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ALONG AND WINDING ROAD



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

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

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

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

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

Herculean task acknowledged



The WBF Executive Council, at its first meeting here in Beijing, recognized the enormity of the task that the President had undertaken in chairing the Orga-

nizing Committee for these 1st World Mind Sports Games. To bring all these together in such a short space of time was a real achievement on his part, demanding hours and hours of organization.

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













OPEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 7

GROUP A		
I	Bye	France
	Slovakia	Pakistan
_	South Africa	Japan
4	Kenya	Finland
5	Estonia	Canada
6	Brazil	Trinidad

Ireland 8 China Macau

Romania

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Canada
Trinidad
Denmark
Italy
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Canada	
Trinidad	
Denmark	
Italy	
Albania	

	GROU	PB
ī	French Polynesia	San Marino
י כ	Russia	Sweden
	China	Netherlands
	Hungary	Mexico
	Austria	India
_	Scotland	Portugal
_	Israel	Latvia
-	Korea	China Hong Kong
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Netherlands
Mexico
India
Portugal
Latvia
China Hong Kong
Argentina

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	1	Bermuda	Bosnia
	2	Egypt	Singapore
	3	Poland	Chile
	4	Georgia	Bulgaria
		Norway	Bangladesh
	6	Guadeloupe	New Zealand
	7	Spain	Iceland
	8	Ükraine	Belgium
	9	Chinese Taipei	Morocco

GROUP C

GROUP D		
Botswana Philippines	Turkey England	
ordan	Reunion	
USA	Greece	
Thailand	Switzerland	
Lebanon	Venezuela	
Serbia	Indonesia	
Australia	Germany	
Lithuania	Belarus	
	Botswana Philippines Jordan USA Thailand Lebanon Serbia Australia	

ROUND 8

GROUP A		
	Ireland	China Macau
2	Italy	Romania
3	Albania	Brazil
4	Trinidad	Estonia
5	Canada	Kenya
6	Finland	South Africa
7	Japan	Slovakia
8	Denmark	France
9	Pakistan	Bye

Г.		
	Israel	Korea
2	China Hong Kong	Jamaica
	Argentina	Scotland
	Portugal	Austria
5	India	Hungary
6	Mexico	China '
7	Netherlands	Russia
8	Latvia	San Marino
9	Sweden	French Polynesi

	GRO	UP C
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Spain Belgium Morocco New Zealand Bangladesh Bulgaria Chile Iceland Singapore	Ukraine Chinese Taip Guadeloupe Norway Georgia Poland Egypt Bosnia Bermuda

	GROUP D		
П	Serbia	Australia	
2	Germany	Lithuania	
	Belarus [']	Lebanon	
4	Venezuela	Thailand	
5	Switzerland	USA	
6	Greece	Jordan	
7	Reunion	Philippines	
8	Indonesia	Turkey	
9	England	Botswana	

ROUND 9

1 2	Ireland Italy	China Macau Romania
3	Albania	Brazil
	Trinidad	Estonia
5	Canada	Kenya
6	Finland	South Africa
	Japan	Slovakia
1 -	Denmark	France
9	Pakistan	Bye

Τ	San Marino	Sweden
2	French Polynesia	Netherlands
3	Russia	Mexico
4	China	India
5	Hungary	Portugal
6	Austria	Argentina
7	Scotland	China Hong Kong
	Jamaica	Israel
9	Korea	Latvia

GROUP B

GROUP C		
	Bosnia	Singapore
2	Bermuda Egypt	Chile Bulgaria
4 5	Poland Georgia	Bangladesh New Zealand
6	Norway	Morocco
	Guadeloupe Chinese Taipei	Belgium Spain
9	Ukraine	Iceland

	GROUP D		
3 4 5 6 7	Turkey Botswana Philippines Jordan USA Thailand Lebanon Lithuania	England Reunion Greece Switzerland Venezuela Belarus Germany Serbia	
	Australia	Indonesia	

Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

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

I.A Sighter

Dealer East. Both Vul.

