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LOOKING FOR A FINISHING KICK



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VUGRAPH MATCHES



Round 16 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 30	USA 2 - Germany	(VC)
BBO 1:	Table 9	Netherlands - Italy	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 43	Canada - USA 1	(SB)
SWAN*:	Table 4	Canada - Sweden	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 6	Australia - Brazil	(BB)

Round 17 (14.20-16.40)

VG:	Table 10	Indonesia - China SMEG	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 9	Norway - Poland	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 3	USA 1 - Italy	(BB)
SWAN:	Table 23	Netherlands - Denmark	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 7	Japan - Canada	(BB)

Round 18 (17.10-19.30)

VG:	Table 2	China SMEG - Norway	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 6	South Africa - Argentina	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 51	Poland - France	(SB)
SWAN:	Table 3	Poland - Sweden	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 22	Brazil - France	(VC)

* This match will be broadcast at 20.30 Chinese time

With only six rounds left in the qualifying stages of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl, teams on the cusp must intensify their efforts to rake in the IMPs lest they find themselves out of the action by Saturday night.

The top eight in each championship will start knockout play on Sunday, and there are many teams that could still make the cut. For all but a few, however, there is scant room for error.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM



Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 16 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	China SMEG	New Zealand
2	Poland	Indonesia
3	India	Norway
4	Canada	Sweden
5	USA 2	Egypt
6	Australia	Brazil
7	Ireland	Argentina
8	USA 1	Trinidad & Tobago
9	Netherlands	Italy
10	Pakistan	Chinese Taipei
11	South Africa	Japan

Venice Cup

ROUND 16 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Brazil	England
22	Jordan	Egypt
23	South Africa	France
24	Guadeloupe	New Zealand
25	Indonesia	Argentina
26	Canada	China Global Times
27	Australia	Japan
28	Denmark	India
29	Philippines	Netherlands
30	USA 2	Germany
31	USA 1	Croatia

ROUND 17 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Egypt	Pakistan
2	Chinese Taipei	Netherlands
3	Italy	USA 1
4	Trinidad & Tobago	Ireland
5	Argentina	Australia
6	New Zealand	USA 2
7	Japan	Canada
8	Sweden	India
9	Norway	Poland
10	Indonesia	China SMEG
11	Brazil	South Africa

ROUND 17 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Argentina	USA 2
22	Germany	Philippines
23	Netherlands	Denmark
24	India	Australia
25	Japan	Canada
26	England	Indonesia
27	Croatia	Guadeloupe
28	New Zealand	South Africa
29	France	Jordan
30	Egypt	Brazil
31	China Global Times	USA 1

ROUND 18 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	New Zealand	Indonesia
2	China SMEG	Norway
3	Poland	Sweden
4	India	Japan
5	Canada	Brazil
6	South Africa	Argentina
7	USA 2	Pakistan
8	Ireland	Italy
9	USA 1	Chinese Taipei
10	Netherlands	Egypt
11	Australia	Trinidad & Tobago

ROUND 18 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	England	Egypt
22	Brazil	France
23	Jordan	New Zealand
24	South Africa	Croatia
25	Guadeloupe	China Global Times
26	USA 1	Japan
27	Indonesia	USA 2
28	Australia	Netherlands
29	Denmark	Germany
30	Philippines	Argentina
31	Canada	India



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Senior Bowl

ROUND 16 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Italy	South Africa
42	China	Denmark
43	Canada	USA 1
44	New Zealand	Argentina
45	Guadeloupe	Egypt
46	Poland	USA 2
47	Australia	Brazil
48	Thailand	France
49	Sweden	Japan
50	China Hong Kong	Indonesia
51	Germany	India

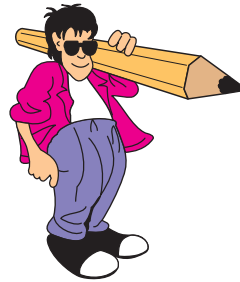
ROUND 17 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Egypt	China Hong Kong
42	Indonesia	Sweden
43	Japan	Thailand
44	France	Australia
45	Brazil	Poland
46	South Africa	Guadeloupe
47	India	New Zealand
48	Argentina	Canada
49	USA 1	China
50	Denmark	Italy
51	USA 2	Germany

ROUND 18 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	South Africa	Denmark
42	Italy	USA 1
43	China	Argentina
44	Canada	India
45	New Zealand	USA 2
46	Germany	Brazil
47	Guadeloupe	China Hong Kong
48	Australia	Japan
49	Thailand	Indonesia
50	Sweden	Egypt
51	Poland	France

Championship Diary



Ron Tacchi reports that the highlight of the IBPA Executive meeting was Maureen Dennison's question, 'How many I's are there in welfare?'
(Did you spot that one, Philip?)

Seeking inside information on something confidential I assured Tacchi that anything he said 'would not go beyond these four walls'.

They could hear the collective wave of derision in the Open Room (a mere two floors below).

We caution you against asking silly questions unless you are prepared for the answer.

A member of the Bulletin team encountered a WBF staff member. He approached her and asked, 'Do you remember me?'

She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you're a big disappointment to me.'

'You lie, cheat on your wife, manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher.'

Somewhat taken aback he pointed across the room to a colleague and asked, 'Do you know him?'

She again replied, 'Why, yes, I do. I've known him since he was a youngster. He's lazy, bigoted, and has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his business is in tatters. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women – and one of them was your wife.'

Another senior member of the Bulletin team immediately called his colleagues over.

In a quiet voice he said, 'If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll never work again.'

WBF Laws Committee

Sunday 7 October
14.00 in Room 3F

To discuss some issues regarding the draft for the new laws.

