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THOSE SHANGHAI FRIGHTS



Yves Costel, developer of Wbridge5, with Al Levy, who has organized the World Computer-Bridge Championships for more than a decade. Wbridge5 won this year (see page 13).

The final matchups are set in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl, but not without some anxious moments for several of the competitors.

The giant-killing team from South Africa came close to pulling off another upset before falling to USA 1 in the Bermuda Bowl 207-199. USA partisans did not leave the edges of their seats until the final card was played.

USA 1 will face Norway, comfortable winners over the Netherlands, in the Bermuda Bowl final.

In the Venice Cup, Germany trailed the veteran French team by 11.3 IMPs going into the final set, but they rallied for a 248-240.3 victory. The key deal was one in which France played in 4♥ down one at one table while the Germans holding the same cards bid and made 6♦ for a 14-IMP swing.

In the USA 1 – China Global Times match, the Chinese had a chance to win the match on the final deal, defending 3NT doubled, which could have gone down 1100, enough



VUGRAPH MATCHES



Final & Play-Off Session 1 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 21	Germany - USA 1 (Final)	(VC)
BBO 1:	Table 1	USA 1 - Norway (Final)	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 31	Indonesia - USA 2 (Final)	(SB)
SWAN:	Table 32	Brazil - USA 1 (Play-Off)	(SB)
OurGame:	To Be Decided		

Final & Play-Off Session 2 (14.20-16.40)

VG:	Table 1	USA 1 - Norway (Final)	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 21	Germany - USA 1 (Final)	(VC)
BBO 2:	Table 31	Indonesia - USA 2 (Final)	(SB)
SWAN:	Table 22	France - China Gl. T. (Play-Off)	(VC)
OurGame:	To Be Decided		

Final & Play-Off Session 3 (17.10-19.30)

To Be Decided

for victory. The contract was down only one, however, and China lost 6 IMPs and the match.

In the Senior Bowl, the USA 1 – USA 2 match was a run-away from the second set on in favor of USA 2, who won 225-169. Brazil and Indonesia were close through the fourth set, but Indonesia pulled away and won 228-167.

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Semi-Final

		Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total
			1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96	
1	USA I	South Africa	0 - 9	40 - 16	45 - 27	29 - 54	28 - 27	36 - 29	29 - 37 207 - 199
2	Netherlands	Norway	0 - 9	38 - 43	34 - 30	30 - 57	29 - 58	45 - 56	72 - 25 248 - 278

Venice Cup

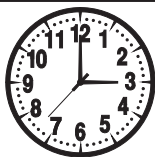
Semi-Final

		Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total
			1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96	
21	China Global Times	USA I	0.3 - 0	22 - 47	39 - 43	36 - 22	30 - 30	34 - 39	39 - 35 200.3 - 216
22	France	Germany	2.3 - 0	35 - 38	73 - 46	22 - 53	38 - 29	43 - 40	27 - 42 240.3 - 248

Senior Bowl

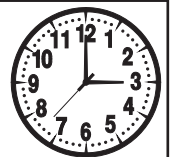
Semi-Final

		Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total
			1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96	
41	Brazil	Indonesia	0 - 3	25 - 37	60 - 24	5 - 41	44 - 31	23 - 53	10 - 39 167 - 228
42	USA I	USA 2	6 - 0	52 - 15	7 - 46	25 - 61	28 - 39	23 - 31	28 - 33 169 - 225



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Final and Play-Off Sessions 1-3 (11.00, 14.20, 17.10)



