 - 25 21 - 9

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Italy	Ireland	60 - 19 24 - 6
2	Albania	China Macau	21 - 47 9 - 21
3	Trinidad and Tobago	Romania	24 - 80 3 - 25
4	Canada	Brazil	6 - 47 6 - 24
5	Finland	Estonia	19 - 52 7 - 23
6	Denmark	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
7	Pakistan	South Africa	33 - 32 15 - 15
8	France	Slovakia	46 - 37 17 - 13
9	Japan	Kenya	25 - 32 14 - 16

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Belgium	Spain	44 - 62 11 - 19
2	Morocco	Ukraine	36 - 33 16 - 14
3	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	25 - 53 8 - 22
4	Bangladesh	Guadeloupe	16 - 72 3 - 25
5	Bulgaria	Norway	55 - 24 22 - 8
6	Iceland	Bermuda	60 - 38 20 - 10
7	Singapore	Poland	32 - 40 13 - 17
8	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Egypt	8 - 46 6 - 24
9	Chile	Georgia	15 - 34 11 - 19

ROUND 4

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Argentina	China Hong Kong	7 - 40 7 - 23
2	Portugal	Israel	7 - 38 8 - 22
3	India	Korea	54 - 6 25 - 4
4	Latvia	Russia	25 - 18 16 - 14
5	Netherlands	Scotland	31 - 18 18 - 12
6	Sweden	Austria	28 - 31 14 - 16
7	San Marino	Hungary	35 - 44 13 - 17
8	French Polynesia	China	4 - 56 4 - 25
9	Mexico	Jamaica	31 - 22 17 - 13

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Belarus	Germany	12 - 32 10 - 20
2	Venezuela	Serbia	26 - 21 16 - 14
3	Switzerland	Australia	16 - 40 9 - 21
4	Indonesia	Philippines	65 - 24 24 - 6
5	Reunion	Lebanon	18 - 52 7 - 23
6	England	Thailand	34 - 17 19 - 11
7	Turkey	USA	39 - 31 17 - 13
8	Botswana	Jordan	10 - 25 12 - 18
9	Greece	Lithuania	54 - 10 25 - 5

ROUND 5

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Russia	French Polynesia	82 - 6 25 - 0
2	China	San Marino	52 - 14 24 - 6
3	Hungary	Sweden	51 - 24 21 - 9
4	Austria	Netherlands	6 - 50 5 - 25
5	China Hong Kong	Latvia	36 - 41 14 - 16
6	Jamaica	India	21 - 46 9 - 21
7	Korea	Portugal	11 - 64 3 - 25
8	Israel	Argentina	65 - 49 19 - 11
9	Scotland	Mexico	64 - 26 24 - 6

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Philippines	Botswana	51 - 26 21 - 9
2	Jordan	Turkey	22 - 38 11 - 19
3	USA	England	46 - 17 22 - 8
4	Thailand	Reunion	62 - 20 25 - 5
5	Germany	Indonesia	44 - 18 21 - 9
6	Lithuania	Switzerland	54 - 46 17 - 13
7	Australia	Venezuela	63 - 17 25 - 5
8	Serbia	Belarus	50 - 32 19 - 11
9	Lebanon	Greece	46 - 41 16 - 14

ROUND 6

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China Hong Kong	Israel	9 - 62 3 - 25
2	Argentina	Korea	63 - 23 24 - 6
3	Portugal	Jamaica	26 - 42 11 - 19
4	India	Scotland	45 - 29 19 - 11
5	Mexico	Austria	31 - 54 10 - 20
6	Latvia	French Polynesia	55 - 38 19 - 11
7	Sweden	China	11 - 27 11 - 19
8	San Marino	Russia	45 - 74 8 - 22
9	Netherlands	Hungary	37 - 2 23 - 7