Ton Kooijman





RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl



ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Italy	Chinese Taipei	54 - 22	23 - 7
2 Poland	USA 2	4 - 34	8 - 22
3 Argentina	Pakistan	16 - 53	6 - 24
4 Brazil	Netherlands	20 - 22	15 - 15
5 Japan	USA 1	48 - 51	14 - 16
6 Sweden	Ireland	26 - 7	19 - 11
7 Norway	Australia	8 - 33	9 - 21
8 Indonesia	South Africa	15 - 57	5 - 25
9 New Zealand	Canada	23 - 47	9 - 21
10 China SMEG	India	29 - 26	16 - 14
11 Trinidad & Tobago	Egypt	19 - 42	10 - 20

ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Poland	China SMEG	6 - 34	8 - 22
2 India	New Zealand	68 - 11	25 - 3
3 USA 2	Chinese Taipei	18 - 40	10 - 20
4 South Africa	Norway	66 - 39	21 - 9
5 Australia	Sweden	33 - 50	11 - 19
6 Ireland	Japan	44 - 37	16 - 14
7 USA 1	Brazil	52 - 45	16 - 14
8 Netherlands	Argentina	36 - 19	19 - 11
9 Pakistan	Trinidad & Tobago	53 - 16	24 - 6
10 Egypt	Italy	16 - 28	12 - 18
11 Canada	Indonesia	18 - 22	14 - 16

ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Chinese Taipei	Egypt	24 - 41	11 - 19
2 Italy	Pakistan	44 - 16	22 - 8
3 Trinidad & Tobago	Netherlands	21 - 42	10 - 20
4 China SMEG	USA 2	19 - 36	11 - 19
5 Brazil	Ireland	26 - 42	11 - 19
6 Japan	Australia	50 - 23	21 - 9
7 Sweden	South Africa	24 - 46	10 - 20
8 Norway	Canada	50 - 12	24 - 6
9 Indonesia	India	57 - 16	24 - 6
10 New Zealand	Poland	45 - 24	20 - 10
11 Argentina	USA 1	53 - 10	25 - 5

Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	Italy	275
2	USA 1	268
3	South Africa	251.5
4	Netherlands	248.5
5	Poland	243
6	China SMEG	242
7	Norway	238
8	Australia	237
9	Egypt	233
10	Japan	232
11	USA 2	229
12	Argentina	225
	Sweden	225
14	Brazil	222
15	Indonesia	220
16	Pakistan	216
17	Chinese Taipei	204.5
18	Ireland	198.5
19	India	193
20	Canada	190.5
21	New Zealand	187
22	Trinidad & Tobago	143.5



Zia doubles the Photographer's attempt at taking a picture



RESULTS

Venice Cup



ROUND 13

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Netherlands	Germany	17 - 40	10 - 20
22	Jordan	Indonesia	18 - 44	9 - 21
23	Japan	USA 2	34 - 57	10 - 20
24	China Global Times	Philippines	53 - 8	25 - 5
25	Croatia	Denmark	26 - 25	15 - 15
26	New Zealand	Australia	40 - 23	19 - 11
27	France	Canada	48 - 44	16 - 14
28	Egypt	USA 1	17 - 53	7 - 23
29	England	Guadeloupe	46 - 23	20 - 10
30	Brazil	South Africa	23 - 47	9 - 21
31	India	Argentina	32 - 27	16 - 14

ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Jordan	Brazil	2 - 57	3 - 25
22	South Africa	England	14 - 58	5 - 25
23	Indonesia	Germany	54 - 41	18 - 12
24	USA 1	France	34 - 16	19 - 11
25	Canada	New Zealand	53 - 6	25 - 4
26	Australia	Croatia	31 - 18	18 - 12
27	Denmark	China Global Times	29 - 5	21 - 9
28	Philippines	Japan	13 - 27	12 - 18
29	USA 2	India	47 - 12	23 - 7
30	Argentina	Netherlands	24 - 47	10 - 20
31	Guadeloupe	Egypt	9 - 82	0 - 25

ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Germany	Argentina	65 - 7	25 - 3
22	Netherlands	USA 2	52 - 17	23 - 7
23	India	Philippines	24 - 19	16 - 14
24	Brazil	Indonesia	23 - 34	13 - 17
25	China Global Times	Australia	60 - 28	23 - 7
26	Croatia	Canada	12 - 42	8 - 22
27	New Zealand	USA 1	36 - 42	14 - 16
28	France	Guadeloupe	35 - 5	22 - 8
29	Egypt	South Africa	29 - 49	10 - 20
30	England	Jordan	26 - 21	16 - 14
31	Japan	Denmark	34 - 13	20 - 10

Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	USA 1	288
2	Germany	276
3	China Global Times	266
4	France	258
5	Denmark	245.5
6	Canada	241
	England	241
	USA 2	241
9	Indonesia	231
10	Egypt	227
11	Netherlands	226
12	Australia	218
13	Brazil	217
14	Argentina	216
15	Philippines	213
16	India	212
17	New Zealand	211.5
18	Croatia	202
19	Japan	190
20	South Africa	185
21	Jordan	155
22	Guadeloupe	143



Kathie Wei's birthday cake that she generously shared with the Bulletin Staff. She also shares her birthday with the launch of the first Sputnik into space.



