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Half Way Round the Robin



Marc Hodler follows the action on VuGraph

As we move into the second half of the Round Robin the *Bermuda Bowl* race is headed by **USA II** and **Poland**. In the *Venice Cup* **France** are setting the pace from **England**. In the *Seniors Bowl* **France** are now the only unbeaten team in all three competitions but they are only just ahead of **Italy**.

Distinguished Visitors

It is with great pleasure that we extend a very warm welcome to two distinguished guests to these 2001 World Bridge Championships who are honouring us with their presence.

Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, *President Emeritus of the WBF*, needs no introduction.

Marc Hodler, *Vice President of the International Olympic Committee* and a member of the new IOC Executive Commission, has been a very good friend to the WBF.

To both of them we would like to say "Bienvenue à Paris".

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 10 – 10.00

Indonesia v Poland

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 11 – 14.00

Norway v USA I

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 12 – 17.20

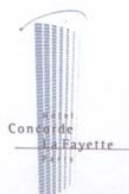
France v Italy

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Press Conference

There will be a Press Conference today at 11.00 in the Chorum - access via entrance E - given by **Marc Hodler**, *IOC Vice President*, **Jimmy Ortiz Patiño**, *President Emeritus of the WBF* and **José Damiani**, *President of the WBF*.



RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	USA II	36 - 72	8 - 22
2	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	48 - 17	21 - 9
3	INDIA	JAPAN	64 - 37	21 - 9
4	ISRAEL	ITALY	35 - 38	14 - 16
5	RUSSIA	BRAZIL	55 - 33	20 - 10
6	NEW ZEALAND	USA I	33 - 60	9 - 21
7	POLAND	HONG KONG	69 - 11	25 - 4
8	INDONESIA	FRANCE	74 - 22	25 - 5
9	GUADELOUPE	ARGENTINA	24 - 55	9 - 21

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	51 - 33	19 - 11
2	JAPAN	NORWAY	30 - 54	10 - 20
3	ITALY	INDIA	55 - 31	20 - 10
4	BRAZIL	ISRAEL	56 - 35	19 - 11
5	USA I	RUSSIA	48 - 33	18 - 12
6	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	59 - 59	15 - 15
7	HONG KONG	USA II	42 - 36	16 - 14
8	FRANCE	POLAND	21 - 36	12 - 18
9	GUADELOUPE	INDONESIA	33 - 41	14 - 16

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	JAPAN	52 - 34	19 - 11
2	NORWAY	ITALY	51 - 16	22 - 8
3	INDIA	BRAZIL	52 - 33	19 - 11
4	ISRAEL	USA I	26 - 42	12 - 18
5	RUSSIA	NEW ZEALAND	43 - 21	20 - 10
6	AUSTRALIA	HONG KONG	89 - 21	25 - 2
7	USA II	FRANCE	60 - 30	21 - 9
8	POLAND	GUADELOUPE	39 - 20	19 - 11
9	INDONESIA	ARGENTINA	40 - 54	12 - 18

RESULTS

Venice Cup

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	USA II	22 - 39	11 - 19
11	CANADA	ISRAEL	63 - 18	24 - 6
12	AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA	45 - 31	18 - 12
13	GERMANY	CHINA	38 - 48	13 - 17
14	BRAZIL	VENEZUELA	33 - 28	16 - 14
15	NETHERLANDS	USA I	47 - 46	15 - 15
16	SOUTH AFRICA	ENGLAND	30 - 54	10 - 20
17	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	36 - 51	12 - 18
18	INDIA	ITALY	10 - 97	0 - 25

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	ISRAEL	JAPAN	30 - 39	13 - 17
11	INDONESIA	CANADA	52 - 41	19 - 13
12	CHINA	AUSTRALIA	52 - 41	17 - 13
13	VENEZUELA	GERMANY	30 - 71	7 - 23
14	USA I	BRAZIL	35 - 22	18 - 12
15	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	33 - 30	16 - 14
16	ENGLAND	USA II	59 - 17	24 - 6
17	AUSTRIA	SOUTH AFRICA	47 - 61	12 - 18
18	INDIA	FRANCE	26 - 81	4 - 25