NORTH ★ A 7 4 ♥ **765** ♦ K Q 4 2 ♣ A J 3

SOUTH **★** K Q 3 ♡ A J ♦ A 9 8 6 ♣ K Q 10 9

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

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

The Solution can be found on page 4.

WOMEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 7

Guadeloupe England Belarus Thailand Trinidad lapan China Hong Kong India Egypt Italy Palestine Reunion Brazil Portugal Lithuania USA Norway Poland

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

	GRO	UP G
3 4	South Africa New Zealand Sweden Singapore Morocco	Latvia Turkey Pakistan Hungary Ireland
7 8	Jamaica Greece Chinese Taipei Germany	Barbados Mexico Korea Netherlands

ROUND 8

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

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

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

ROUND 9

	GROU	PE
П	England	Thailand
رٰ ا	Guadeloupe	Japan
	Belarus	India
	Trinidad	Italy
	China Hong Kong	Palestine
6	Egypt	Poland
7	Reunion	USA
8	Norway	Brazil
	Lithuania	Portugal

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

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

Championship Diary



Regular followers of the Diary will know that a message or comment to markhorton007@hotmail may earn you undying fame by getting a mention in the Bulletin.

Canada's Linda Lee (of Masterpoint Press) was less than impressed by yesterday's Edi-

torial, as she reported in her excellent blog (www.master-pointpress.com).

I don't know why the Bulletin staff always chortle about the fact that there are so many European teams in the top of the open field. Yes, the USA is number one so far but so what ... Well hello, there are only two North American teams and they are both doing very well thank you very much. The only way that we can get more teams in the top 8 is if Quebec secedes from Canada or maybe Texas decides to become a country.

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

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

SENIOR TEAMS



TODAY'S **PROGRAM**

ROUND 7

- I France England 2 Hungary China Hong Kong 3 Kenya Pakistan Chinese Taipei
- 5 USA Wales
- Japan Sweden
- South Africa Denmark Estonia New Zealand Brazil

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ROUND 8

GROUP

I	Japan	Sweden
2	Brazil	Wales
3	Estonia	USA
4	Denmark	Chinese Taipei
5	South Africa	Kenya
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Hungary 6 Pakistan 7 China Hong Kong France

8 New Zealand **England**

1	Indonesia	Italy
2		Netherlands
	Germany	
	Guadeloupe	Thailand
4	China	Belgium
5	Poland	Finland
6	India	Canada
7	Reunion	Ireland
8	Fount	Australia

ROUND 9

GROUP K New Zealand I Sweden

2	France	Pakistan
3	Hungary	South Africa
4	Kenya	Denmark
5	Chinese Taipei	Estonia
6	USA	Brazil
7	Wales	Japan

7 Wales

8 England China Hong Kong

GROUP L Italy Egypt

2 Ireland India 3 Canada **Poland**

4 Finland China Guadeloupe Belgium

Thailand Germany Netherlands Indonesia

8 Australia Reunion



Collecting the Airport Taxes

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

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

Solution

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

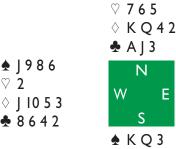
Your general plan should be try and get a count on East's hand before touching the diamond suit. The first step is to cash five black suit winners, while keeping a black-suit entry to hand.

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

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

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

The full deal:



A A 7 4

♡ A I ♦ A 9 8 6

♣ K Q 10 9



/ARNING



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

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

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 4

ROUND 5

ROUND 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GROUP B					
1 2 3 4 5	Mato Russia China Hungary Austria China Hong Kong lamaica		IMP's 82 - 6 52 - 14 51 - 24 6 - 50 36 - 41 21 - 46	VP's 25 - 0 24 - 6 21 - 9 5 - 25 14 - 16 9 - 21	
6 7 8 9	Korea Israel Scotland	Portugal Argentina Mexico	11 - 64 65 - 49 64 - 26	3 - 25 19 - 11 24 - 6	

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

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

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

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WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