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Germany	Serbia	45 - 6 24 - 6
2	Belarus	Australia	30 - 17 18 - 12
3	Venezuela	Lithuania	40 - 61 10 - 20
4	Switzerland	Lebanon	49 - 12 24 - 6
5	Greece	Thailand	50 - 43 16 - 14
6	Indonesia	Botswana	80 - 19 25 - 2
7	England	Jordan	41 - 43 15 - 15
8	Turkey	Philippines	50 - 22 22 - 8
9	Reunion	USA	19 - 32 12 - 18

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Poland USA	17 - 24	14 - 16
2	Palestine Brazil	23 - 38	12 - 18
3	Italy Lithuania	39 - 31	17 - 13
4	Portugal Belarus	20 - 9	17 - 13
5	Japan Reunion	42 - 22	20 - 10
6	Thailand Egypt	18 - 35	11 - 19
7	England China Hong Kong	48 - 27	20 - 10
8	Guadeloupe Trinidad & Tobago	12 - 31	11 - 19
9	India Norway	14 - 31	11 - 19

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Finland Canada	40 - 15	21 - 9
2	France Russia	18 - 20	15 - 15
3	Denmark Jordan	52 - 20	23 - 7
4	Scotland Argentina	39 - 34	16 - 14
5	Australia Indonesia	22 - 31	13 - 17
6	Serbia Estonia	27 - 17	17 - 13
7	Philippines Venezuela	16 - 36	10 - 20
8	Kenya Spain	14 - 57	5 - 25
9	China Bermuda	50 - 14	23 - 7

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands Korea	10 - 37	9 - 21
2	Barbados Greece	38 - 29	17 - 13
3	Ireland Chinese Taipei	34 - 34	15 - 15
4	Mexico New Zealand	30 - 29	15 - 15
5	Pakistan Jamaica	26 - 22	16 - 14
6	Turkey Morocco	62 - 6	25 - 3
7	Latvia Singapore	15 - 34	11 - 19
8	South Africa Sweden	17 - 36	11 - 19
9	Hungary Germany	23 - 18	16 - 14

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Belarus Guadeloupe	45 - 30	18 - 12
2	Trinidad and Tobago England	13 - 65	4 - 25
3	China Hong Kong Thailand	37 - 17	20 - 10
4	Egypt Japan	30 - 30	15 - 15
5	USA Portugal	55 - 9	25 - 5
6	Norway Italy	30 - 33	14 - 16
7	Lithuania Palestine	42 - 33	17 - 13
8	Brazil Poland	25 - 32	14 - 16
9	Reunion India	24 - 37	12 - 18

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Argentina Kenya	74 - 5	25 - 1
2	Spain Philippines	28 - 20	17 - 13
3	Venezuela Serbia	57 - 7	25 - 4
4	Estonia Australia	19 - 26	14 - 16
5	Canada Scotland	30 - 31	15 - 15
6	Bermuda Denmark	26 - 44	11 - 19
7	Jordan France	45 - 38	16 - 14
8	Russia Finland	40 - 44	14 - 16
9	Indonesia China	5 - 67	2 - 25

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	New Zealand South Africa	37 - 22	18 - 12
2	Sweden Latvia	54 - 20	23 - 7
3	Singapore Turkey	37 - 34	16 - 14
4	Morocco Pakistan	52 - 4	25 - 4
5	Korea Mexico	24 - 25	15 - 15
6	Germany Ireland	22 - 22	15 - 15
7	Chinese Taipei Barbados	18 - 38	10 - 20
8	Greece Netherlands	28 - 33	14 - 16
9	Jamaica Hungary	19 - 70	4 - 25

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Estonia Brazil	48 - 28	20 - 10
2	Denmark Japan	7 - 26	11 - 19
3	South Africa Sweden	16 - 36	10 - 20
4	New Zealand Hungary	23 - 19	16 - 14
5	China Hong Kong USA	13 - 39	9 - 21
6	England Chinese Taipei	23 - 21	15 - 15
7	France Kenya	71 - 11	25 - 2
8	Pakistan Wales	18 - 3	18 - 12