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	INDONESIA	34 - 10	20 - 10
11	CANADA	CHINA	27 - 35	14 - 16
12	AUSTRALIA	VENEZUELA	33 - 34	15 - 15
13	GERMANY	USA I	18 - 20	15 - 15
14	BRAZIL	NETHERLANDS	28 - 53	10 - 20
15	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	21 - 37	12 - 18
16	USA II	AUSTRIA	20 - 31	13 - 17
17	SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA	37 - 16	19 - 11
18	FRANCE	ITALY	61 - 22	23 - 7

PROGRAM

Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 10

10.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Italy	Egypt
2	Brazil	Norway
3	USA I	India
4	New Zealand	Israel
5	Argentina	Russia
6	Hong Kong	Japan
7	France	Australia
8	Guadeloupe	USA II
9	Indonesia	Poland

ROUND 11

14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Egypt	Brazil
2	Norway	USA I
3	India	New Zealand
4	Israel	Russia
5	Italy	Hong Kong
6	Japan	France
7	Australia	Guadeloupe
8	USA II	Indonesia
9	Poland	Argentina

ROUND 12

17.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	USA I	Egypt
2	New Zealand	Norway
3	Russia	India
4	Argentina	Israel
5	Hong Kong	Brazil
6	France	Italy
7	Guadeloupe	Japan
8	Indonesia	Australia
9	Poland	USA II

PROGRAM**Seniors Bowl****ROUND 8 14.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
19	Bahrain	France
20	Italy	Egypt / S. Africa
21	Poland	Guadeloupe
22	USA II	USA I

ROUND 9 17.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
19	France	Egypt / S. Africa
20	Italy	Bahrain
21	Poland	USA I
22	USA II	Guadeloupe

PROGRAM**Venice Cup****ROUND 10 10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
10	China	Japan
11	Venezuela	Canada
12	USA I	Australia
13	Netherlands	Germany
14	Italy	Brazil
15	England	Indonesia
16	Austria	Israel
17	India	USA II
18	France	South Africa

ROUND 11 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
10	Japan	Venezuela
11	Canada	USA I
12	Australia	Netherlands
13	Germany	Brazil
14	China	England
15	Indonesia	Austria
16	Israel	India
17	USA II	France
18	South Africa	Italy

ROUND 12 17.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
10	USA I	Japan
11	Netherlands	Canada
12	Brazil	Australia
13	Italy	Germany
14	England	Venezuela
15	Austria	China
16	India	Indonesia
17	France	Israel
18	South Africa	USA II

Bermuda Bowl
Ranking after 9 rounds

1	USA II	176
2	POLAND	176
3	EGYPT	157
4	ITALY	156
5	NORWAY	155
6	USA I	155
7	INDONESIA	140
8	BRAZIL	137
9	INDIA	136
10	ARGENTINA	135
11	FRANCE	131
12	ISRAEL	127
13	JAPAN	126
14	RUSSIA	123.1
15	AUSTRALIA	115.9
16	GUADELOUPE	98
17	NEW ZEALAND	95
18	HONG KONG	79

Venice Cup
Ranking after 9 rounds

1	FRANCE	183
2	ENGLAND	173
3	CHINA	166
4	SOUTH AFRICA	158
5	AUSTRIA	156
6	USA I	156
7	GERMANY	144
8	ISRAEL	135
9	USA II	130
10	ITALY	129
11	CANADA	125.6
12	JAPAN	121
13	AUSTRALIA	121
14	NETHERLANDS	120
15	BRAZIL	114.5
16	INDONESIA	101
17	VENEZUELA	90.5
18	INDIA	77.4

ROUND 5

Bermuda Bowl



Poland v Norway

Magicians at Work

The Editor, together with the President of the Polish Bridge Federation, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, recently penned a book featuring the Polish stars entitled 'The Bridge Magicians'. When Poland faced Norway on VuGraph in Round 5 of the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin it was therefore logical that he should go in search of some material for the sequel.

Marcin Lesniewski was the first to display his skills.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass	INT	Pass

South led the six of spades and North took the queen and found the heart switch. Declarer was in deep trouble now and could not avoid two down, -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♦	Pass	1♣*	Pass
		INT	All Pass

South led the three of clubs, so declarer was off to a good start. He took North's ten with the jack and played a diamond to

Dr Santanu Ghose

We were greatly saddened to hear recently that Santanu Ghose suffered a stroke. We have heard that he is now able to recognise people, but has not yet recovered his speech. Santanu, a player of ability in his own right, has given long and distinguished service to the WBF Laws Committee and is well loved and respected.