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



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

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



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

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

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

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

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

Today's Coverage

ROUND 7 - 11.00

KOUND / - 11.00	
China - Netherlands (O)	VG
Australia - Germany (O)	ВВО
Russia - Sweden (O)	ВВО
Germany - Netherlands (W)	ВВО
Russia - Scotland (W)	OurGames
USA - Greece (O)	OurGames
ROUND 8 - 14.20	
New Zealand - Norway (O)	VG
Bularia - Poland (O)	ВВО
Denmark - France (O)	ВВО
Italy - Romania (O)	ВВО
China - Spain (W)	OurGames
Mexico - China (O)	OurGames
ROUND 9 - 17.10	
Brazil - Italy (O)	VG
Turkey - England (O)	BBO
Lebanon - Germany (O)	BBO
France - Pakistan (O)	ВВО
China - India (O)	OurGames
Estonia - Finland (W)	OurGames

SENIOR TEAMS RESULT

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



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

Today's Schedule

11.00 Open-Women-Senior Teams, Round 714.20 Open-Women-Senior Teams, Round 817.10 Open-Women-Senior Teams, Round 9

WBF Meeting of Congress

Thursday 09 October 2008 - 10.30 am

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

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

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

OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

	GROUP A	
I	Italy	122
2	Estonia	112
3	Canada	107
	Denmark	107
	Romania	107
6	Brazil	105
7	South Africa	99
8	Ireland	97
9	France	95
10	Pakistan	89
П	China Macau	88
12	Japan	85
13	Slovakia	78
14	Kenya	70
15	Finland	69
16	Trinidad & Tobago	66
17	Albania	37

	GROUP B	
Ι	Israel	126
2	Netherlands	121
3	India	120
4	China	113
5	Hungary	107
6	Portugal	102
	Russia	102
8	Scotland	96
9	Austria	95
10	Sweden	89
П	Argentina	88
12	Latvia	84
13	San Marino	79
14	China Hong Kong	74
15	Mexico	64
16	Jamaica	60
17	French Polynesia	41
18	Korea	32

	GROUP C		
Ι	Norway	128	
2	Poland	124	
3	Spain	119	
4	Bulgaria	105	
5	Chinese Taipei	102	
	Guadeloupe	102	
7	New Zealand	92	
8	Georgia	90	
9	Belgium	88	
10	Egypt	87	
11	Ukraine	86	
12	Bangladesh	84	
	Iceland	84	
14	Chile	78	
15	Singapore	73	
16	Bosnia & Herzegovina	66	
17	Bermuda	46	
18	Morocco	39	

GROUP D	
I Germany	128
2 USA	121
3 Turkey	119
4 Indonesia	$\Pi\Pi$
5 England	99
6 Thailand	98
7 Belarus	96
8 Greece	95
Lebanon	95
10 Serbia	90
II Switzerland	88
12 Australia	86
13 Reunion	81
14 Jordan	79
15 Philippines	64
16 Lithuania	57
17 Botswana	53
18 Venezuela	40

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2 USA	109
3 Italy	101
4 China Hong Kong	100
5 Lithuania	95
6 Poland	94
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8 Brazil	93
9 India	91
10 Belarus	87
II Egypt	85
12 Thailand	84
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14 Japan	80
15 Palestine	75
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I Spain	124		
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3 Venezuela	119		
4 Finland	110		
5 Russia	104		
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8 Denmark	97		
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10 Indonesia	88		
II Argentina	87		
12 Australia	82		
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SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

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2 Japan	125	10 Denmark '	86
3 England	99	11 Hungary	85
4 New Zealand	98	12 Wales	82
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6 China Hong Kong	94	Sweden	76
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8 Estonia	88	16 Kenya	48

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2 Indonesia	120	10 Belgium	82
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SENIOR TEAMS R3

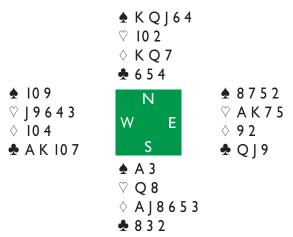
USAV ENGLAND

Beijing Tea Party

by Mark Horton

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

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open	Room
We	st

West	North	East	South	
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg	
	Pass	Pass	1♦	_
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3♦	All Pass		