RESULTS

Senior Bowl



ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Japan	Indonesia	27 - 49	10 - 20
42 China	Guadeloupe	33 - 17	19 - 11
43 Brazil	China Hong Kong	51 - 38	18 - 12
44 USA 2	Sweden	42 - 26	19 - 11
45 India	Thailand	50 - 16	23 - 7
46 Argentina	Australia	21 - 43	10 - 20
47 USA 1	Poland	30 - 32	15 - 15
48 Denmark	Germany	24 - 30	14 - 16
49 South Africa	New Zealand	42 - 25	19 - 11
50 Italy	Canada	22 - 34	12 - 18
51 France	Egypt	74 - 8	25 - 1

ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 China	Italy	75 - 17	25 - 3
42 Canada	South Africa	54 - 5	25 - 4
43 Guadeloupe	Indonesia	12 - 39	9 - 21
44 Germany	USA 1	37 - 33	16 - 14
45 Poland	Argentina	40 - 16	21 - 9
46 Australia	India	27 - 49	10 - 20
47 Thailand	USA 2	38 - 26	18 - 12
48 Sweden	Brazil	40 - 16	21 - 9
49 China Hong Kong	France	38 - 37	15 - 15
50 Egypt	Japan	9 - 51	5 - 25
51 New Zealand	Denmark	41 - 28	17.5 - 11.5

ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Indonesia	Egypt	34 - 43	13 - 17
42 Japan	China Hong Kong	36 - 36	15 - 15
43 France	Sweden	37 - 4	23 - 7
44 Italy	Guadeloupe	46 - 22	21 - 9
45 USA 2	Australia	7 - 20	12 - 18
46 India	Poland	7 - 58	4 - 25
47 Argentina	Germany	61 - 15	25 - 5
48 USA 1	New Zealand	43 - 33	17 - 13
49 Denmark	Canada	15 - 41	9 - 21
50 South Africa	China	18 - 52	7 - 23
51 Brazil	Thailand	44 - 20	21 - 9

Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	Canada	295
2	Italy	267
3	France	265
4	Poland	264
5	USA 1	259
6	Indonesia	258
7	USA 2	253
8	Australia	245
9	China	240
10	Brazil	236
11	India	230
12	Argentina	216
	Japan	216
14	Egypt	215
15	Germany	213
16	Denmark	207.5
17	Sweden	202
18	China Hong Kong	188
19	Guadeloupe	183
20	New Zealand	167.5
21	Thailand	165
22	South Africa	117

World Transnational Open Teams Championship

Teams not already pre-registered (i.e., whose names appear on the WBF website as entered for the Transnational Teams) but who wish to play if they do not qualify for the semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or Seniors Bowl, are asked to inform the Hospitality Desk outside the playing area as soon as possible.

It would be helpful if you could PRINT the names of the players in your team and the team name, and hand the list to the Hospitality Desk.

ALL TEAMS – whether or not they are required to pay an entry fee – will need to have a receipt from the WBF in order to participate in the event.

Payments may be made and receipts collected from Mrs Francin in the WBF Office on the 3rd floor. The office will be open for this purpose on :

- Friday: 14.00 – 16.00 hours only
- Saturday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00
- Sunday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00
- Monday: 10 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 18.00

VENICE CUP Round 8



New Zealand v

USA 2



Back in the Game

by Brent Manley

The New Zealand team in the Venice Cup got off to a hot start, winning their first four matches handily. They fell on hard times after that, losing four of the next five. They were looking to get back on track against USA 2, who had the same thing in mind after being clobbered by France in the final match on Tuesday.

New Zealand jumped ahead on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♦
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Accurate defense would have defeated 4♠, but once her partner raised diamonds, Disa Eythorsdottir felt it was better to declare than to defend. Jenny Wilkinson and Shirley Newton duly took their three tricks for plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Alabaster	Picus	Cormack
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	4♦	All Pass	

Jan Cormack liked partner Jan Alabaster's second suit, but she knew from the bidding that her club honors were probably wasted, so she made a good pass. Plus 130 meant a 6-IMP gain for New Zealand.

They lost it back on board 3, which should have been a small gain.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the closed room, after Alabaster, North, opened INT in third seat, Shawn Quinn transferred to hearts with the West hand, leaving East, Sue Picus, to play it. Cormack started with her three high diamonds. Picus ruffed, played the ♥Q to the king and ace, pulled trumps with one more round, then played the ♠A, a spade to the king and a spade ruff. When the ♠Q came down, Picus had her ninth trick for plus 140.

In the open room, New Zealand had a chance for a gain on the board, but it didn't work out.

West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
			Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			



Rozanne Pollack, USA 2

Newton started with the ♠J. Wilkinson took the ♠A and put the ♥3 on the table. Eythorsdottir flew with the ♥K, her only chance, and Newton won the ace. The defenders were now in a position to take with the first nine tricks, but Newton inexplicably continued with the ♣J. Eythorsdottir gratefully ran her minor-suit winners for plus 120 and a 6-IMP gain that should have been a 2-IMP loss.

There was more action on this deal, which resulted in a modest swing to New Zealand.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West played in 4♠ at both tables after South had overcalled in hearts. The defense went exactly the same at both tables: doubleton heart lead by North, three rounds of hearts by South, ruff by West, claim – the losing diamond going on dummy’s long club. The difference was that in the open room Rozanne Pollack as South doubled the final contract. That was plus 590 to New Zealand and a 5-IMP gain. As you can see, a diamond switch at trick two or three will defeat the contract.

A larger swing went to New Zealand two boards later.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A J 10 9 5 2 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 9	<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	♠ K 4 ♥ A K 8 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ Q 8 6 4
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W E					
S					
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West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
			Pass
2♦	2♠	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

2♦ described a hand with 10-14 high-card points and at least five diamonds. Newton might have bid 3NT directly

over 2♠ – that contract makes with an overtrick – but she preferred to cuebid. Declarer did not have to try hard to come to 11 tricks.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Alabaster	Picus	Cormack
			Pass
1♦	1♠	2♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

West meant her jump to game to deny slam interest, but East expected a better hand for the auction. The inevitable one down meant 12 IMPs to New Zealand, who had surged ahead 23-8.

USA 2 picked up 5 IMPs when Quinn and Picus pushed Cormack and Alabaster to the three level in spades, defending accurately to hold declarer to eight tricks, while at the other table, Pollack made an overtrick in 2♠.