Bermuda Bowl

Final

Home	Visiting	c/o
1 USA I	Norway	16.5 - 0

Play-Off

Home	Visiting	c/o
2 South Africa	Netherlands	2.3 - 0

Venice Cup

Final

Home	Visiting	c/o
21 Germany	USA I	7.6 - 0

Play-Off

Home	Visiting	c/o
22 France	China G.T.	3.3 - 0

Senior Bowl

Final

Home	Visiting	c/o
31 Indonesia	USA 2	0 - 1

Play-Off

Home	Visiting	c/o
32 Brazil	USA I	0 - 16



RESULTS

Transnational Open Teams



Ranking after 12 Rounds

Rank	Teams	VPs			
			74	HUATIE HAIXING	179.0
				ZHEJIANG HUAMEN	179.0
				YANAGISAWA	179.0
1	RUSSIA	228.0		PETRA	179.0
2	MARKOWICZ	223.0		PEKING UNIVERSITY	178.0
3	ZIMMERMANN	222.0	78	DUTCH LADIES	178.0
4	JACKSON	219.0		CHINA KINGDOM	177.5
5	ZALESKI	217.0	80	SWE-DANES	177.0
6	BURGAY	214.0	81	SHANGHAI THINK CLUB	177.0
7	GERMANY OPEN	212.0		SHANGHAILVCHENG	177.0
8	CHINA LIGHT INDUSTRY	209.0		SUZHOU TAIHU	177.0
	CHINA SMEG	209.0		NAKAMURA	177.0
	ZUOMEICHENG	209.0		BEIJING MANGUANFENGYUN	176.0
	INDONESIA OPEN	209.0	86	SHNT CLUB	176.0
12	GABSI	208.5		THAILAND/RBSC	176.0
13	TEXAN ACES	207.0		PUDONGPUFA CLUB	174.0
14	LANP PECH	205.0	89	XIAMEN	174.0
15	AUTO-HIT WARSZAWA	204.0		BARAN	173.0
16	MUNICH	203.0	91	SHANGHAI HENGYUANXIANG	173.0
17	AUKEN	202.0		SHANGHAI SHENGTAOSHA	173.0
	SEAMON-MOLSON	202.0		O'ROURKE	173.0
	VENTIN	202.0		WELLWISE	172.0
	CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	202.0	95	PEAKE	172.0
21	HUSSEIN-CHAGAS	199.0		SHANGHAI YOUTH 1	172.0
	HERBST	199.0		INDONESIA LADIES	172.0
	MOSCOW	199.0		TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	171.0
24	GORDON	198.0	99	SHAN FENG	170.0
25	GUANGDONG	197.0	100	SHANGHAI EPC	170.0
26	HINGE	196.0		PALERMO	169.0
	HUBEI DONGFENG	196.0	102	SHANGHAI GOODWAY	169.0
	SHENZHEN QIAOYOU CLUB	196.0		SHANGHAI OCEAN	169.0
29	ROSSARSKI	195.0		YANG XI MENG	169.0
	HOFFMAN	195.0		LEONINA	168.0
31	L'ECUYER	194.0	106	WONDERS INFO	168.0
	GROSS	194.0		LIAONING	168.0
33	XINYUANKONGGU	193.0		CSO	167.0
34	JIANGSU	192.0	109	HESEN FUND	167.0
	SHANGHAI JIAHENG	192.0		JIEFANG-HEJI CLUB	167.0
	RIGHT CALL	192.0		THAILAND/CBLT	167.0
37	DENNOR	191.0		FIREWORKS	166.0
	MAHAFFEY	191.0	113	BEIJING-HONGKONG	166.0
	SHANGHAI JIANQIAO	191.0		EGAN	166.0
	TAICANG BA	191.0		SHANGHAI YOUTH 2	165.0
	ZHEJIANG ZHENGYUAN	191.0		INDIA RED	165.0
	SVER	191.0	116	SOCMA	163.0
	GERMANY SENIORS I	191.0		CHINA LIUPANSHUI	162.0
	NADAR	191.0	118	TONGJI UNIVERSITY	160.0
45	COMPTON	190.0	119	CHITLANGIA	159.0
	HENAN FENGSHEN	190.0	120	BLUEMAROON	159.0
	CHINESE TAIPEI LADIES	190.0	121	TIANJIN	159.0
	SOLOMON	190.0		SECOND CHANCE	157.0
49	DELANEY	189.0	124	GILL	157.0
	YANG JING	189.0		NANIWADA	157.0
	DJARUM BLACK	189.0		SCTT	157.0
	TSEP	189.0		STERN	156.0
53	LAVAZZA	188.0	128	HAPPY BRIDGE	155.0
	POLISH SENIORS	188.0	129	TIANJIN UNION	153.0
55	ANHUI	187.0	130	BEIJING ZHU YE	153.0
	BEIJING BEI DI KE	187.0		WEIYU JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL	153.0
	YUNNAN DIKUANG	187.0		FAIRY TALE	151.0
	GRANT	187.0	133	HEILONGJIANG YAXUAN	151.0
59	JIANPING CONSTRUCTION	186.0		NINGBOYONGGUAN	151.0
60	ZHEJIANG JINGFAN	185.0		HUBEI YICHANG	150.0
61	GERMANY JUNIORS	184.0	136	KOREA-CHINA	146.0
62	ZHANG	183.0	137	SHANGHAI YOUTH 5	146.0
	HUBEIXINYI CLUB	183.0		XINJIANG	146.0
	SII-06 STAR	183.0		LIANHUA	145.0
65	HAI LV TEAM	182.0	140	SHANGHAI YOUTH 3	145.0
	SHANGHAI KEJU	182.0		QING HAI	144.0
	MANT	182.0	142	RAULD	141.0
68	SHANXI	181.0	143	TRIJET	140.0
	GERMANY SENIORS II	181.0	144	SH PANYU MIDDLE SCHOOL	136.0
	INDIA	181.0	145	ANDREW	135.0
71	POPOVA	180.0	146	SHANGHAI YOUTH 4	132.0
	PUDONG LUOGEBEIER	180.0	147		
	CHEN	180.0			

2007 ASEAN Bridge Championships

December 7-11

Renaissance Makati City Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

December 7th	Two-session Open Pairs
December 8th	Three-session Mixed Teams
December 9th & 10th	Six-session Qualifying Open/Ladies/Youth Teams
December 11th	Open/Ladies/Youth Team Finals Two-session Consolation Swiss

There is an Opening Ceremony/Welcoming Lunch on the 7th and a Victory Dinner on the 11th, and there will be cash prizes in all events.

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WBF Press Conference

There will be a press conference at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in Room 5J in the Convention Center.

Transnational Playing Times

NEW SCHEDULE

Thursday October 11th

10.30 – 12.00 Match 13

12.20 – 13.50 Match 14

14.10 – 15.40 Match 15

(Swiss Ends)

17.10 – 19.30 Quarter-final 1st half

21.00 – 23.20 Quarter-final 2nd half



There will be a captain's meeting for the eight qualifiers as soon as possible after Match 15.

Huangpu River Boat Trip



If you have only an hour to spare and the weather is fine, Patrick Jourdain recommends the 40-minute boat trip from immediately behind the Oriental Riverside Hotel.

Leave by the Bridge Reception door; turn left and left again to walk to the back of the hotel. When you see the big restaurant behind the hotel, the kiosk selling the boat tickets is at the right hand end, and the entrance to the boat quay is near the kiosk.

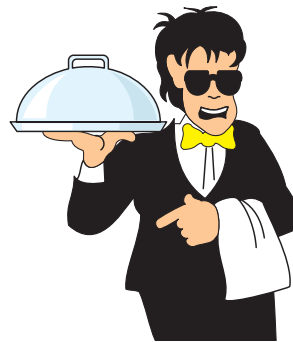
Boat times: 1000; 1100; Noon; 1400; 1500.

Homeward Bound



If you are staying at one of the designated hotels, you can get a shuttle to the airport on Sunday 14 October. You must register at the hospitality desk no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 12 October.

Prize Giving and Victory Banquet



The Prize Giving and Victory Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. (prompt) in the Grand Ballroom on the 7th Floor on Saturday 13 October.