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

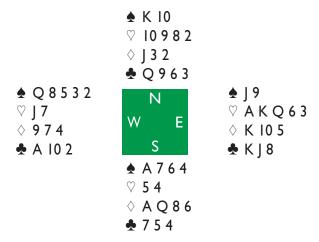
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Granovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
	♠	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

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

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

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg	
		I♡	Pass	_
I ∲ 3NT	Pass All Pass	2NT	Pass	

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

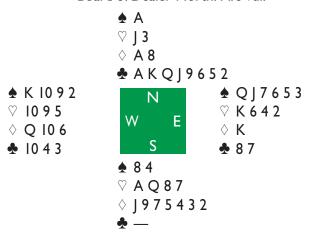
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Granovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
		♣	Pass	
I ♦	Pass	INT	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

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

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

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg	
	2♣*	3♠	Pass	
5♠	6♣	Pass	6◊	
Pass	7♣	All Pass		

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

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



Billy Eisenberg, USA

think you could call that a not unfortunate +2140.

C	Closed Room	า			
	West	North	East	South	
Gı	ranovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
		2♣	Pass	2♡	
	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦	
	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡	
	Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*	
	Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣*	
	All Pass				

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

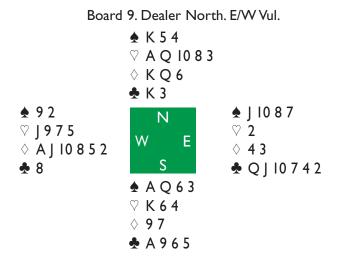
Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul. **★** K Q | 10 8 5 ♥ 983 ♦ 1074 **♣** K **♦** 42 **★** A 9 7 3 ♡ | 10 ♡ A Q 7 2 ♦ A J 6 5 3 ♦ K ♣ Q 9 8 4 ♣ 10 5 3 2 **♠** 6 ♡ K 6 5 4 ♦ Q982 ♣ A J 7 6

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg	
			Pass	
Pass	2◊*	Pass	2 ♠ *	
All Pass				

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

Closed Room	1			
West	North	East	South	
Granovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
			Pass	
Pass	2♠	All Pass		

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg
	ΙŸ	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5◊*
Dble	6♡	All Pass	

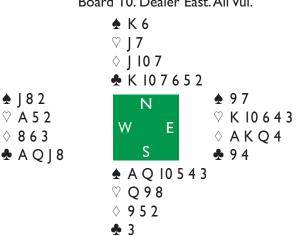
When West doubled Five Diamonds North know his holding in that suit was well placed and he jumped to the good slam. (As the diamond ruff was a minor possibility there is perhaps a case for North preferring 6NT.) East led a diamond, but when he could not ruff the second diamond declarer was soon home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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Granovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
	I♡	Pass	I♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡	
Pass	4♡	All Pass		

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

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Dixon	Lev	Silverstone	Eisenberg	
		I♡	♠	
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass	
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass	
3♡	All Pass			

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

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Granovetter	Price	Ekeblad	Simpson	
		2◊*	Pass	
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass	
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass	
4♣	Pass	4♡	All Pass	

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

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



Colin Simpson, England

OPEN TEAMS R1

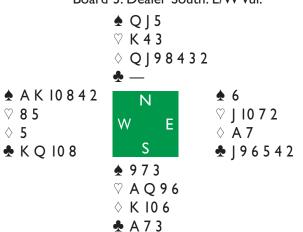
HUNGARY v CHINA

Rough Start

by Brent Manley

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

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



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

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



Peter Trenka, Hungary

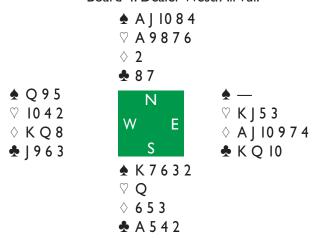
when Fu Zhong showed out, there was nothing to the defense. Declarer was limited to five tricks for minus 200.