We in the World Bridge Federation send him our warm wishes for his recovery and hope it will not be too long delayed.

the queen and king. North returned the five of clubs and declarer won with dummy's nine. The contract was in the bag, but declarer was not averse to some sleight of hand and he cunningly played a spade to the jack and South's ace. His deception worked like a charm as South now switched to the king of hearts.

Declarer scooped that in and not being certain of the diamond position settled for eight tricks. +120 and 6 IMPs for Poland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

A perfectly reasonable auction to a perfectly reasonable contract. The cards were lying well, and ten tricks were made, +170.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Martens took not even a single second to raise to game, but after two rounds of diamonds he took considerably longer to decide on his line of play, eventually playing a heart to the king, a heart to the ace and three rounds of spades, ruffing in dummy, followed by running the ten of clubs. He showed his cards and claimed ten tricks, to collect the first doublefigure swing of the match.

Notice that the queen of diamonds was worthless, the key to the deal being the 5-4 trump fit, the extra trump in the East hand being worth a least an extra king.



Adam Zmudzinski, Poland

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
4♥	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
	6♣	All Pass	

Brogeland's Four Heart bid was enough to push the Poles overboard, North's Five Clubs persuading South his side had the values for twelve tricks.

The contract had to go down when the clubs failed to divide.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
3♥	1♦	1♥	1♠
All Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠

The defence started with two rounds of hearts and declarer ruffed and ran the ten of spades. When that held he came to hand with a diamond, cashed the ace of spades and used the power of his minor-suit winners to arrive at eleven tricks, giving Norway

its first major swing.

Both pairs met the bidding challenge imposed by the next deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT*
All Pass		Pass	6♠

We are fairly sure Four Hearts promised a shortage and once South discovered the queen of spades was missing via the 4NT enquiry, he settled for the small slam.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT*
All Pass		Pass	6♠

A variation on a theme led to the same spot and a flat board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Balicki	Saelensminde	Zmudzinski
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

It was a pity North did not try 3NT, as then we would have had the chance to see some magic, East obviously leading the queen of diamonds, and West unblocking when it is not covered.

Perhaps South should have tried 3NT - as it was Five Clubs was reasonable, but had no chance on this layout and was two down, -200.

A conjuror was at work at the other table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Helness	Lesniewski	Helgemo
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

3NT would have been a simple affair, but Helgemo could envisage a slam if Helness had the right cards, so he cue bid his diamond control which led to the apparently doomed heart game. Before he led the four of clubs Martens asked a number of questions - this may have raised some suspicions in declarer's mind.

Helgemo took the club in dummy and tried a diamond to the king and ace. He took the next club and played a third round, ruffed by East and overruffed by declarer. Now he ruffed a diamond, crossed back to hand with the ace of spades and ruffed his last diamond. Now he cashed the king of spades and ruffed a spade, overruffed by West, who played a diamond. Declarer ruffed and was down to ♥AQ8.

He made no mistake, exiting with the eight of hearts to end-play West. The VuGraph audience broke into applause, as did a smiling Martens, who recognized a piece of conjuring from a fellow member of the magic circle. That would get the Editor's award for sportsmanship.

It's a bidders game, they say, and the next big swing rested entirely on the respective auctions:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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♠ Q 10			
♥ 6			
♦ A Q J 4 3			
♣ A K J 10 6			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Balicki	Saelensminde	Zmudzinski
			1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Once South jumped over the negative double North simply wheeled out a Grand Slam Force, figuring that if the heart finesse was needed it was likely to be right. South's singleton meant it wasn't and +1440 was soon posted on the Polish card.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Helness	Lesniewski	Helgemo
			1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

This time it was not so obvious that South had any extra values and the Norwegians failed to hit the top spot.

The bidding played a major part on the following deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Balicki	Saelensminde	Zmudzinski
	2♠*	2NT	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The Polish gadget worked well on this deal.

North led his singleton club, collected a ruff and returned the two of diamonds. That made sure South took the ace and gave North a second club ruff, +500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Helness	Lesniewski	Helgemo
	Pass	INT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Krzysztof Martens, Poland

Helness gave quite a lot of thought to bidding over both Four Diamonds and Four Hearts, but it would have been a big position to take. Helgemo could not pull a rabbit out of the hat this time and his lead of the two of spades enabled declarer to claim eleven tricks and a massive swing of 15 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
		2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

South's double was enough to persuade North that his side had a paying save. The price was a little higher than he hoped for. East led the queen of clubs and declarer won and played a diamond. East put up the ace, gave West a club ruff and after getting in with the ace of spades gave him another one. The ace of hearts meant +500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		1♠	Pass
3♠*	Dble	Redble	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

The East hand looked like a Polish One Club opening, but not in the Martens-Lesniewski version. There were ten easy tricks for +420.