All players, NPCs and coaches from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl, together with all overseas players

from the World Transnational Open Teams wishing to attend the Prize Giving and Victory Banquet must arrange for **one member of their team** to collect the invitations for the Victory Banquet from Hospitality from 12 noon on Thursday and no later than **Friday evening at 18.00 hours**. Please note that seats are limited, and invitations will be issued on a "firstcome, first-served" basis.

WBF Executive Members should obtain invitations from Carol in the WBF Office and staff members from their Heads of Department. Members of the press should see the Press Room Manager.

It is essential that you have invitation cards in order to be admitted to the Ballroom.

BERMUDA BOWL

Semi-Final - Session 3



Norway

v

Netherlands



by Mark Horton

Norway dominated the first half of the day's final session of play outscoring their opponents 51-14. As you will discover, quite a few of the Dutch wounds were self-inflicted.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

South's opening bid picked off the opponent's heart fit. East led the king of diamonds and declarer won and played a club. West won with the king and returned a diamond. East won and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Now West cashed the ace of clubs and gave his partner a club ruff. However, that was the end of the defenders' fun. Declarer ruffed the next diamond with dummy's ace of spades, played a spade to the king, crossed to the ace of hearts and played the nine of spades. West covered and declarer claimed, +110

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Wijs</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		
2♦	♥ or ♠		

This time the auction gave East a chance to get involved and the heart fit was located.

North led the king of spades and switched to a trump, ducked to declarer's eight. South won the spade switch with the ace and could have put the contract two down by playing two rounds of hearts. However, he played a club and declarer won and played a diamond to the king and South's ace.

This time South cashed the ace of hearts, North pitching a club, and played another heart. That should have been one down, but North discarded the jack of clubs on this trick and that gave declarer two extra club tricks and his contract, +140 and 6 IMPs to Norway.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Sjoert Brink, Netherlands

Open Room

West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
		INT*	2♣*
2NT*	3♠	All Pass	
INT 9-12			
2♣ Both majors			
2NT Lebensohl			

There was no particular reason for either South or North to press on to game – unless you think the vulnerability is an issue.

The cards were ideally placed for declarer and after the opening lead of the queen of diamonds declarer was not hard pressed to take ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West <i>Brogeland</i>	North <i>Wijs</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2NT 6♦ without 3♠ or invitational with short clubs.			
3♣ Relay			
3♠ Singleton club			

East led the two of hearts and declarer won with the jack and played a spade, ducking when East played the king. Another heart went to declarer's nine and he played a spade to the ace. That was followed by three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing, and the king of hearts. When East's queen appeared, declarer overtook it with dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond, claiming ten tricks, +620 for 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Norway's lead was down to 6 IMPs, but they immediately extended it:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
		4♠	1♥
INT*	3♥*		All Pass
INT 4♠ plus a minor			

I was trying to remember the name of the convention used by West when this deal appeared on the screen (Raptor, it came to me after breakfast).

4♠ looked to be a reasonable shot, but declarer was undone by the combination of the 4-1 trump break and a forcing defence.

South cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the king, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer continued with a low spade (it's no better to play the ace of spades and a spade as South wins and plays back the nine of spades). North won and switched to a club. Declarer won, ruffed a heart and cashed the ace of spades. When North discarded he was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West <i>Brogeland</i>	North <i>Wijs</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West's spectacular double reaped a rich reward.

He led the ace of diamonds and continued with the seven, East winning with the king and switching to a spade. West took the ace and returned a spade. There were two clubs to lose, down two, -300 and 9 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
		Pass	1♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ace of clubs and continued with the two, declarer ruffing and playing the jack of diamonds for the queen and ace. Declarer took a losing spade finesse and there was no way to avoid two heart losers, down one, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Wijs</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

With nothing to guide him North found the unfortunate lead of the ten of hearts and declarer took South's queen with the ace and played a club. North put up the ace and played a heart. South won and North ruffed the next heart and exited with a club. Declarer ruffed and laid down the ace of spades, claiming +420 when the king appeared.

That was 11 IMPs to Norway.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
			Pass
1NT	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Dble*	Pass	3♦	Dble
All Pass			
2♥	♥ and a minor		

Helgemo rejected the idea of opening with 2♦ (weak in a major) or 2♠ (6♠ 8-11), no doubt hoping to find a better moment to get involved.

When West doubled 2♠ (a very questionable bid) East tried 3♦. After considerable thought South doubled and when that got back to East he had a nasty decision to make. Should he really run to the suit known to be on his right?

3♦ was a bloody affair.

The defence started with two rounds of spades, followed by three rounds of hearts, South ruffing the third, and another spade – an easy +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Wijs</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Muller</i>
			2♦*
2NT	Pass	3♦*	4♣
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Muller did not adopt a waiting game, showing a major and then coming again to indicate his extreme distribution.

When West went on to game (how could he possibly pass?) North must have been delighted. He led the six of clubs and declarer took the queen with the ace and played back the ten of clubs, discarding a diamond. South switched to the queen of spades and when that held accurately played a diamond.

Declarer won and played the jack of clubs, ruffed by North with the three and overuffed by the four. A spade went to North's ace and he played three rounds of hearts, down three, -800.

East/West may have been surprised to pick up 7 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♠	2♦	3♥*	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I confess that the rationale behind East's bid of 3♥ escapes me – it's the modern game, I guess. You can make 2♥ – but only on the North/South cards.

When West retreated to a slightly less expensive spot, North led the ten of hearts and South won and switched to the eight of diamonds for the king and ace. North switched to the three of spades and declarer won in dummy and played a club. South went up with the king and switched back to diamonds. North won with the nine, cashed the ace and gave South a diamond ruff. The ace of clubs meant declarer was three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Wijs	Saelensminde	Muller
1♠	2NT*	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

At this table North preferred to get both his suits into the game.