GROUP L

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Guadeloupe Germany	10 - 25	12 - 18
2	China Indonesia	6 - 51	5 - 25
3	Poland Italy	20 - 31	13 - 17
4	Egypt Canada	26 - 33	14 - 16
5	Reunion Thailand	17 - 26	13 - 17
6	Australia Belgium	27 - 15	18 - 12
7	Ireland Finland	33 - 21	18 - 12
8	India Netherlands	33 - 15	19 - 11

GROUP K

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Hungary France	10 - 60	4 - 25
2	Kenya England	17 - 103	0 - 25
3	Chinese Taipei China Hong Kong	17 - 43	9 - 21
4	USA Pakistan	54 - 15	24 - 6
5	Brazil New Zealand	34 - 70	7 - 23
6	Sweden Denmark	48 - 34	18 - 12
7	Japan Estonia	46 - 19	21 - 9
8	Wales South Africa	29 - 23	16 - 14



GROUP L

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Canada Ireland	53 - 13	24 - 6
2	Finland Australia	32 - 39	14 - 16
3	Belgium Reunion	55 - 10	25 - 5
4	Thailand India	17 - 43	9 - 21
5	Germany Egypt	39 - 27	18 - 12
6	Italy China	41 - 33	17 - 13
7	Indonesia Guadeloupe	40 - 17	20 - 10
8	Netherlands Poland	33 - 53	10 - 20

ROUND 4

ROUND 5

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA - Brazil	42 - 22	20 - 10
2	Poland - Lithuania	23 - 56	7 - 23
3	Palestine - Norway	49 - 49	15 - 15
4	Italy - Reunion	30 - 13	19 - 11
5	India - Egypt	55 - 28	21 - 9
6	Portugal - Guadeloupe	28 - 21	16 - 14
7	Thailand - Trinidad and Tobago	58 - 10	25 - 4
8	England - Belarus	56 - 17	24 - 6
9	Japan - China Hong Kong	13 - 48	7 - 23

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Canada - Russia	41 - 34	16 - 14
2	Finland - Jordan	64 - 21	25 - 5
3	France - Bermuda	103 - 21	25 - 0
4	Denmark - Indonesia	45 - 38	16 - 14
5	China - Estonia	88 - 2	25 - 0
6	Scotland - Kenya	70 - 35	23 - 7
7	Serbia - Spain	30 - 56	9 - 21
8	Philippines - Argentina	44 - 27	19 - 11
9	Australia - Venezuela	24 - 69	5 - 25

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Korea - Greece	45 - 19	21 - 9
2	Netherlands - Chinese Taipei	52 - 18	23 - 7
3	Barbados - Germany	28 - 45	11 - 19
4	Ireland - Jamaica	93 - 16	25 - 0
5	Hungary - Morocco	31 - 28	16 - 14
6	Mexico - South Africa	28 - 62	7 - 23
7	Turkey - Sweden	49 - 30	19 - 11
8	Latvia - New Zealand	27 - 59	7 - 23
9	Pakistan - Singapore	28 - 64	7 - 23

ROUND 6

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Brazil - Japan	16 - 40	9 - 21
2	Estonia - Sweden	76 - 24	25 - 4
3	Denmark - Wales	20 - 24	14 - 16
4	South Africa - USA	21 - 56	7 - 23
5	Pakistan - Chinese Taipei	38 - 17	20 - 10
6	New Zealand - France	63 - 26	24 - 6
7	England - Hungary	15 - 60	5 - 25
8	China Hong Kong - Kenya	46 - 7	24 - 6



GROUP L

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Germany - Indonesia	1 - 80	0 - 25
2	Guadeloupe - Italy	16 - 51	7 - 23
3	China - Netherlands	44 - 56	12 - 18
4	Poland - Thailand	46 - 17	22 - 8
5	India - Belgium	50 - 29	20 - 10
6	Egypt - Ireland	59 - 9	25 - 4
7	Australia - Canada	70 - 13	25 - 3
8	Reunion - Finland	46 - 60	12 - 18