Then came a big swing to the Americans.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
		1♥*	1♠*
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Wilkinson and Newton play a system in which a 1♥ bid shows at least four spades. Pollack’s 1♠ bid was, therefore, a takeout of spades. Wilkinson’s 2♠ bid confirmed support but not a great hand, and Pollack showed extras with a second takeout, this time in the form of a double. Newton started with the ♠K, switching to the ♦J at trick two. Eythorsdottir went up with the ♦A, pulled trumps and played the ♣J. The defenders could take the ♣A and a diamond, but that was it. Plus 620 to USA 2.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Alabaster	Picus	Cormack
		1♠	Dble
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

Quinn’s 2♥ bid was described as a constructive spade raise. Cormack might have doubled the final contract, but

that would have saved only 1 IMP. Picus took the maximum number of tricks possible, but she was one short of the required number. Even so, minus 100 meant USA 2 had gained 11 IMPs. The Americans were now ahead 24-23.

The next deal was very bad for New Zealand.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ K 9 6 5 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ J 9 7 4 2	♠ J 6 4 2 ♥ A Q 10 7 3 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 6 5	♠ K Q 9 8 7 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K J 10 8 3 ♣ —	<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	
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West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
Pass	1♦*	INT*	1♣*
3♥	Dble	4♠	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Pollack's 1♣ was strong and artificial, and 1♦ was a negative response. Newton's INT showed a two-suiter with clubs and hearts or diamonds and spades. Wilkinson knew there was a good fit somewhere, so she applied maximum pressure with the leap in hearts. When they finally found their fit, they were at the five level.

The defense would have been well placed with the opening lead of a trump – surely called for on the bidding – but Eythorsdottir started with a low club. At that point, Wilkinson was in a position to take nine tricks by simply crossruffing. She ruffed the opening lead, played the ♠K from dummy, ruffed out the ace, then ruffed another club. Instead of continuing the crossruff, however, Wilkinson played a heart to her king and Eythorsdottir's ace. Eythorsdottir did not fail in her second chance to play trumps, and when Pollack won the ♦A and returned the suit, Wilkinson soon found herself writing minus 800 on the scorecard.

At the other table, Cormack was in a position to minimize the loss, but it didn't work out.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Alabaster	Picus	Cormack
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♣
Pass	3♣	3♦	2NT
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		5♣

Whether Cormack should actually make it is a debatable point, but on the lie of the cards there are 11 tricks available in clubs. Here's how: Win the opening diamond lead

and ruff a diamond. Now a club to the ace reveals the bad break, so you follow with the ♥J, a heart to the queen, then the ♥A, pitching a spade. A heart ruff establishes the long heart, which you reach with a diamond ruff. Now the good heart is played and your second low spade is discarded. West can ruff and will come to one other trump trick, but you have 11 tricks for plus 550. On the bidding, this does not seem a farfetched line of play.

Cormack won the diamond lead in hand, ran the ♥J, then ruffed a diamond in dummy. She played a club back to hand, took another heart finesse, cashed the ♥A, pitching a diamond, then tried a spade to the ace. Disaster! West ruffed and exited with the ♣J. Cormack still had two more losers and was one down for minus 100 and 14 IMPs to USA 2.

USA 2 was up 47-26 with two boards to go, but New Zealand closed the gap.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ A Q 10 4	♠ A K 8 4 2 ♥ A K 5 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 9 6	♠ 10 9 7 6 5 ♥ 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ J 8 5 3 2	<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	
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West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
1♦*	1♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass			INT



Shirley Newton, New Zealand

Wilkinson's 1♦ showed four or more hearts and 10-14 high-card points. She did well to start with the ♠Q, ducked by Pollack. Declarer won the spade continuation in the dummy and played a diamond to the queen and West's king. Wilkinson did not want to break clubs or hearts, so she played the ♦7 to Newton. On the return of a low club, Pollack played the king, taken by Wilkinson with the ace. She cashed the ♣Q, but the suit was blocked when she continued with the ♣4 instead of the ♣10. Newton could see that the suit was blocked and that her partner would be endplayed on a club continuation, so she played the ♠10 to dummy. Pollack could have salvaged something from this wreck of a contract by cashing the ♥A and exiting with a heart, endplaying Wilkinson. Instead, she cashed dummy's high hearts and had to concede the rest for minus 300.

At the other table, Quinn managed 10 tricks in 4♣ for plus 130, but it was still a 5-IMP loss.

New Zealand earned another useful swing on the final deal.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 9 7 6 5 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 8 7	<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 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ J 10 5 4	♠ J 8 3 ♥ K J 8 7 3 2 ♦ A ♣ K 9 2
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West	North	East	South
Wilkinson	Eythorsdottir	Newton	Pollack
INT	Pass	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

Newton's 2♠ asked about her partner's strength, presumably minimum when Wilkinson passed the 3♥ overall. Wilkinson did well to start with the ♠Q, which held. A second spade went to the king, and Newton tried a diamond. Pollack won the ♦A and played the ♠J. Newton won the ace and accurately switched to the ♣J. That mean plus 50 for New Zealand.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Alabaster	Picus	Cormack
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Quinn didn't have a lot in reserve, but the five-card suit and the vulnerability persuaded her to go for the game. Cormack led a low heart and it was over quickly. The defense took the first seven tricks for plus 300 and an 8-IMP gain.

USA 2 won the match, but New Zealand had closed the gap to 47-39.