East led the queen of spades and West overtook it with the ace, cashed the king and played the eight of spades, East discarding both his diamonds as declarer ruffed with the dummy's eight of clubs. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart and played a diamond to the queen. East ruffed and played a heart, West ruffing with the queen of clubs. Declarer overruffed and played the ace of diamonds. East ruffed and played a trump, two down, +100 and another 12 IMPs to Norway.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Helness	Drijver	Helgemo
		1♣	1♦
Dble*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♥	3♣	All Pass	
Dble 4+♥			
1♥ 3♥			

East cashed the ace of spades and continued with two more rounds of the suit. North ruffing and playing a heart. East went in with the king and switched to a diamond. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the queen of hearts and played the ace of clubs and a club, claiming +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Wijs	Saelensminde	Muller
		1♣	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

South found the remarkable lead of the six of clubs! Declarer won with the king, cashed the ace of spades, played a spade to the queen and ran the nine of hearts. South played the ace of clubs and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart, unblocking the king when North put up the ace. A club from North was ruffed in dummy and declarer played a heart to the ten. South could ruff, but there was only one more trick for the defence, +140 and 6 more Norwegian IMPs.

Both teams missed an opportunity on this deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Helness	Drijver	Helgemo
1♠	2♥	4♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North's decision to prefer an overcall to a double lost the club suit.

North cashed the top hearts and switched to a diamond. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the ace. +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Wijs	Saelensminde	Muller
1♠	2♥	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Same decision, just about the same bidding, the same defence and the same number of tricks, no swing.

Netherlands gave themselves a little bit of a life-line when they recovered points on the last three boards:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣*	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass
2♣ Drury			

North's lead of the queen of diamonds solved one minor problem for declarer, but he was always going to make nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West <i>Brogeland</i>	North <i>Wijs</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♦
4♥	All Pass	2NT*	Pass

North led the eight of clubs and South took two tricks in the suit, leaving declarer with two more losers, -50 and 5 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
1♥*	1♠*	Dble*	1♦
Pass	3♦	3♠*	2♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	3NT
1♥	5♠ or 4♥+ 5 other minor		
1♠	Takeout		

Helness thought for a long time over his partner's 3NT and I speculated that he was considering going back to 4♦. Well, I was half right – but he went a level higher.

There were only ten tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West <i>Brogeland</i>	North <i>Wijs</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
2♣*	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	Pass
2♣ Majors			



Simon De Wijs, Netherlands

The exhibition of new age bidding continued with West's entry into the auction.

When North/South stopped safely they had +130 and 6 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble*	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

North led the seven of spades (only a club lead is good enough to defeat the contract) and declarer made a very small, human, error when he ducked. South won and could hardly be blamed for failing to switch to a low club.

He played back a spade and declarer won in dummy and played the only card that works – the jack of diamonds.

North thought for a long time, but he could find no way to stop nine tricks.

Eventually he won and switched to the ten of clubs. South took the queen with the ace and switched to a diamond but declarer won in hand and ran the jack of hearts. He followed that with the ten, covered by the king and ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the seven of hearts. He could pick up North's trumps via the finesse, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Wijs</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

South led the six of clubs and declarer won with the king and played ace of hearts and a heart to the jack and king. The defenders cashed their clubs and had to make a diamond, down one, -100 and another 6 IMPs had been recovered.

Still, with a 37 IMP lead it was Norway who would sleep the sounder.

Kojak and Me

If a significant sample of tournament directors were asked to write a testimony about Bill 'Kojak' Schoder, this would be a popular title. I have not been asked, but I see no reason not to use it. I had the good fortune of working with Kojak at my first WBF event as TD, the Maastricht 2000 Olympiad. Despite being a member of the team of EBL directors since 1995, the Olympiad was a new thing and a huge opportunity, so I was as nervous as a newcomer can be.

From Day 1, Kojak had the sensibility to put me so at ease that I had no trouble whatsoever assuming my role at the event. It was one fortnight that made me grow a lot as a TD. From the many lessons I learned then, the one that I cherish the most was the way that Kojak managed to build a team, build on the team's spirit and motivation, and go that extra mile to ensure that everybody on the team felt integrated, accompanied and performing to their best. Even on the simplest and most basic things, we would assume ourselves the defence of the team as a whole.

One moment I remember vividly was how, at the closing dinner, Bill took the care to reorganize the seating assignments so that all TDs could be together, even taking the trouble to go himself in search of extra chairs so that every TD would have a seat at that table. We all know Bill's extraordinary repository of amazing experiences and the wonderful way that he has of telling them, and it was, and is, a pleasure to sit down with him and just listen. We all know his extreme competence on the Laws, and his capacity to transmit his knowledge. But if I had to single out one of his best characteristics, and what struck me the most, that would be his leadership abilities. To be 'the number one', especially at this profession, is to be able to build and maintain a team together. At a world event, you are just as good as the team that you command, and Kojak was just amazing at creating a team that performed much better than the sum of the parts that composed it.

Since Maastricht I only had one other chance to work with Bill, and it was the Montreal Rosenblum (last WBF event with Kojak as Chief Tournament Director). And those two fortnights will remain as great lessons on being a TD, a leader and a person.

To be able to be behind him at the stage last week, during the President's dinner, and say "We are the ones that have to thank you", was for me a moment that touched my heart. So, once again, Bill:

"We are the ones that have to thank you, for all the moments and all the lessons and all the friendship".

Rui Marques, WBF Senior TD



Keep Your Eyes on The Ball

by Jim Gordon

Beginners at all forms of ball games are constantly reminded of the warning in the title. A leading player could have used a timely reminder on the following deal:

Bowl Events; Semi-Finals; 1st Segment

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 3 ♥ A K Q 4 3 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q 10</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	<p>♠ J ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ K J 9 5</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 6 5 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q ♣ A 8 3</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♦	Pass	7♠	All Pass

The above auction was one of three in any of the Bowl events to reach the best grand slam. (Both tables in the Brazil v Indonesia match of the Senior Bowl also reached 7♠. Three tables in the Bermuda Bowl reached 6♠, as did one table in the Venice Cup and one table in the Senior Bowl. One table in the Bermuda Bowl and one in the Venice Cup reached 7♥ – sometimes leading a trump against a grand slam isn't such a good idea. The other two tables in the Venice Cup climbed to the dizzy heights of 4♥.)