Today's Coverage

ROUND 7 - 11.00

China - Netherlands (O)	VG
Australia - Germany (O)	BBO
Russia - Sweden (O)	BBO
Germany - Netherlands (W)	BBO
Russia - Scotland (W)	OurGames
USA - Greece (O)	OurGames

ROUND 8 - 14.20

New Zealand - Norway (O)	VG
Bularia - Poland (O)	BBO
Denmark - France (O)	BBO
Italy - Romania (O)	BBO
China - Spain (W)	OurGames
Mexico - China (O)	OurGames

ROUND 9 - 17.10

Brazil - Italy (O)	VG
Turkey - England (O)	BBO
Lebanon - Germany (O)	BBO
France - Pakistan (O)	BBO
China - India (O)	OurGames
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- 11.00 Open-Women-Senior Teams, Round 7
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WBF Meeting
of Congress

Thursday 09 October 2008 – 10.30 am

The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held on Thursday 09 October at 10.30 am in the Auditorium (Vu-Graph Theatre) at the Beijing Intercontinental Beichen Hotel. Each country should send a delegate to this important meeting, and if you have not already done so you are invited to register your delegate at the WBF Secretariat's Office on the 4th Floor of the BNCC as soon as possible, or if you wish you can email anna@ecats.co.uk to make your registration.

The meeting will be followed by a cocktail hosted by the President of the WBF to which all delegates are invited.

In addition, each registered official delegate attending the Congress and his or her companion will receive an invitation to the WBF 50th Anniversary Dinner provided they have confirmed their attendance no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 07 October.

OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Italy	122	1 Israel	126	1 Norway	128	1 Germany	128
2 Estonia	112	2 Netherlands	121	2 Poland	124	2 USA	121
3 Canada	107	3 India	120	3 Spain	119	3 Turkey	119
Denmark	107	4 China	113	4 Bulgaria	105	4 Indonesia	111
Romania	107	5 Hungary	107	5 Chinese Taipei	102	5 England	99
6 Brazil	105	6 Portugal	102	Guadeloupe	102	6 Thailand	98
7 South Africa	99	Russia	102	7 New Zealand	92	7 Belarus	96
8 Ireland	97	8 Scotland	96	8 Georgia	90	8 Greece	95
9 France	95	9 Austria	95	9 Belgium	88	Lebanon	95
10 Pakistan	89	10 Sweden	89	10 Egypt	87	10 Serbia	90
11 China Macau	88	11 Argentina	88	11 Ukraine	86	11 Switzerland	88
12 Japan	85	12 Latvia	84	12 Bangladesh	84	12 Australia	86
13 Slovakia	78	13 San Marino	79	Iceland	84	13 Reunion	81
14 Kenya	70	14 China Hong Kong	74	14 Chile	78	14 Jordan	79
15 Finland	69	15 Mexico	64	15 Singapore	73	15 Philippines	64
16 Trinidad & Tobago	66	16 Jamaica	60	16 Bosnia & Herzegovina	66	16 Lithuania	57
17 Albania	37	17 French Polynesia	41	17 Bermuda	46	17 Botswana	53
		18 Korea	32	18 Morocco	39	18 Venezuela	40

WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 England	124	1 Spain	124	1 Hungary	117
2 USA	109	2 China	123	2 Sweden	114
3 Italy	101	3 Venezuela	119	3 Singapore	113
4 China Hong Kong	100	4 Finland	110	4 Germany	112
5 Lithuania	95	5 Russia	104	5 Netherlands	110
6 Poland	94	6 France	103	6 Korea	98
Norway	94	7 Philippines	102	South Africa	98
8 Brazil	93	8 Denmark	97	8 Turkey	94
9 India	91	9 Scotland	91	Greece	94
10 Belarus	87	10 Indonesia	88	10 Chinese Taipei	91
11 Egypt	85	11 Argentina	87	Morocco	91
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15 Palestine	75	15 Serbia	72	15 Barbados	72
Reunion	75	16 Jordan	70	16 Latvia	70
17 Guadeloupe	74	17 Bermuda	38	17 Pakistan	55
18 Trinidad and Tobago	71	18 Kenya	31	18 Jamaica	38