The Double Endplay

by Ron Klinger

Zoli Nagy (Australian Seniors) brought home 4♥ neatly on Board 15, Round 12 against USA 1:

Board 15. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 3 ♥ A K Q 10 6 2 ♦ 9 8 7 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		♠ Q 10 8 5 4 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q J 10 6 5 ♣ Q	♠ K 6 ♥ J 9 5 4 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ A J 8 2
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West	North	East	South
			1♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lead: ♣Q

Nagy took the ♣A and played a heart to the ace and the ♥10 to the jack. Next came the ♦3 and South was endplayed for the first time. He tried the ♣10 and Nagy discarded a diamond. Dummy's ♣J won and a club was ruffed. A diamond to the ace followed to give the position:

♠ 7 3 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ 9 ♣ —	<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		♠ Q 10 8 5 ♥ — ♦ J 6 ♣ —	♠ K 6 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 4 ♣ 8
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Nagy played the ♣8 from dummy and ditched his last diamond. Checkmate.



Clubbed To Death

by Mark Horton

Hoping to relax for a few minutes, Tacchi and I made our way to the VuGraph theatre to watch the end of the Round 11 match between USA 1 and Norway in the Bermuda Bowl.

We should have known better, as we immediately witnessed two sensational deals that have to be reported.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Helness	Garner	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

As you can see, despite the 4-1 trump break 6♥ is cold because the club king is onside.

However, Tor Helness had his own idea about that and he threw a huge spanner into the works when he led the five of clubs!

After a suitable pause – as Reese would have said, to show that he suspected a trap – declarer went up with the ace of clubs – and down went the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Rosenberg	Saelensminde	Zia
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Dbl
4♥	All Pass		

Although East/West failed to derive the maximum benefit from their team-mate's brilliant lead, Norway still picked up 11 IMPs

By a remarkable coincidence on the very next deal the USA had a chance to turn the tables, although this time it was in the other room:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Helness	Garner	Helgemo
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♣*	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

2♣ was a transfer to hearts and when West supported diamonds it was a mild surprise to see East fail to advance to 3NT.

South led a trump. Declarer won in hand and advanced the queen of hearts. South covered and declarer quickly claimed 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Rosenberg	Saelensminde	Zia
	Pass	1♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A swing was guaranteed when the Norwegians bid up to 3NT.

The VuGraph commentators had noticed that a low club lead would force declarer to rely on the heart finesse, but there was no doubt that declarer would take it and bring home his game.

However, they had reckoned without South's ability occasionally to conjure IMPs out of thin air.

Zia did indeed lead a club – but he selected the king!!

Do you blame declarer for assuming that South had started life with the ♣KQ?

He won in hand, took six rounds of diamonds and played a club. Zia had already disposed of the ten of clubs so North took three tricks in the suit and played a spade. One down, -100 and a stupendous 6 IMPs to USA 1.

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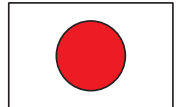
Round 11



Germany

v

Japan



by Brian Senior

Japan had a good first day but have been struggling since then, while Germany have gradually been consolidating a qualifying place and were lying fourth going into their eleventh-round meeting.

Germany won the match comfortably, by 85-16 IMPs, 25-1 VPs. There were four slam deals, and Germany won those by three to zero, providing roughly half the margin of victory.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Shimamura	Hackett	Tajima
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Tan	Auken	Banno	v Arnim
	2♦	Dble	2♥
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After a pass from Kyoko Shimamura, Pony Nehmert and Barbara Hackett had the auction to themselves. Why pass a hand that would be opened at most other tables? I think it is a Japanese thing – I teach Japanese ladies in London and they assure me that they have been taught in Japan that a weak two bid should not contain a void (I agree with them, but only so far as that they should not be void in the suit they open).

Anyway, when Hackett rebid a game-forcing 3♣, Nehmert had slam in mind. She used fourth suit then supported clubs in a way that clearly showed slam interest. When Hackett could cuebid diamonds, she closed proceedings with a jump to 6♣, an excellent contract.

The five-nil trump split looks awkward but Hackett showed that it could be overcome without too much difficulty. She won the diamond lead with the king, cashed the spade winners to throw two diamonds from hand, then took a heart finesse, losing to the king. The diamond continuation was won with the ace and now she cashed the ace of clubs, getting the bad news. Ace of hearts and a heart ruff were followed by a spade ruff with the ♣4, after which the last four tricks could be won on a high crossruff; +920.

Sabine Auken's multi opening, showing a weak two in either major, made life much more difficult in the other room. Kazuko Banno's double showed either 13-15 balanced or any strong hand – personally I would prefer to pass then double spades for take-out, making my hand-type clearer to partner – and she showed the strong version with a heart suit by bidding 4♥ over Mizuko Tan's jump to 3♠. There the matter rested, and neither East nor West could be 100% certain which major was held by North, particularly given the generally aggressive approach Auken/von Arnim have to pre-emption.

Four hearts made eleven tricks for +450, but that was worth 10 IMPs to Germany.

Only three pairs in the Venice Cup reached 6♣ and one of those failed to make it. The other successful pair was Linda Lee and Pamela Nisbet of Canada against England. Their auction:

West	North	East	South
Nisbet	Dhondy	Lee	Smith
	2♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass



Sabine Auken, Germany

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Shimamura	Hackett	Tajima

1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	6NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Tan	Auken	Banno	v Arnim

Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Tan passed the West hand, which can hardly be criticised, second in hand at adverse vulnerability, then followed an invitational sequence showing a balanced hand with five hearts in response to Banno's 2NT opening – again, hard to criticise. Banno had a minimum with only a doubleton heart so had a clear pass despite holding all four aces.

Nehmert opened the West hand with 1♥, and Hackett drove to slam, using game-forcing checkback along the way.

With the hearts coming in for five tricks, that was +1440 to Germany and +690 to Japan; 13 IMPs to Germany when on another day it could easily have been 13 the other way, though slam is just with the odds.