In the Brazil v Indonesia match, the play at both tables was similar – two rounds of trumps, and two rounds of hearts – and unsuccessful. The declarers probably looked at the double-dummy analysis on the hand records and scoffed at the idea that anyone would find the winning line.

Our almost-hero, however, solved the deal but stumbled at the last hurdle. The opening lead was the ♣7 to the ten, jack and ace. Since the opponents didn't seem to be ready to concede the contract, the first question was how best to guard against bad splits in the major suits. Declarer decided that 4-0 trumps was a possibility, so he started spades by playing the five to the king (This allows declarer to pick up four trumps in the North hand. If trumps are 2-2, the contract is cold against any heart lay-out, but declarer must be sure to keep a trump entry to dummy.) After finding out that trumps were 3-1, declarer wisely ran the rest of the trumps before playing on hearts. From the lead and the play to the first trick, he was reasonably sure of the lay-out of the club suit. If North also held four hearts and

the ♦K, a triple squeeze would operate. Declarer pitched a heart, a diamond and the ♣Q from dummy. North pitched two clubs and three diamonds. The end position was:

<p>♠ — ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ K ♣ K</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	<p>♠ — ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q ♣ 8 3</p>
N					
W E					
S					
<p>♠ — ♥ A K Q 4 3 ♦ 10 ♣ —</p>		<p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ J 8 5 ♣ 6 4</p>			

When declarer now played the ♥8 to the ace, fetching the jack from South, he had a free shot by playing the diamond from dummy. As we can see, this would have landed the contract! Unfortunately, declarer lost focus and played a second heart, going down. By the time this article sees print, we'll know if the 30-IMP swing was crucial to the result of the match.

World Championship Book 2007

The official book of these championships will be available around the end of March. On publication the official retail price will be £22 Sterling plus postage. You can pre-order a copy at the championships at the reduced price of US\$30 (225 Rmb) including surface mail, by seeing Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the third floor of the Convention Centre.

There have been some problems with copies of last year's book being lost in the post. If you bought a copy in Verona and it has still not reached you, speak to Brian Senior in the Daily Bulletin Office, also on the third floor, and I will arrange to send another copy when I get home. I will be looking at a different way of sending out the individual copies this year in the hope of reducing these problems to a minimum.

The 2007 book will consist of 336 large pages. There will be substantial coverage of all events, including every board of the final and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, with full results listings, Butler rankings, photographs etc. Eric Kokish is taking a year off, alas, so principle analysts will be Brian Senior and Barry Rigal, with guest writers including John Carruthers (Senior Bowl) and Cathy Chua (BB and VC Round Robin stages). If you have a possible hand for inclusion, do feel free to contact John or Cathy, as appropriate.

2007 IBPA AWARDS WINNERS & SHORT LIST

IBPA Personality of the Year: Zia Mahmood (USA)

The IBPA Personality of the Year 2007 is a member of our organisation, a bridge journalist, married with two children, though not many people know those facts. He is one of the world's best card players but has never won an open world title, an oversight that may be rectified in a few days' time. What the bridge world does know is that he is certainly a Personality, so much so that it is a surprise he has not won our Award in the past.



You will guess who it is when I tell you that this man can name three different countries as his home. This past year he can be proud of an achievement that occurred away from the bridge table. When the country of his birth was devastated by earthquake, he felt he must do something about it. With the support of the bridge community, he initiated a fund-raising exercise for \$150,000 that has resulted in the building of a school in the earthquake-ravaged part of Pakistan. The school was opened by José Damiani mid-year and takes its first students this term. The WBF contributed significantly to the project.

Included was a raffle with, as prize, a game against world champions in Nashville that led to Hamman and Wolff renewing their partnership for a few deals.

Our winner, who I ask to come forward to receive his certificate, is the world's most charismatic bridge player: Zia Mahmood of Pakistan, Britain and the USA.

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award (no panel)

Winner: Edward McPherson (USA) for "The Backwash Squeeze"

C&R Motors Declarer Play of the Year

Candidate	Journalist
Winner: Alfredo Versace (Italy)	Marek Wojcicki
Shortlist:	
Vladimir Marashev (Bulgaria)	Mark Horton
Tony Forrester (England)	Andrew Robson
Gert-Jan Paulissen (Neth)	Andrew Robson
Jack Zhao (China)	Jack Zhao
Khaldoun Sanadiki (Syria)	Brian Senior

Gidwani Defence Award

Winner: Giorgio Duboin (Italy) **Patrick Jourdain**

Shortlist:

Cezary Balicki & Adam Zmudzinski (Poland)	Mark Horton
David Birman & Gilad Altschuler (Israel)	Donna Compton
Sidney Lazard (USA)	Suzi Subeck
Liu Jing (China)	Li Jie

Precision Bidding Award

Winner: Valio Kovachev (Bulgaria) **Mark Horton**

Shortlist

Magne Eide & Sven-Olai Hoyland (Norway)	Mark Horton
Debasish Roy & Pritish Kushari (India)	R. Jayaram
Sunit Chokshi & KR Ventakaram (India)	T. C. Pant
Steve Garner & Howard Weinstein (USA)	Brian Senior

Brazilian Junior Award

Winners: Olivier & Thomas Bessis (France) **John Carruthers**

Shortlist

John Kranyak (USA)	Barry Harper
Adam Edgton (Australia)	Ron Klinger
Marion Michielsen (Neth)	Jack Zhao
Rosaline Barendregt (Neth)	Kees Tammens

Masterpoint Press Book of the Year

Winner: Roy Hughes (Canada) Canada's Bridge Warriors

Shortlist

Julian Pottage (Wales)	Back Through the Pack
Mel Colchamiro (USA)	Play Like An Expert
Enda Murphy (Rep. Ire)	Silver For Ireland
David Bird (Eng)	Off-Road Declarer Play



Lost Jewelry

A bracelet has been found in the ladies' restroom. Please see Anna or Carol in the WBF Secretariat to claim the item.