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

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

A huge swing for Hungary followed on the next board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao
Pass	♠	2◊	2NT*
3♦	Pass	3♡	4♠
Pass	Pass	5◊	DЫ
All Pass			

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

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

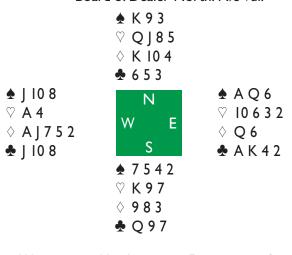
tries to dummy, so it would not help to find North with both missing heart honors. Declarer therefore put up the $\heartsuit K$ and was rewarded when the queen fell. He lost just two tricks for plus 750.

West	North	East	South	
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo	
Pass	Pass	I♦	Pass	
INT	2♦	3♦	4♠	
All Pass				

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

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

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo	
	Pass	INT	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3◊	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

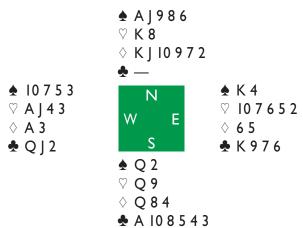
Harangozo found the diabolical lead of the \heartsuit 7. Zhuang looked this over for a time before rising with the ace. The

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

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

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

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao	
			♣	
DЫ	♡*	2♡	Pass	
Pass	4◊	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				



Zhong Fu, China

Barczy's uninspired led of a low spade made Zhao's work easy. Zhao ducked in dummy, East won the \P K and continued the suit. Zhao, in hand with the \P Q, played a diamond to dummy, West ducking, pulled trumps and drove out the \lozenge A. The \heartsuit A was the only other trick for the defense.

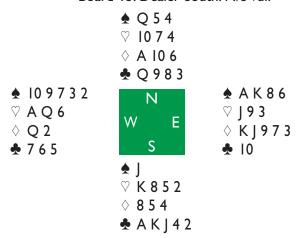
Zhuang and Shi did much better.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo
			Pass
♣	I♠	Dbl	Pass
2♡	3♦	3♡	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Zhuang started with a low club, taken by declarer with the ace. The ♠Q was passed to Zhuang's king, and a second round of clubs began the forcing defense that declarer could not survive. He ruffed and played two high trumps, hoping for a 3-3 split. The 4-2 break was fatal, however, and declarer was two down for minus 100 and 11 IMPs to China.

This deal, the penultimate of the set, helped China to a useful gain.

Board 15. Dealer South, N/S Vul.



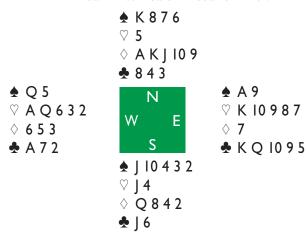
In the closed rooom, Barczy and Trenka bid and made 44 for plus 420. Shi and Zhuang did much better, thanks to a gift double from the Hungarians.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Dbl	2♡
Pass	3♣	DЫ	Pass
4♠	DЫ	All Pass	

Perhaps it was the surprise of Shi's jump to game after passing twice that prompted the rash double by North. The opening lead was a club. South won the AK and switched to the AJ. From there, Shi had no difficulty figuring out the position of the spade suit, and he scored an overtrick for plus 690.

The last deal gave China a chance to pull almost even in the match, but it worked out very badly instead.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Barczy	Fu	Trenka	Zhao
10	Dbl	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♡	All Pass

There was nothing to the play as Barczy scored up a disappointing plus 680.

Disaster struck at the other table.

West	North	East	South	
Shi	Szalay	Zhuang	Harangozo	
10	DЫ	4♣	Pass	_
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass	
Pass(!)	Pass			

Zhuang's 4♣ was obviously meant as a fit-showing jump, and he did well to press on with a cuebid of 4♠ after Shi signed off. Shi, obviously confused by the sequence, surprised everyone by passing 4♠. After a trump lead from South, Zhuang had four tricks for minus 600 and a 15-IMP loss on a deal that could have earned the Chinese a 13-IMP swing.

The final score was 57-26 for Hungary.

Shuttle Bus Information

4-8,October ,2008

The Chinese Organising Committee has announced the following shuttle bus schedule:

Shuttle Bus for Games

BICC	→	CNCC	10:00
BICC	→	CNCC	13:00
CNCC	→	BICC	13:50
BICC	→	CNCC	16:10
CNCC	→	BICC	17:10
CNCC	→	BICC	20.00

Shuttle Bus for Reporters

BICC → CNCC → BICC 10:00-21:00 Media-bus will be dispatched every hour.