This time exactly half the field bid 6NT and one bid and made 6♥ – about right, considering the odds of the slam actually making.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Shimamura	Hackett	Tajima
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Tan	Auken	Banno	v Arnim
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Hackett showed a good raise to 4♥ with spade shortage, then respected Nehmert's sign-off, missing the good slam. Nehmert made 11 tricks for +450.

After the same start, Banno went on with a second slam try of 5♣ and, when Tan co-operated with a 5♦ cuebid, jumped to 6♥. Like their counterparts at the other table, they never bid in a natural sense the trump suit that offers the best slam.

Auken led a cunning eight of clubs, and Tan rose with the ace – after all, on a three-two trump break she didn't need to take the risk of running into a club ruff if she finessed. When hearts were four-one, however, there was no recovery and Tan had to concede a club and a heart; down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to Germany, when it would have been 11 to Japan had declarer not been dissuaded from taking the club finesse.

Six hearts was bid six times and it made half of the time. Nessrine Hamdy of Egypt also led a club, while the contract failed once and made three times after a spade lead.

Six diamonds was played once and, of course, failed, while the best contract of 6♣ was reached three times and always succeeded.



Kyoko Shimamura, Japan

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Shimamura</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Tajima</i>
1♥	Pass	INT	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Tan</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Banno</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Hackett responded INT to what could have been a four-card major opening and Mitsue Tajima contented herself with a heavy 2♠ overcall. When Shimamura was able to raise to 3♠ in competition, I think Tajima owed her at the very least a 4♥ cuebid on the way to game, though Shimamura would never co-operate in a slam hunt with that North hand, of course. Tajima's actual 4♠ raise ended the auction.

Banno could raise to 2♥ as she was assured of facing a five-card or longer suit. Daniela von Arnim treated her hand in a much more aggressive fashion than had Tajima, as she first cuebid 3♥, then showed her spade suit. Auken did well now to cuebid the ace of diamonds and von Arnim in turn showed the heart control, but there was no way to discover the key to the deal, namely North's doubleton club. The Germans stopped in 5♠, having had a pretty good auction even if it did not reach the top spot.

The board was flat at +480.

Only one pair reached 6♠, Kristina Wahyu and Suci Amita Dewi of Indonesia against South Africa. Their auction was:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandler</i>	<i>Wahyu</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Dewi</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Tough Hand Revisited

by Brian Senior

We discussed the auction on Board 17 of Round 8 in Bulletin 5 under the heading 'Tough Hand', the title referring to the difficulties in the auction. Now we can reveal that what looked to be a routine make of 6♦ was not always so.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell was one of the pairings to reach 6♦ in USA 2's BB match against Argentina.

East, Pablo Lambardi, led his singleton heart and, of course, Meckstroth won with the ace. He led a diamond to the king and Luis Palazzo dropped the queen!

Meckstroth took the diamond at face value, meaning that Lambardi had a sure diamond trick, having begun with ♦10 9 6 5. If that was the case, the slam could still be made if declarer could avoid a heart loser by throwing all three hearts from dummy on declarer's winning clubs, then ruff the ♥2.

One possibility, which would have succeeded as the deception would have been revealed, would have been to unblock the ♣Q then cross to hand with a diamond to play winning clubs. However, that line would fail when East held only three clubs with the four diamonds. He would ruff the fourth club with the ♦9 and return the ♦10 to draw dummy's last trump and leave declarer with a heart loser.

Meckstroth instead crossed to hand with the ace of spades after cashing the ♣Q. His idea was that, should East ruff the fourth club and return a trump, there would still be a trump in dummy to ruff the heart (of course, this would also require that East hold a second heart).

But see what happened on the actual layout. All dummy's hearts duly went away on the clubs but Palazzo ruffed the fourth club with his surprise trump. Now he played a heart and Lambardi could ruff in front of dummy with the nine of diamonds – down one and a rich reward for the falsecard!

Changing The Odds

by GeO Tislevoll

This hand occurred in the match between Egypt and Norway in the Bermuda Bowl. A beautifully played card by Geir Helgemo was not rewarded when Ahmadi played for the position that he had decided on before the card that changed the odds was played. (Round 8, board 30)

The bidding:

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥

All Pass

In the closed room Erik Sælensminde – Boye Brogeland played in Four Hearts. On a diamond lead declarer played safe, rising with the ace, and later he gave away two spade tricks. Ten tricks, for 420.

The slam is not good, but the strong Egyptian pair is never afraid of bidding tough slams, and when the playing their cards well they can often get away with murder. Without knowing much about North/South's system it is hard to decide which of North or South did too much in the bidding. Three hearts was a slam try, then a few cue-bids, but when North bid only four hearts at his fourth turn one has to wonder where South's final effort came from. Anyway, six hearts was a terrible slam, but it soon developed some kind of play when Tor Helness found the only lead to give declarer a chance. The lead of a diamond (he led the 9, actually) might look like a bad choice, but you could easily change North/South's cards a little and find a diamond lead being the best. In fact it could have been the only setting lead on some possible layouts. Not here!

Ahmadi played a low diamond from dummy and won the trick with the 10. After two high trumps from hand he was thinking for some seconds, not more than let's say a pause of eight to ten seconds. That period was enough for Helgemo to figure out North's hand completely, because what could declarer possibly be thinking about? For sure it was all about the spades. The commentators on BBO agreed

that declarer had to draw the last trump – if not West would get a diamond ruff - and therefore he needed to guess the spades and find the suit 3-3, since only one trump would be left in dummy. Many players would probably have covered the spade jack from dummy, but that is normally not good play in this sort of position. And of course Helgemo didn't cover, but that was not the beautiful play, that was a normal play for a top player. But when declarer drew the third trump and played the jack of spades Helgemo put in the nine!