France Take the First Title

by Al Levy

The first bridge world championship to be decided in Shanghai did not involve humans. The 'robot' World Championship ended yesterday with WBridge5 from France soundly defeating Bridge Baron 206-101 in their 64-board final KO match. Congratulations to Yves Costel, the developer of Wbridge5. For more information on Wbridge5 see Yves's website at www.wbridge5.com.

The championship started with eight robot teams competing in a 32-board round robin to determine the four semi-finalists. WBridge5 finished first, winning all its matches except for a tie with Bridge Baron, followed by Jack from the Netherlands, Bridge Baron from the USA and Q-Plus Bridge from Germany. Ousted, in their order of finish, were Micro Bridge from Japan, Shark Bridge from Denmark, RoboBridge from the Netherlands and TUT Bridge from Tokyo University, Japan.

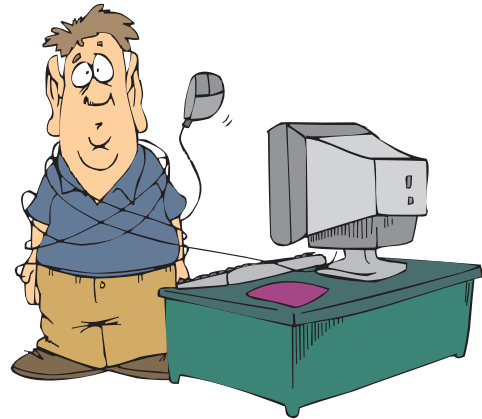
In the semi-final KO matches, WBridge5 defeated Q-Plus Bridge, 278-165, and, in an upset, Bridge Baron defeated defending champion Jack, 190-153.

A well-played deal and a pickup of 13 IMPs by Jack occurred on the penultimate board in the semi-finals, but it was too late to catch Bridge Baron.

ingly, cashing the last club, pitching a heart from dummy. A heart to the queen squeezed West, who had to discard a diamond to protect the ♠Q.

Finals

	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	Total
WBridge5	41	53	26	86	206
Bridge Baron	45	12	32	12	101



♠ A K J 8 7

♥ Q 9 8 3

♦ A 5 2

♣ J

♠ Q 10 6 3

♥ A

♦ J 10 9 4

♣ 7 6 4 3



♠ 9 5 2

♥ 10 6 5 4 2

♦ Q 6

♣ 10 5 2

♠ 4

♥ K J 7

♦ K 8 7 3

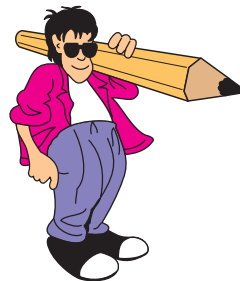
♣ A K Q 9 8

West	North	East	South
Jack	BB	Jack	BB
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

On the ♠3 lead, Jack rose with the ace, hoping to get three heart tricks, two spades, two diamonds and five clubs. A low heart to the king and ace, and a diamond return won by dummy's ace, ♠K, ♣J, and a low heart to the jack revealed the 5-1 heart break.

After three more club winners, pitching two spades and a diamond from dummy, East was known to hold five hearts, three clubs, and at least three spades, so could not hold four diamonds and therefore there could not be a heart-diamond squeeze against East. There was no spade-heart squeeze against East even if it held the ♠Q. The ♠Q had to be with West to make 6NT, and Jack played accord-

Championship Diary



The Daily Bulletin office was being distracted by a person from Porlock. The suggestion was made that he consulted a sketch featuring Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, in which the commanding officer (Cook) told his subordinate, named Perkins in the sketch, that sometimes a football

team when reduced to ten men played better than when they were at their full strength of 11.

'Nigel' he was told 'We want you to be that eleventh man'.

At the end of the sketch Moore takes his leave. 'Goodbye Perkins' says Cook. 'Shouldn't that be au revoir?' he responds. 'No Perkins; it's goodbye.'

A member of the USA I Women's team had the misfortune to arrive 16 minutes late for yesterday's opening session. We hope she was not relying on a watch purchased outside her hotel.

Yesterday the Diary ran a comment that 'Barry Rigel was in excellent form on yesterday's VuGraph. His comments included one where he speculated that if clubs were 6-0 the ruff would be un**avoidable**.' Alas the word 'void' in bold got de-highlighted during formatting thereby losing the whole point of the joke!

BERMUDA BOWL

Semi-Final - Session 4



USA 1

v

South Africa



by Phillip Alder

At the start of the second day in the semi-finals, the American team enjoyed an 8-IMP lead over South Africa. For the fourth set, the Americans sent Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood into the VuGraph room to play North-South against Tim Cope and Glen Holman. In the closed room, Steve Garner and Howard Weinstein took on Craig Gower and Alon Apteker.

There was a similarity between the first two boards in the closed room.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 2 ♥ A J ♦ 4 2 ♣ A 10 7 6 4 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ J 6 5 3 ♣ K Q J 8</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 5 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 ♣ 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Holman	Rosenberg	Cope	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gower	Garner	Apteker
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

In the open room, Cope moved over his partner's two-club overcall, wondering if game might be possible. Against two notrump, North led a heart. Declarer took South's queen with his ace and played a diamond to dummy's seven. South won with his queen and returned a low heart. Another diamond to the eight and ace was followed by three hearts, but West then claimed four spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club.