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

GROUP K				GROUP L			
1 USA	132	Chinese Taipei	88	1 Australia	122	9 Italy	85
2 Japan	125	10 Denmark	86	2 Indonesia	120	10 Belgium	82
3 England	99	11 Hungary	85	3 Poland	114	11 Finland	81
4 New Zealand	98	12 Wales	82	4 Canada	110	12 Ireland	76
5 France	97	13 Pakistan	76	5 Egypt	104	13 Guadeloupe	72
6 China Hong Kong	94	Sweden	76	6 Germany	91	14 China	71
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SENIOR TEAMS B3

USA V ENGLAND

Beijing Tea Party

by Mark Horton

Although they do not take place on a regular basis, Bridge matches between the USA and England have had a special significance ever since the day's of Ely Culbertson Anglo/American encounters of the 1930's. Here in Beijing, having enjoyed comfortable victories in their first two matches, both sides were seeking to maintain a 100% record. First blood went to the USA.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ J 9 6 4 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A K 10 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	♠ K Q J 6 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 6 5 4	♠ 8 7 5 2 ♥ A K 7 5 ♦ 9 2 ♣ Q J 9
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Open Room

West <i>Dixon</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Silverstone</i>	South <i>Eisenberg</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

At this level of play you would not give South much chance of emerging with nine tricks – and you would be right, for when West, clearly ignorant of Barry Crane's famous dictum – 'When God deals you AK of a suit it's so you don't have a lead problem.' - found the extremely obscure lead of the ten of spades declarer quickly racked up eleven for +150.

Closed Room

West <i>Granovetter</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Ekeblad</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Had South been favoured with a similar lead to that made against his opposite number his aggression would have been rewarded. However, West started with the ace of clubs and when East followed with the nine he made the

'obvious shift' (apologies, but who could resist such an opportunity) to the four of hearts. That should have given the defence the first nine tricks, but they muddled the club suit and declarer 'escaped' for three down and lost 7 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 8 5 3 2 ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ A 10 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	♠ K 10 ♥ 10 9 8 2 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ Q 9 6 3	♠ J 9 ♥ A K Q 6 3 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K J 8
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Open Room

West <i>Dixon</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Silverstone</i>	South <i>Eisenberg</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	All Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT			

With nothing terribly attractive South went for a passive seven of clubs. That solved one problem for declarer and it presented him with an eighth trick. How to find one more? The jack of spades lost to North's king and the return of the jack of diamonds was covered by the king and ace. A low diamond went to dummy's seven and declarer cashed out for +400.

Closed Room

West <i>Granovetter</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Ekeblad</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here too South led a club, and declarer won and ran the jack of spades. This time North gave up on the idea that South might hold ♦AQ10x and switched to the nine of hearts. Declarer won in hand and advanced the nine of spades. When he guessed to run that North took the ten and was not slow to get the jack of diamonds onto the

table. That was one down, -50, and the match had a new leader.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>
5♠	2♣*	3♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
	7♣	All Pass	

East/West's vigorous preemption could not deflect North from his chosen path, but South, perhaps recalling the words of Proverbs 28.1 – 'The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.' – thought he knew better.