Buses will arrive at and depart from the WEST entrance of the Intercontinental Hotel in future.

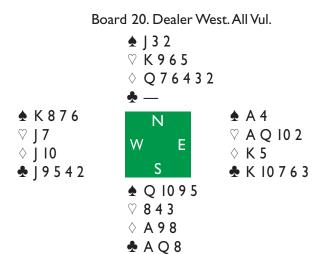
Canada vs. Italy, Round 2

by Brent Manley

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

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

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



West	North	East	South
Fergani	Sementa	L'Ecuyer	Duboin
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
I♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

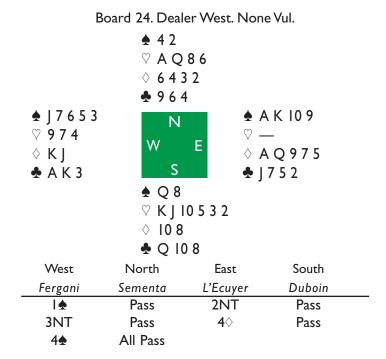
Duboin started with the $\lozenge A$ and a diamond to declarer's king. With the heart finesse working, L'Ecuyer lost only the two club tricks for plus 130. At the other table, Dan Jacob had reason to be thankful he wasn't doubled.

West	North	East	South	
Nunes	Jacob	Fantoni	Lebi	
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass	
I 🛇	Pass	INT	Pass	
Pass	2♦	All Pass		

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

Plus 200 was just 2 IMPs, but the momentum was with the Italians. They gained another IMP on the next deal when they made an overtrick in 60 that was not made in the same contract at the other table.

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



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

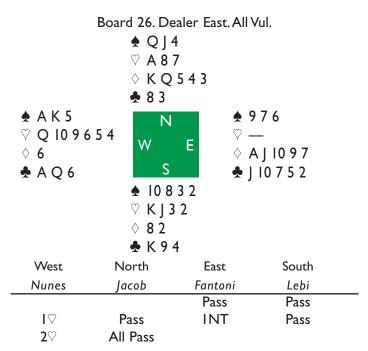
At the other table, Fantoni and Nunes got there despite a weak INT opening.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Jacob	Fantoni	Lebi
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
5◊	Pass	6♠	All Pass

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

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

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



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

West	North	East	South	
Fergani	Sementa	L'Ecuyer	Duboin	
		Pass	Pass	
IŸ	Pass	INT	Pass	
2♣	All Pass			

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

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

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

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul. **♠** Q | 10 ♥ O 5 4 2 ♦ K J ♣ A | 5 3 **★** K 9 7 6 **★** A 8 3 2 ♡ | 8 7 3 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ 10864 ♦ A O ♣ K 972 **★** 5 4 ♡ 9 \Diamond 97532 Q 10 8 6 4

West	North	East	South	
Fergani	Sementa	L'Ecuyer	Duboin	
•		♣	Pass	
ΙŸ	Pass	2♡	All Pass	

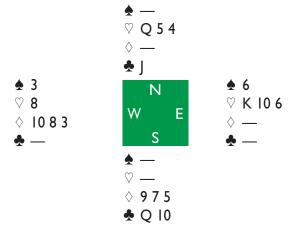
Sementa started with a low trump from his queen. Fergani won the ace, played a spade to his ace and took the diamond finesse. He cashed the $\lozenge A$, then played a club to his king and Sementa's ace. Fergani won the trump continuation with dummy's king, ruffed a club in hand, played a spade to dummy's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

At the other table, the Italians were more ambitious.

West	North	East	South	
Nunes	Jacob	Fantoni	Lebi	
		♣	Pass	_
◊*	Pass	Ι♡	Pass	
2♣	Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Nunes' 10 bid showed hearts, and with his 16 high-card points, Fantoni was happy to accept the game try.

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



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

The Canadians finished the comeback on the next-to-last deal, earning a 10-IMPswing for getting to 60 while the Italians at the other table played in 3NT, taking 10 tricks.