When Garner passed over two clubs, South balanced with a takeout double, and North passed, turning it into a penalty double. To justify this decision, North had to lead a diamond or a high club. But understandably North chose a heart. Declarer took South's queen with his ace and re-

turned the heart jack. South won and shifted to a trump, but West won with his ace, played a spade to dummy, and discarded a diamond on the heart ten. Weinstein lost one heart, one diamond and three clubs.

Minus 120 and plus 180 gave 2 IMPs to USA 1.

Immediately thereafter:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 4 ♥ A Q 10 9 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ 7 4 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 6 3 2 ♣ Q J 10 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A K 9 7 5 ♣ A K 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Holman	Rosenberg	Cope	Zia
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	All Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT			

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gower	Garner	Apteker
	Pass	1♣ (a)	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(a) Balanced hand with 11-13 or 17-19 points, or natural

Apteker's dubious one-heart overcall at unfavorable vulnerability was caught.

Against one heart doubled, West led a club. East won and shifted to a trump, West taking South's eight with his nine and playing another club. East took the trick and played a third club, won in the dummy. Declarer called for the thirteenth club and, after East ruffed, South discarded a diamond and West threw a spade. On East's low-spade switch, declarer misguessed, putting up his king. West won with his ace, returned his remaining spade, received a spade ruff, and exited with a diamond, won by East. South ruffed the next diamond and took one of the last three tricks with a trump endplay on West. But that was four down, minus 1100.

Three notrump played beautifully after South's imaginative spade-jack lead. Via a late major-suit show-up squeeze on South, declarer took three spades, three hearts, five diamonds and two clubs for plus 520. But that was 11 IMPs to USA 1.

An overtrick IMP went to South Africa and a flat board were followed by this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holman	Rosenberg	Cope	Zia
		1♠	Pass
1NT (a)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	All Pass
(a) Forcing			

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gower	Garner	Apteker
		1♠	Pass
1NT (a)	Pass	2♣	All Pass
(a) Semi-forcing			

When Garner rebid two spades in the closed room, Weinstein had no reason to act again. South led the heart jack, then continued with a low heart. Declarer ruffed North's heart queen, played a diamond to dummy's queen, ruffed a heart in his hand to bring down the ace, overtook his diamond king with dummy's ace, and called for the heart king, ruffed and overruffed. East cashed his club ace and exited with a club, waiting for two tricks from the ace-queen-ten of spades to end plus one.

There was more at stake when Holman overbid with two notrump.

Against four spades, South led the heart jack. Perhaps declarer should have covered that to make it harder for North to shift. (If North tries to cash his heart queen, declarer ruffs, takes the spade ace and continues with the spade queen, hoping to pin the jack. Then East would take five spades, five diamonds and one club for an overtrick.) When declarer played low from the dummy and his jack held, Zia knew the heart layout. At trick two, he found the best play, switching to the diamond two: five, three, four. (Here a club works also, but that would have been less than

successful if East had started with ace-jack-empty-fourth of clubs.) Declarer played a spade to his queen, cashed the spade ace and continued with a third spade. But North took the trick and played a second diamond, cutting declarer off from the dummy. Cope overtook his king with dummy's ace, threw a club on the diamond queen, and played another diamond, North trumping with his spade six. Declarer had to lose one spade, one heart and two clubs to go down one. Very nicely defended.

Plus 140 and plus 100 gave 6 IMPs to USA 1.

The next deal was a lucky push for the Americans.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holman	Rosenberg	Cope	Zia
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gower	Garner	Apteker
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Zia opened two notrump with a flat nineteen-count, getting to a three notrump that could not be made after West led the heart six. (On a diamond lead, for example, declarer can win in the dummy and take the club finesse.) East put in his nine, South won with his ten and cashed his top clubs, hoping the queen would drop. When that did not happen, declarer continued with a third club. If East had shifted to a diamond, the contract could have gone down two, but he led his heart queen and continued with another heart. Declarer won and played a low spade, but West won and cashed his two red-suit winners – down one.

In the closed room, West led the heart six against two notrump. South took East's queen with his ace and should have played on spades, going for two tricks in each suit. But declarer erred, cashing his top clubs. Now he could not recover with best defense, which he received. He gave up the third round of clubs, and East returned his heart four, declarer ducking this trick and taking the next, East being careful to retain his heart nine. A low spade went to West's

They had an excellent auction in the open room, Zia expressing some slam interest by asking for his partner's short suit, then bidding four hearts to show diamond duplication. West found the "winning" club lead to hold declarer to eleven tricks.

In the closed room, North was about to bid six hearts, hoping to right-side the contract if partner had the queen-jack of clubs. But when West doubled five spades to ask for that lead, North passed to make his partner declarer so that an initial spade lead through the ace would not be fatal.

Now the spotlight was on Weinstein. Would he lead a club?

After several minutes of thought, he tabled the diamond ace. Plus 1430 to South Africa and 13 much-needed IMPs.

The next board was flat; Then this:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 7 5 4 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 8 6 4 3	<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;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A J 7 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ J 10 9 7
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W						
S						
E						
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Michael Rosenberg, USA 1

West	North	East	South
<i>Holman</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zia</i>
INT (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)	Dble
Rdbl (c)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

- (a) 15-17 points
- (b) Transfer
- (c) Suggestion to play in two diamonds redoubled

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
INT (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)	Dble
Rdbl (c)	Pass	2♥	All Pass

- (a) 14-16 points
- (b) Transfer
- (c) Three or four hearts, maximum

In the closed room, Garner did not guess the play well, first permitting South a spade ruff, then not taking the heart finesse, but he ended with eight tricks.

There was more at stake in the open room, where West aggressively raised to three hearts, and Zia doubled four hearts because that is the sort of thing he does when he knows the opponents are not full value for their bidding.

South led his club king, then shifted to the spade queen. Declarer Cope won with dummy's ace, cashed the heart king and played a heart to his jack. East could not draw the last trump, because then the defenders could cash a couple of club tricks. Instead, he passed the spade eight to North's king to give this end-position:

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

If North had returned a spade, declarer would have made an overtrick. He would have overtaken his ten with dummy's jack, pitched a club on the spade nine, and run the trumps to squeeze South in the minors. But Rosenberg led back a club to hold declarer to his contract.