North would hardly have been ecstatic when he saw the dummy, but with diamonds 3-1 and the heart position as it was fate had decreed that the contract was destined to make. Declarer won the spade lead and played all his trumps, which was more than East/West could stand. I



Billy Eisenberg, USA

think you could call that a not unfortunate +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣*
All Pass			

Here North/South were given a free run, bid accurately to the best contract – and lost 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	Pass
All Pass			2♠*

West led an uninspired spade and East took the ace and found the best shot of laying down the king of diamonds and following it with the seven of hearts. Declarer fell for that and West won with the ten of hearts. Now the defenders could cash their red winners and collect a couple of ruffs for one down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
Pass	2♠	All Pass	Pass

East led the king of diamonds, but then failed to find the essential switch to a heart, preferring the five of clubs. Declarer won with the king and played on trumps. East won the second round and might still have given declarer a problem with a switch to a low heart. No, he played the ace and declarer was home, +110 giving England 7 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 4		♠ J 10 8 7									
♥ A Q 10 8 3		♥ 2									
♦ K Q 6		♦ 4 3									
♣ K 3		♣ Q J 10 7 4 2									
♠ 9 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 80px; height: 60px;"> <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 Q 6 3
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♥ J 9 7 5	♥ K 6 4										
♦ A J 10 8 5 2	♦ 9 7										
♣ 8	♣ A 9 6 5										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Dble	6♥	All Pass	

When West doubled Five Diamonds North knew his holding in that suit was well placed and he jumped to the good slam. (As the diamond ruff was a minor possibility there is perhaps a case for North preferring 6NT.) East led a diamond, but when he could not ruff the second diamond declarer was soon home with +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The English pairs auction fell short of the mark and cost 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 6		♠ 9 7									
♥ J 7		♥ K 10 6 4 3									
♦ J 10 7		♦ A K Q 4									
♣ K 10 7 6 5 2		♣ 9 4									
♠ J 8 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 80px; height: 60px;"> <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 Q 10 5 4 3
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		S									
♥ A 5 2	♥ Q 9 8										
♦ 8 6 3	♦ 9 5 2										
♣ A Q J 8	♣ 3										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>
		1♥	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

England stopped at a what appeared to be safe level and the defence started with the ace of spades and a spade to the king, North switching to the seven of diamonds. Declarer won, and surprisingly ignoring the trump suit, played a club to the queen and king. If North had now found the not impossible play of returning a club South would have ruffed and played a spade for North to ruff with the jack of hearts, thereby promoting a second trump trick for South. When he tamely played a second diamond declarer won and set about the trump suit, rapidly claiming nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
		2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When East/West pushed on to the reasonable game South led his club. With little choice, declarer finessed and North won and returned the seven of clubs for South to ruff. After the ace of spades, a spade to the king and another club, ruffed by south declarer was two down, -200 giving England 8 IMPs.

That was the last significant swing and the USA won 45-31 IMPs, 18-12 VP.



Colin Simpson, England

OPEN TEAMS R1

HUNGARY v CHINA

Rough Start

by Brent Manley

As the host nation for the tournament, China made the first appearance on vugraph at the world championships. All in all, the first day was not what the hosts had hoped for. This was one of their early missteps.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 5		♠ 6				
♥ K 4 3		♥ J 10 7 2				
♦ Q J 9 8 4 3 2		♦ A 7				
♣ —		♣ J 9 6 5 4 2				
♠ A K 10 8 4 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 9 7 3
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♥ 8 5		♥ A Q 9 6				
♦ 5		♦ K 10 6				
♣ K Q 10 8		♣ A 7 3				

West	North	East	South
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao
1♠	3♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♠

Peter Trenka started with his singleton spade, taken by Peter Barczy with the king. He switched to the ♣K at trick two, and



Peter Trenka, Hungary

when Fu Zhong showed out, there was nothing to the defense. Declarer was limited to five tricks for minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo
2♦*	3NT	All Pass	INT

Haojun Shi started with the ♠A, switching to the ♣K, ducked by Laszlo Harangozo. The next card out of West's hand was the ♣8, but Zejun Zhuang made the good decision to play low, keeping the suit from blocking. Harangozo won the ♣A and played a diamond. Zhuang won the ♦A and returned a club. Shi, who apparently forgot that the ♣8 knocked out the ace earlier, won the ♣10 instead of playing the king, letting declarer off for two down.