The very next deal saw the chance for a truly sensational piece of prestidigitation being missed at both tables.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
			Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The play was essentially the same at both tables.

The opening lead was the ace of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart. There is no winning line from here and declarer was the same one down. The fatal error had already been made.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
			Pass
4♥	4♠	5♦	5♥
6♦	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Fred Gitelman kindly supplied the following text:

Take a few seconds to admire an auction that included excellent calls by all four players. Don't take too many seconds, however, as you might want to spend considerably more time thinking about how declarer can make 6♠ doubled after the lead of the ace of diamonds (an unfortunate choice for East - declarer would have had no chance after a heart lead).

Tor Helness (one of the few declarers on our planet who would have even had a chance to make this contract) gave this problem a great deal of thought. I believe he figured out the layout of the East-West cards and he did come close to finding the



Tor Helness, Norway

winning line, but in the end the solution eluded him.

Tor can be forgiven for missing the answer given that nobody in the VuGraph theatre (where the layout of the East-West cards was certainly known) could think of a way to make 6♣ either. I would like to take credit for the following analysis, but it was Deep Finesse (a remarkable computer program that can solve any double dummy problem) that showed me the light.

Your editor believed there was a winning line, but naturally checked it out with DF.

There is only one solution. Declarer must ruff the ace of diamonds and immediately ruff a heart in the dummy. A trump to his hand, ruff another heart, cross back in trumps, and ruff his last heart. Declarer now ruffs a diamond back to his hand, stranding the king of that suit in the dummy! Three more rounds of trumps lead to the following end position:

♠ -	♠ 7	♠ -									
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♦ Q	♦ -	♦ J 9									
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	♥ -										
	♦ K 10										
	♣ 10 9 6										

When you play the last spade, East discards a diamond and you throw a club from dummy. Now you play a low club and East wins and has no good return.

How double dummy is this?

At the point before declarer overtakes the spade to return to hand he can be sure of the distribution in spades and hearts, and on the first auction the diamond position is probably clear as well, so the clubs are known to be 4-1.

If you see the possibility of using East to resurrect the dummy, then it you might just find the winning line – given enough time!

Poland won this magical contest 64-43 IMPs, 19-11 VP – and who is to say they will not end up with the biggest trick of all?

Transnational Teams

The World Open Transnational Teams Championships will start on Monday 29 October. Play will be in the Hotel Concorde Lafayette and will start at 18.00 hours.

Teams who have not yet registered should go to the Hospitality Desk at the Stade de France (until Saturday) or at the Hotel Concorde Lafayette (on Sunday or Monday) and register their names with Monique Callon or Micheline Merot.

All teams, **whether registering on site or pre-registered**, must confirm their entry and, if they have not already done so, must pay the entry fee to either Mrs Callon or Mrs Merot at the Hospitality Desk as soon as possible, but certainly no later than 15.00 hours on Monday 29 October.

The entry fee may be paid in either US Dollars (\$800) or French Francs (6,000). This may be paid in cash, or by travellers cheques or cheques, payable to the World Bridge Federation. We regret that we are **not** able to accept credit cards.

The Hospitality Desk will be open as follows:
In the Stade de France:

Thursday 25 October	14.00 - 18.30 hours
Friday 26 October	14.00 - 18.30 hours
Saturday 27 October	10.30 - 18.30 hours

On Sunday the Hospitality Desk will be in the Hotel Concorde Lafayette and the opening hours will be:

Sunday 28 October	10.30 - 18.30 hours
Monday 29 October	10.30 - 15.00 hours

Traveller's Tales

The teams from Australia are used to traveling a long way to compete in International Championships. A projected trip to Bali meant a relatively short journey but Paris is 30 hours from Australia.

However, things could have been a lot worse!

In 1989 the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup were staged in Perth. The majority of the home team in the latter competition lived in Adelaide, only a three-hour flight. However, the domestic Australian airlines decided to go on strike so the players had to travel by rail. That took a mere 44 hours!!