Why was this so clever? Firstly, if Ahmadi thinks West has the queen, he would surely have covered from Q-9 doubleton, so that cannot be the case. To cover with that holding would have been the correct play if his partner has, as little as say A 7 5 2. Secondly, when the nine was played from West on the jack, declarer got a new option. The spades don't necessarily have to split 3-3 any more. If West has A-9 doubleton, and East Q 6 3 2, declarer can put up the king. Then he gives up a spade trick to West's Ace, and later he can ruff out East's queen using dummy's last trump! Originally it looked like a 50-50 choice about where the spade queen and ace were placed, but the play of the nine under the jack made the odds clearly on for playing the king of spades. That however, did not influence Ahmadi. He let the spade jack run for a huge 980. Nice defence, but still the Norwegians lost 10 IMPs.

Eponymous Doubles

During the viewgraph commentary this morning (as an unsuccessful sacrifice in five diamonds was being examined) the commentators noted that 30 years ago in Cambridge a sacrifice that cost more than the non-making game over which it was made was known as a 'Cope sacrifice'. Unfortunately at that very moment the eponymous Tim Cope chose to make his first entry into the Vugraph Room – he has been playing for South Africa for nearly two decades now.

This reminded the journalists of other unflattering doubles. Patrick Jourdain supplied the Mandela double of a slam; anyone can make a Lightner double when on lead to a slam – it takes a true artist to double a slam with a side-suit void and only to discover after the correct opening lead has been made that you also have a void in trumps...

A Burn double was also mentioned – this being a rather more tactical affair. Here you double a contract that is making with overtricks, hoping partner will remove the double so that they do not bid on to their optimal level.

And that therefore inspired the question of whether countries other than England have special doubles that have not yet made it into the encyclopaedia – yet!

Entries to the editor please.

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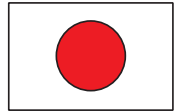
Round 12



Italy

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USA 2



Groundhog Day

by Mark Horton

I suspect everyone knows the brilliant movie in which Pittsburgh weather man Phil Connors (Bill Murray) is sent on assignment to Punxatawney, where on Groundhog Day each year the locals have a tradition of consulting the groundhog to find out if spring is imminent or if they should prepare for six more weeks of winter. Phil despises the job and the town, and can't wait to get it over with.... even though he has a soft spot for Rita (Andie MacDowell), the producer overseeing his broadcast. Phil's dislike of Punxatawney, its people and its traditions is set to get a hell of a lot worse, though ... as when he awakens the next morning he finds himself reliving the same day. And so it goes – every time Phil gets up, it's still February 2nd and he seems destined to be stuck in the same day for the rest of eternity.

In between writing up match reports and stories for the Bulletin, I am also a commentator once a day. For the last three matches one of the featured teams has been Italy, the bridge equivalent of Groundhog Day.

Still, who could object to watching an encounter between the two teams who have dominated the Bermuda Bowl in recent years.

A packed house certainly got value for money.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

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

South's redouble promised three-card heart support, and when North made an invitational jump, South, who might

have had rather less in the Meckwell methods, went on to game.

East led the ace of diamonds and switched to the five of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the queen of hearts, West dropping the ten. East won and played a second spade. Declarer won, ruffed a spade high and drew trumps. He could get to dummy with the ace of clubs and take the marked diamond finesse, +420.

East could have defeated the contract by playing back a trump, as that creates insurmountable communication problems for the declarer.

(My finessing friend always gets home by playing a heart to the ace, then ruffing a spade and exiting with a heart, but that is not a line of play that would appeal to a human.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lall	Bocchi	Hamman	Duboin
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥
1♦	4+♥, 4+ points		
1♥	3/4♥ unbalanced		

Here the Italian system made South declarer.

A club lead would have defeated the contract, but that was hardly attractive given South was almost certain to have some real clubs. West led a diamond.

East won with the ace and ... the rest was silence.

Unfortunately all we know from here is that the contract was one down, giving USA 10 IMPs.

My guess is that East switched to a club and declarer went up with the ace, after which there was no winning line.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Meckstroth</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Rodwell</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦*	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ promised one major in a limited hand, but North brushed it aside without attempting to locate a possible spade fit.

West led the three of hearts (attitude). Declarer won in hand with the queen and cashed five rounds of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy as West parted with the five of hearts and the six and four of diamonds, East disposing of the three of diamonds and the eight and four of clubs.

Odd cards are encouraging, so East's diamond showed something good in that suit – assuming declarer believed East/West would feel obliged to tell each other anything useful.

South played the five of clubs, and when the nine came up, he put up dummy's ace and returned the six of clubs, East following with the two.

When declarer elected to play the queen, he was one down.

Closed Room

West <i>Lall</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Hamman</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♦ Bergen raise

Here 4♠ was not in danger, +620 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Meckstroth</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Rodwell</i>
		1♦	3♠
Dble*	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♠	5♦	All Pass

I approve of 3♠, although there might be some merit in adding the now hackneyed phrase, 'Don't try this at home.' North's 4♣ also gets a stamp of approval, although 4♠ doubled would have been a painful experience.

However, East came to the rescue and what was worse 5♦ was quickly one down, -100 when the defenders started with three rounds of clubs.

Closed Room

West <i>Lall</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Hamman</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
		1♦	3♠
4NT*	5♣	5♦*	Pass
6NT	Dble	All Pass	

I prefer Versace's double to 4NT, but how easy it is to be wise after the event.

When North came in, East showed his key cards and West retreated to 6NT – quickly down one, -200 to give Italy 3 IMPs.