A huge swing for Hungary followed on the next board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao
Pass	1♠	2♦	2NT*
3♦	Pass	3♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dbf
All Pass			

It takes a heart lead and a heart ruff (or a heart switch after the unlikely lead of the ♣A) to defeat 5♦. Even after Zhao led a spade, however, Trenka had to play well to land the doubled contract.

Declarer ruffed the opening lead, pulled trumps, knocked out the ♣A, overtook the ♣10 with the jack, discarded a heart on the ♣9 and called for a low heart. With a count on the South hand, declarer knew his only chance was to find South with a singleton ♥Q. There were no more en-

tries to dummy, so it would not help to find North with both missing heart honors. Declarer therefore put up the ♠K and was rewarded when the queen fell. He lost just two tricks for plus 750.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>	<i>Harangozo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	2♦	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

Harangozo was not taxed to come to 10 tricks – after West’s INT response to his partner’s opener, declarer was not going to misguess the spade suit. Plus 620 and plus 750 added up to a 16-IMP swing for Hungary, leading 22-0 at that point.

More IMPs went Hungary’s way on the next deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Barczy</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Trenka</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South started with a spade to the jack, king and ace. The ♦Q was ducked all around, and at trick three declarer played a low club from hand. South played low, and dummy’s jack won. A club to the ace was followed by a diamond to the jack. North won and returned the ♥Q, but it was too late. Declarer had four diamonds, four clubs, three spades and a heart for plus 490.

At the other table, declarer had to contend with a much more challenging lead.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>	<i>Harangozo</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Harangozo found the diabolical lead of the ♥7. Zhuang looked this over for a time before rising with the ace. The

contract is still makeable from there, but declarer must take care. A spade finesse should be followed by a club to the king and the ♦Q. North must duck or declarer’s task is trivial. After that, declarer plays to establish three club tricks (anything works) to go with three spades, two diamonds and one heart.

At the table, Zhuang won the ♥A, played the ♠J, which held, then followed with the ♣J. Now he was doomed. The defense took their three heart tricks, leaving declarer one short – he had three spades, three clubs, one heart and one diamond.

That was another 11 IMPs to Hungary, now leading 33-0. China was behind 33-3 when the team finally had a big swing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Barczy</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Trenka</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
	1♥*	2♥	1♣
Dbl	4♦	Pass	Pass
All Pass			4♠



Zhong Fu, China

Canada vs. Italy, Round 2


by Brent Manley

Despite a change in personnel, the defending champions from Italy rank among the favorites in the event formerly known as the Olympiad.

The lineup change put Antonio Sementa as Giorgio Duboin's partner instead of Norberto Bocchi. In round two, the Italians faced the team from Canada and got their money's worth from the North Americans, who won a close, come-from-behind match 25-22.

It was all Italy in the beginning. This deal did not represent a big IMP swing, but it helped Italy to a 5-1 lead early.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West <i>Fergani</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>L'Ecuyer</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Duboin started with the ♦A and a diamond to declarer's king. With the heart finesse working, L'Ecuyer lost only the two club tricks for plus 130. At the other table, Dan Jacob had reason to be thankful he wasn't doubled.


West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Jacob</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Lebi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Fulvio Fantoni started with the ♠A and continued with a spade to Claudio Nunes' king. Nunes switched accurately to the ♥J, which went to the king and ace. Two more high hearts were cashed, and the fourth round of hearts made sure the defenders had two trump tricks coming. Jacob could ruff low and be overruffed, followed by a spade ruff for Fantoni, or he could ruff with the trump ace and give up two trump tricks a different way.

Plus 200 was just 2 IMPs, but the momentum was with the Italians. They gained another IMP on the next deal when they made an overtrick in 6♦ that was not made in the same contract at the other table.