*It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.
(Old Russian Proverb)*

Echos du Stade

Par Guy Dupont

Recherches

On nous a donné l'explication (qui vaut ce qu'elle vaut) de la présence de la vingtaine de véhicules en tous genres, pelleteuses, bulldozers, camions, tracto-pelles, qui s'activent, creusent, labourent et charrient la terre de la pelouse du Stade de France : lors du dernier France-Ecosse de rugby, un joueur a égaré une pièce de 10 Euros. A l'heure qu'il est, on ne l'a toujours pas retrouvée.

S'en va-t-en Geir

Coup de chapeau à Geir Helgemo, pour ce coup du 5ème tour, dans le match Norvège-Pologne :

Donne 10, Est donneur, tous vulnérables

<p>♠ V 4 ♥ RV 10 9 ♦ AV 10 6 ♣ V 4 2</p>		<p>♠ R 8 7 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ 3 ♣ A R D 9 7 5</p>	<p>♠ D 10 6 5 3 ♥ 3 ♦ D 9 7 4 2 ♣ 8 6</p>
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Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Martens	Helness	Lesniewski	Helgemo
Passe	2 ♣	Passe	1 ♥
Passe	2 ♠	Passe	2 SA
Passe	3 ♥	Passe	3 ♠
Passe	3 SA	Passe	4 ♦
Passe	4 ♥	(Fin)	

Ouest entame du 4 de Trèfle (pair-impair inversé). Comment jouez-vous ?

Il y a, a priori, l'As de Carreau et trois levées d'atout (en raison de la mauvaise distribution) à perdre. Mais le magicien va opérer :

Il prend l'entame, joue Carreau pour le Roi et l'As d'Est, qui insiste à Trèfle. Le déclarant donne un troisième tour de Trèfle, coupé et surcoupé, puis il coupe un Carreau, rentre en main par l'As de Pique et coupe son dernier Carreau. Il encaisse alors le Roi de Pique, et coupe un Pique. Ouest surcoupe et ressort de son dernier Carreau, coupé en Sud. On est à trois cartes. Helgemo est en main, avec ♥ A D 8, et doit décider. En effet, si Ouest détient le Roi de Cœur second et le dernier Carreau, il faut jouer As de Cœur et Cœur. Mais le petit doigt du déclarant lui a plutôt laissé entendre la véritable situation, et il ressort bravement du 8 de Carreau. Le bon choix : Martens est contraint de livrer les deux dernières levées dans la fourchette As-Dame.

Un coup de 13 pour la Norvège, car dans l'autre salle, le contrat de 5 Trèfle, joué par Nord, a chuté de deux levées. Ce qui n'a pas empêché la Pologne de gagner le match, par 19 à 11.

Du côté des seniors

Ca roule pour les seniors français, en tête de leur compétition après cinq tours. Leur première rencontre était une lutte quasi fratricide, puisqu'ils étaient opposés à la Guadeloupe. Cette donne tourna à l'avantage des z'Hexagonaux :

Donne 5, Nord donneur, N/S vulnérables

<p>♠ V 7 6 5 2 ♥ R D 10 3 ♦ R 5 3 ♣ 5</p>		<p>♠ A 4 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ D 8 7 2 ♣ A D 8 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ AV 8 7 ♦ V 9 6 ♣ 10 9 4 3</p>
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Les enchères en salle fermée :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Schneider	Risk	Delmouly	Gérin
Passe	1 ♣	Passe	1 ♠
(Fin)	1 SA	Passe	3 SA

Refusant l'entame à Cœur, qui lui tendait les bras, Claude Delmouly, préféra poser le 10 de Pique sur la table. Le déclarant prit de l'As, encaissa quatre tours de Trèfle, sur lesquels Marc Schneider défaussa un Pique, un Carreau et le 10 de Cœur. Risk Rizcalla espéra trouver son salut en ressortant à Cœur : Ouest prit de la Dame, encaissa le Roi et revint du 3 de Cœur, échappant ainsi à toute remise en main qui aurait pu le contraindre à livrer soit une levée de Pique, soit une levée de Carreau. Après quatre tours de Cœur, en effet, le déclarant ne pouvait plus dénicher sa neuvième levée, et chuta.

En salle ouverte, après une séquence semblable, Pierre Adad, en Nord, fut lui aussi déclarant à 3 SA. Est entama à Cœur, et la défense prit quatre levées dans la couleur. En main sur le quatrième tour, Est contre-attaqua à Carreau. Adad plongea de l'As et défila ses Trèfles. Ouest ne résista pas à la pression et fut squeezé Pique-Carreau. 600 pour Nord-Sud.