Minus 110 and plus 590 gave South Africa 10 IMPs. The American lead was down to 11.

The last four boards were tame, giving 3 IMPs to South Africa and 1 to USA 1. In the session, the Americans had increased their lead by 1 IMP: 142-133.

SENIOR BOWL Semi-Final - Session 5



Brazil

v

Indonesia



by Brent Manley

Heading into the fifth set of their Senior Bowl match, Brazil and Indonesia were separated by only 2 IMPs. When the set was done, Indonesia had reason to feel very good about their chances of making the final of the event.

Board 2 was the harbinger of the bad set for the South Americans.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Vianna</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
		1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Against Marcelo Branco's diamond partial, Henky Lasut started with the ♠5, which went to his partner's queen. Two more rounds of spades left Eddy Manoppo on lead, and he played a club to his partner's ace. Branco won the club continuation with the king and played dummy's ♦3 to the 8, 9 and jack. A heart exit was won in dummy, and declarer cashed the other high heart, ruffed a heart and played the trump ace. The bad split meant two down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Camacho</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Fonseca</i>
		1♥	Pass
INT	2♦	All Pass	

Carlos Camacho's 2♦ bid would not be everyone's choice because of the flat shape and lack of a sixth diamond, but it might have worked out on a different day. Munawar Sawiruddin led his two high hearts and gave his partner a ruff. The club return was won by the ace, and the ♦Q went to the ace. Denny Sacul played a club to his partner's queen and discarded a spade on the return of the ♥J. Declarer got a club ruff and his two high trumps, but that was only six tricks. Minus 200 meant 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

The next deal was even worse for Brazil.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Vianna</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
			1♣*
1♦	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦*	Dble	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Branco started with the ♦K. Manoppo won in hand and advanced the ♥8, ducked by Eduardo Vianna. East won the next round of hearts and played the ♦10 to the jack and queen. Branco gave declarer a ruff-sluff with a third round of diamonds, and he discarded a spade from dummy as he ruffed in hand. Despite the 4-1 trump split, declarer was soon claiming for plus 590.



Eduardo Vianna, Brazil

West Sacul	North Camacho	East Sawiruddin	South Fonseca 1♣
1♦ Pass	1♥ 2♥	2♦ All Pass	Dble

Christiano Fonseca's double presumably was meant to show three-card heart support. What it didn't show was the well-above-average South hand. It seems Fonseca would have done well to give his partner a raise to show that strength. Plus 170 was not a satisfying result – and it was a loss of 9 IMPs.

There was more bad news for Brazil on board 5, and it was of Branco's making.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West Sacul	North Camacho	East Sawiruddin	South Fonseca
3♥	1♠ Pass	2♠ 4♥	Dble All Pass

Camacho led the ♣A, ruffed in dummy. Sacul played a diamond to the king in his hand, re-entered dummy with the ♠K, cashed the ♦A, and ruffed a diamond with the ♥10. A low heart went to the queen and king, and declarer won



Eddy Manoppo and Marcelo Castello Branco

the spade return in hand to play another trump to the jack and ace. That was it for the defenders. Plus 450 for Indonesia.

West Branco	North Lasut	East Vianna	South Manoppo
3♥ All Pass	1♠ Pass	2♠ 4♥	Dble Dble

Branco must have thought that Manoppo had all the trumps for his double, but that still doesn't explain his line of play. He ruffed the club opening lead in dummy, played a diamond to his hand, a spade to dummy's king, but instead of cashing the ♦A, he ruffed a diamond with the ♥10. Now he ruffed a club, then ruffed another diamond low, felling the queen. He cashed the ♠A and ruffed a club. He cashed the ♦A, pitching a club from hand, but Lasut ruffed and played the ♠J. Dummy was down to three trumps at that point. When Branco ruffed the spade, Manoppo overruffed, cashed his other high trump and punched out dummy's last trump with the ♣10. He took the setting trick with the ♥2. That was minus 100 and 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

Brazil was finally treated to an error by Indonesia, and they took full advantage.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

In the closed room, Camacho and Fonseca pushed East-West to the five level in hearts, and that contract had to fail for minus 50.

West Branco	North Lasut	East Vianna	South Manoppo
1♥ 5♦ Dble	1♠ Dble All Pass	Dble Pass	4♠ 5♠

The Brazilians were lucky that Manoppo, who had already described the South hand to a tee, decided to bid it again. Branco was not tempted to worsen the minus position he had been in previously, and the result was plus 300 for Brazil and a much-needed 8-IMP gain.

It was a bad day at the office for Brazil, however, with missed games at inopportune moments. They went from 2 IMPs behind to 32 in arrears, a lot of ground to make up.

The WBF looks forward to welcoming you to the
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This great new event is to be held under the auspices of IMSA (the International Mind Sports Association). Following meetings held in Shanghai, it has been decided that the World Mind Sport Games will include not only a Junior Teams, Pairs and Individual Championship but will also include the Open and Women's Teams, formerly the World Teams Olympiad.

All member countries of the World Bridge Federation have been informed about the Junior Event and asked **to select and train a National Youth Team** to compete in the **Junior Teams, Pairs and Individual Championships** to be held during this fantastic event. We hope to have **one competing team per member country**, and it is very important that as many Federations as possible are represented. It is hoped that considerable financial support for the Junior players will be available, including **full board accommodation and possibly the transport costs**. We count on your support to ensure the success of this event.

We hope that all member countries will also send teams (one per country) to compete in the

Open and Women's Series

for what was the **World Teams Olympiad** but will now be held as part of the

World Mind Sport Games.

This championship will, we are sure, prove to be the challenging and exciting event it has always been in the past, and we look forward to seeing many of the players

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