The big swing of the first half for Italy occurred on Board 24.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West <i>Fergani</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>L'Ecuyer</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Commentators noted that Nick L'Ecuyer could not make a splinter bid of 4♥ because his hand was "too good" for that shortness-showing bid. The upshot was that the great fit of the two hands was never really explored, so only one stab at slam was made. The problem was that West, who knew partner had a slam try and no club control, had bad trumps no heart control and no convenient way to advance unless 4♥ was played as Last Train.

At the other table, Fantoni and Nunes got there despite a weak INT opening.

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Jacob</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Lebi</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The same position in the auction was reached as in the other room, the difference being that the INT opening had limited West's shape and high-card points, so effectively he had a non-minimum in context.

Thirteen tricks were easy after the opening lead of a low diamond. Nunes won and played dummy's top trumps, claiming when the queen fell. Plus 1010 was an 11-IMP swing for Italy, leading now 16-1.

Canada began their comeback on Board 26 when Kamel Fergani made an inspired decision at his second turn to bid.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Jacob</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Lebi</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Jacob started with the ♠Q. Nunes won the ♠A and played the ♥10 from hand. Lebi won the ♥J and played a diamond to the queen and dummy's ace. Nunes took a successful club finesse to the queen (as opposed to running the jack, which would have worked), then got out with a heart to North's 7 (he had played the 8 on the first round). Jacob played the ♦K, ruffed, and a third round of hearts put Jacob on lead again. He cleared the spades, and when South gained the lead again in trumps, he could cash a spade and put declarer back in his hand for plus 100.

West <i>Fergani</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>L'Ecuyer</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

Fergani's choice of rebid worked out extremely well for his side. Sementa got off to the best lead of a low trump, but Fergani merrily crossruffed for 10 tricks, plus 130 and 6 IMPs.

Canada gained another 3 IMPs when Robert Lebi managed three down in a 3♠ contract, while Sementa went off five tricks, both declarers suffering from a miserable adverse trump split in a 4-3 trump fit.

Canada trailed 22-10 when this intriguing deal came along.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Fergani</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>L'Ecuyer</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Sementa started with a low trump from his queen. Fergani won the ace, played a spade to his ace and took the diamond finesse. He cashed the ♦A, then played a club to his king and Sementa's ace. Fergani won the trump continuation with dummy's king, ruffed a club in hand, played a spade to dummy's king and ruffed dummy's last club with the ♥J. Now when he exited with a spade to Sementa's jack, Sementa could cash the ♥Q and punch out declarer's last trump with the ♣J. Still that was plus 140 for Canada.

At the other table, the Italians were more ambitious.

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Jacob</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Lebi</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Nunes' 1♦ bid showed hearts, and with his 16 high-card points, Fantoni was happy to accept the game try.

Lebi started with a low club to the king and Jacob's ace, and Jacob got out with the ♠Q. Fantoni won in hand, ruffed a club, played a heart to his ace, then ruffed his last club with the ♥J. When Fantoni played a diamond from dummy, Jacob put up the king, which appeared to deceive declarer. Fantoni won the ♦A and played the ♠7 to Jacob's jack. Jacob got out with the ♦J. Fantoni cashed the ♥K and played the ♥6 to Jacob's queen, but Jacob won and punched out declarer's last trump. That was one down and 5 IMPs to Canada. Fantoni could have made the contract from this end position:

♠ 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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	♠ 6 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ — ♣ —
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		♠ — ♥ — ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ Q 10			

If Fantoni plays his winning spade, North can ruff, but then he must play a heart, allowing Fantoni to run it to dummy's 8, or play a club. In the latter case, Fantoni would ruff in hand with the 6 and overruff in dummy with the 8, leaving him in position for a trump coup for his ninth and 10th tricks. Fantoni should have followed this line. North was known to have three spades and the play of the diamonds looked a lot like a doubleton. Further, North could not have five clubs or the third- and fifth- lead of the ♣4 from South would have been anti-systemic. Therefore, he had four clubs and four hearts.

The Canadians finished the comeback on the next-to-last deal, earning a 10-IMP swing for getting to 6♦ while the Italians at the other table played in 3NT, taking 10 tricks.