Si la défense n'encaisse que trois tours de Cœur, avant de rejouer Carreau, le contrat gagne encore sur un squeeze d'affaiblissement : le déclarant prend de l'As de Carreau, et sur le défilé des Trèfles, Ouest doit se débarrasser de son dernier Cœur et sécher le Roi de Carreau (ou affranchir une levée de Pique). On peut alors affranchir un Carreau.

Un coup de 12 pas volé.

WBF Laws Commission

Will members please note that the provisional time for the first meeting of the committee is 1.45 pm on Sunday, in the Hotel Concorde-Lafayette.

ROUND 6 Venice Cup
Israel v Australia



The last match on Tuesday featured a relatively quiet set of deals but there was still scope for some good bridge (and bad) in our featured match. The first major swing went to Israel.



Barbara Travis, Australia

amongd. Though Chadwick could ruff, declarer had the rest; +420.

At the other table, Barbara Travis's 2♦ overall was either hearts or a heart canapé and she completed the picture at her second turn. Hanuta Melech led a top diamond, forcing dummy to ruff. Liz Havas played a low spade for the ten, king and ace, and back came a second diamond, again ruffed. Now Havas was not where she wanted to be and tried the ♣J off the table. This ran to the queen and Melech played a third diamond, forcing dummy to ruff for a third time and promoting a trump trick for herself. Havas played the ♣K to the ace and ruffed then crossed to the king of hearts to attempt to cash the ♣10. She threw her last diamond while Melech ruffed, and the diamond return forced her last small trump. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts but the spades were blocked and Melech's eight won the last trick for down one; -50 and 10 IMPs to Israel.

We had to wait a long time for the next double-figure swing and when it came it too was in favour of Israel.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ A Q 10 7 2
 ♦ A Q 10 5
 ♣ 10

♠ 7
 ♥ J 5 4 3
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ K Q J 8 2



♠ Q 5 4 3 2
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ 9 5 3

♠ A K J 9
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ A 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
Travis	Naveh	Havas	Melech
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Poplilov	Clark	Campanile	Chadwick
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 4
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ J 10 7 6 4
 ♣ A 8 4 3

♠ J 9 2
 ♥ K Q J 8
 ♦ -
 ♣ K J 10 7 6 2



♠ K Q 7 5
 ♥ A 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 5 3 2
 ♣ 5

♠ A 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 9
 ♣ Q 9

West	North	East	South
Travis	Naveh	Havas	Melech
2♦	Pass	3♥	INT
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

West	North	East	South
Poplilov	Clark	Campanile	Chadwick
1♥	2♦	Pass	1♦
		4♥	All Pass

Matilda Poplilov's four-card overall made for a very easy auction for her side. Against 4♥, Alida Clark led the ten of spades to Marilyn Chadwick's ace. Chadwick switched to the king of diamonds, ruffed, and Poplilov led the ♠9 to the king to lead a club up, putting in the ten. Clark won the ♣A and played a diamond, ruffed, and Poplilov now cashed the ♣K for a diamond discard, the king and queen of hearts, then the ♣J, discarding her last di-

Poplilov led the king of clubs and continued with the queen and then the jack, Chadwick winning the third round. Chadwick ran the nine of hearts to the king and rose with the ace on the spade return. Now she finessed the queen of diamonds, losing to the king, and back came a second spade. Chadwick won the ♠K but could take only one of the two red finesses so had to go down. Had her first diamond finesse been that of the ten, she would have been OK, of course. The contract actually failed by two tricks; -200.

Travis allowed herself to be put off the club lead by the opening bid and instead chose a low diamond. Melech put in the queen, losing to the king, and Travis switched to a club, ducked to the jack. The ♣K continuation was ducked and Travis now switched to the jack of diamonds. Melech won, crossed to the nine of diamonds and finessed the ♥Q. Havas won and led her last club but declarer won that, cashed the ace of spades, led to the ace of hearts and, after cashing the diamond, ran the ten of spades; +600 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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	♥ A 8 3 2										
	♦ J 10 3										
	♣ Q 10 4										

West	North	East	South
Travis	Naveh	Havas	Melech
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Poplilov	Clark	Campanile	Chadwick
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Three No Trump was no problem but, not altogether surprisingly, 4♠ proved to be impossible. What was going on in the Australian auction? The 3♥ response showed shortage and Havas believed that it guaranteed four cards in the other major, while Travis did not. One still might query Havas's decision to try 4♠ rather than 3NT, but at least it would have had chances had there been a 4-3 trump fit. As it was, 4♠ drifted two down for -200 while 3NT made two overtricks for +660 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Travis	Naveh	Havas	Melech
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♥
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Poplilov	Clark	Campanile	Chadwick
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Given a free run, West has a decision to make whether to rebid 3♦ or 2NT, and Poplilov chose the latter, where she played. By dropping the king of diamonds after a heart lead, she came to nine tricks for +150.