I must mention a brilliant piece of defensive bidding by Poland's Krzysztof Martens on this deal:

West <i>Goel</i>	North <i>Martens</i>	East <i>Mukherjee</i>	South <i>Jassem</i>
		1♦	3♠
6NT	Pass!	7NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Martens realised that if he doubled 6NT there was a real danger that either East or West might retreat to 7♦, and then it might be essential for South to find a club lead (if indeed he had one).

When he passed he received his reward, as East made an undisciplined raise that cost his side an extra 400 points.

At the other table South did not overcall and North's 2♣ intervention saw Jerzy Skrzypczak and Boguslaw Gierulski stop safely in 4NT for +660 and 15 IMPs.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA 2

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

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

South cashed the king of diamonds and then took the queen and ace, North discarding the five of hearts. South continued with the nine of diamonds and North ruffed with the nine of clubs, declarer overruffing and returning the queen of clubs.

South gave that a look, took the ace and played the last diamond. When North produced the ten of clubs declarer had to go two down – a rare double uppercut delivering +200.



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♣*
All Pass			2♠
2♣	18/19 balanced no five-card major (plus stronger options)		
2♥	Transfer		

2♠ can be made on this deal – but only with the East/West cards.

West led a club. Declarer won, played three rounds of diamonds and exited with a club. East won and switched to a trump. The defenders played three rounds of the suit and declarer's goose was cooked, down three, -300 and 11 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Dble
2♥	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It was not too shabby to get to game in the face of an opening bid and response.

Full marks to Barry Rigal, who predicted West would lead a diamond.

It did not help as declarer had an easy route to nine tricks via two spades, four diamonds and three clubs, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	INT	All Pass	

South had no reason to go on over INT, +150 and another 6 IMPs to USA 2, now ahead by 29-15.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



A good stop delivered 10 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

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

All Pass

- 2♦ Inverted
- 2♥ 11-13 balanced
- 2♠ Relay to 2NT
- 3♠ Short in ♥
- 4♣ Natural

The only thing wrong with the North/South auction was that at no point did they establish that two aces were missing.

For some pairs 4♦ in this sort of situation would have been RKCB, and perhaps 4NT over 4♠ would have had the same effect?

East led the five of hearts. West won and simultaneously put a spade on the table, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lall	Bocchi	Hamman	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠*	3♦*	3♥*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♦

All Pass

- 1♠ Denies 4♠
- 3♦ 4+♥



Open Room

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

3NT was hopeless – after five rounds of diamonds, West switched to a spade and declarer could make no more than seven tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lall	Bocchi	Hamman	Duboin
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
2♦	Dble	Pass	2♠

All Pass

2♦ would have cost 300, but South's trumps were hardly good enough to pass.

2♠ was easy enough, +110 and another 5 IMPs to Italy, putting them ahead 30-27.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Meckstroth	Lauria	Rodwell
2♥	2♠	3♠	2♣
5♥	All Pass		4♥*

North led his singleton queen of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a club, cashed two trumps and then ducked a diamond to the singleton king, leaving South endplayed.

While Rodwell was pondering, West claimed one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lall	Bocchi	Hamman	Duboin
3♥	Pass	4♥	1♣
			All Pass

East/West did well to shut out the spade suit.

Declarer took the club lead in dummy, and preparing for an elimination, cashed the ace of diamonds.

When the king appeared, he crossed to the ace of hearts, drew a second round of trumps with the king of hearts and exited with a diamond, hoping to endplay South.

Unlucky!

He had to go one down, no swing.

It was perhaps unlucky that declarer had no clue to the distribution. However, at least one declarer did make the contract:

West	North	East	South
Møller	Lasocki	Lund	Russyan
3♥	Pass	4♥	2♣
			All Pass

In the Senior Bowl, Denmark's Steen Møller won the opening lead of the queen of clubs and played a heart to the queen followed by a diamond to the ace. When the king appeared, declarer could see a glimmer of hope.

He cashed a top trump in dummy and played a club, discarding a spade from his hand.

South, endplayed for the first time, and he cashed the ace of spades and exited with a spade. Declarer won with dummy's king, discarding a diamond from hand, and played a club, again discarding a diamond. South played the king of clubs, but when declarer discarded for the third time, South had to concede a ruff and discard.

It earned Denmark a game swing as at the other table declarer followed the line taken by Hemant Lall.

USA 2 won 34-30 IMPs, 16-14 VP, but they would have to pick up the pace if they were going to secure a qualifying spot.

**Calling All Journalists**

The annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association is scheduled for Monday, 8th October at 12.00 noon, venue to be announced

**Notice to Bermuda Bowl Team Captains**

There is a revised convention card for Brink-Drijver of the Netherlands for use in the knockout stage of the Bermuda Bowl. The new card includes Brown Sticker conventions as allowed by the WBF Executive Council.

It is posted on the Website at www.ecatsbridge.com. Click the link to Shanghai. The link to the card can be seen there. Alternatively, printed copies can be obtained from the line up desk.

Bridgemate Recording

The WBF would like to thank and congratulate the many teams and scorers who have made such an effort to use the Bridgemates and thus provide opponents with all the data from the event.

However, there are a few teams that are not managing to record the play completely – we would like to ask you to try to do so, as by not doing so it means that the data is not available to the other captains and the press and also that the data from the event will be incomplete.

If you or your scorers need additional training on how to use the Bridgemates, please let one of the tournament directors know and it will be arranged for you.

**Captains' Meeting**

The captains' meeting for teams qualifying for the quarter-finals will be held in the Vu-Graph Auditorium at 20.15 hours on Saturday, unless there is an appeal, in which case this meeting may be delayed.

Captains are requested to look at the supplemental conditions of contest to ensure they are aware of the regulations for this stage of the Championship before the meeting.

Please note that the Vu-Graph tables for Saturday will be decided 30 minutes before the end of the preceding match and thus will not be published in the Daily Bulletin in advance.

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