The heart interference made it natural for Travis to rebid 3♦ at the other table and now Havas caught up for her failure to bid on the previous round (she was still thinking about the previous deal) by raising to game. Travis won Nurit Naveh's ten of hearts lead and took the losing spade finesse. Back came the ♥J followed by a low club. Travis rose with the ace of clubs, crossed to the ace of spades and led a diamond up. If Naveh was expecting declarer to finesse - after all, she had taken the trouble to cross to dummy - she was to be sadly disappointed. Travis went up with the ace and scored up her game; +400 and 6 IMPs to Australia.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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	♣ 10										
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	♦ A K Q 6 4 3										
	♣ A 8 6 5										

West	North	East	South
Travis	Naveh	Havas	Melech
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♣

West	North	East	South
Poplilov	Clark	Campanile	Chadwick
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	4♠

Both pairs bid competently to the cold small slam, Melech making an overtrick after a club lead; 1 IMP to Israel.



Matilda Poplilov

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A J 5 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K 10 9 5 4 ♣ A Q	♠ 7 6 ♥ 10 9 7 5 2 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ J 9 3	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td> </tr> </table> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 8 5 4 2 </td> </tr> </table>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td> </tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 8 5 4 2	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A K 6 4 ♦ Q 7 ♣ K 10 7 6
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West Poplilov 1♦ 4♠	North Clark Pass All Pass	East Campanile 1♠	South Chadwick Dble						

The natural play in 4♠ is to take the spade finesse and then to try to guess the diamonds for the overtrick. And that is exactly what happened in one room, where Poplilov actually misguessed the diamonds - normally enough given the take-out double; +620.

Havas had heard no opposition bidding and seen Melech cash the ace and king of hearts then switch to a club, the finesse succeeding. Havas convinced herself that Melech might have come into the auction if she had any more high cards. Accordingly, she played a spade to the ace and another one back to her king. No joy there. Havas exited with a third spade, shaking her head when the queen appeared where she did not want to see it. After winning the club return she led a low diamond to her jack and was one down; -100 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

The Israelis had played well and were full value for their 63-18 IMP, 24-6 VP win.

Duck Or No Dinner

By Barry Rigal

The fourth-round match in the VC and BB qualifier produced a classic position for the defence; how to create a second trump trick when God had only created one.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 10 9 8 ♥ K 6 5 4 3 ♦ - ♣ Q 8 6 5	♠ 6 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ J 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 10 4 2	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td> </tr> </table> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ♠ A 7 2 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ J 9 7 </td> </tr> </table>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td> </tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A 7 2 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ J 9 7	♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ A K 3
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By far the most common contract on this deal was to play 4♥ here. And the contract made at almost every table, although in abstract the contract appears to be a terrible one because of the wasted values in diamonds. But at almost all tables a transfer auction enabled East to declare 4♥ and on the defence of three rounds of clubs declarer was in hand and chose to lead a heart to the king. Now there was no defence to the game, since declarer could hardly misguess hearts from here on in!

But there were some honourable exceptions - the game was beaten at five tables. When the Indonesian ladies, Sofyan and Bojoh, were defending against 4♥, Bojoh as South broke Rigal's first rule. When you have an ace-king combination, your problem will be what to lead at trick two, not what to lead at trick one! She chose to lead a trump, thereby presenting declarer with a valid alternative to the winning choice in the trump suit. When she chose to duck the second trump she was down off the top.

The four defensive partnerships worthy of a Gold Star are Arrigoni/Oliveira of Italy in the Venice Cup, and Brenner/Chagas, Sontag/Weichsel and Kwiecen/Pszczola of Brazil, USA2 and Poland respectively. The first named player in each case was defending to 4♥ as South and led three rounds of clubs. And in each case declarer manoeuvred his way to dummy (by using the king of spades, a diamond ruff, and the ♣Q respectively) to play a trump to the queen. All three Souths impassively played low on the ♥Q, and obtained their reward when declarer elected quite reasonably to play North for the doubleton A-10 of hearts, and ducked the second trump. That let North score his ♥J, and defeat the contract. Of course if South had taken his ♥A declarer would have had no winning position in the heart suit but to find North with the bare ♥J10.

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BUTLER RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS**Seniors Bowl**

Pair		Country	IMPs/B	
1 MORSE D.	WOLFF B.	USA I	+1.196	80
2 KIVEL J.	LARSEN C.	USA 2	+0.988	80
3 HAYDEN G.	ONSTOTT J.	USA 2	+0.895	100
4 HAMILTON F.	SOTHERLIN J.	USA I	+0.854	80
5 BARONI F.	RICCIARELLI M.	ITALY	+0.657	120
6 ROBINSON S.	WOOLSEY K.	USA I	+0.577	80
7 BAZE G.	FREED G.	USA 2	+0.508	60
8 ADAD P.	AUJALEU M.	FRANCE	+0.387	100
9 WALA W.	WILKOSZ A.	POLAND	+0.353	60
10 DELMOULY C.	SCHNEIDER J-M.	FRANCE	+0.285	60
11 GIGLI G.	LATESSA A.	ITALY	+0.186	100
12 BOULOGNE J.	RISK R.	GUADELOUPE	+0.080	20
13 SZENBERG S.	WILKOSZ A.	POLAND	+0.053	60
14 SHAKA M.	MESDARY S.	EGYPT/S.AF	+0.036	80
15 LEENHARDT F.	MARI C.	FRANCE	-0.010	80
16 KLAPPER W.	RUSSYAN J.	POLAND	-0.091	120
17 RISK R.	GERIN D.	GUADELOUPE	-0.192	60
18 ASKALANI A.	MOHSEN KAMEL M	EGYPT/S.AF	-0.256	80
19 DERIVERY J-L.	PICARD P.	GUADELOUPE	-0.432	60
20 GERIN D.	PICARD P.	GUADELOUPE	-0.700	40
21 BOULOGNE J.	MONDOR F.	GUADELOUPE	-0.905	60
22 JOFFE M.	SULCAS N.	EGYPT/S.AF	-0.986	80
23 MOHAMMAD A.	OBAIDALI A.	BAHRAIN	-1.587	120
24 MUSTAFA A.	A.SALMANY.	BAHRAIN	-1.617	120

Championship Diary

Bridge aficionados all over the world are following these Championships. Sitting in a bistro on Tuesday night the Editor received a call from the legendary Leonard The Rabbi Helman, who lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He sends his best wishes and blessings to everyone in Paris. If you are reading this Leonard, greetings from us all and God bless you.

Herman de Wael reports that the museum workers are on strike, so if you are planning to visit one check before you set off.

There is increased security at the Stade de France - please be patient.

Ron Tacchi has produced a programme that enables us to import the deals directly into our working documents, thereby saving hours of time. Unfortunately the software has a bug, so when you copy a hand over the computer always shows North as the dealer. The suggestion that until further notice we only be reporting on boards 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17 is under consideration.

Did you hear the story about the bridge player who made it through the telephone stages of Who Wants to be a Millionaire? He was fine until the question master asked him for the names of six friends.

RESULTS**Seniors Bowl****ROUND 6**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	BAHRAIN	USA I	7 - 99	0 - 25
20	POLAND	EGYPT/S AFRICA	81 - 58	20 - 10
21	USA II	FRANCE	23 - 45	10 - 20
22	ITALY	GUADELOUPE	73 - 13	25 - 3

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	USA I	FRANCE	18 - 30	13 - 17
20	USA II	EGYPT/S AFRICA	40 - 33	16 - 14
21	POLAND	ITALY	27 - 33	14 - 16
22	BAHRAIN	GUADELOUPE	31 - 70	7 - 23

**Seniors Bowl
Ranking after 7 rounds**

1	FRANCE	135
2	ITALY	133
3	USA I	132
4	USA II	115
5	POLAND	110
6	GUADELOUPE	86
7	EGYPT / S.AFRICA	78
8	BAHRAIN	30

Read and heed!

There comes a time when reminders are appropriate. It would better serve you and our game if habits not in accord with the regulations were changed.

Item 24.1 of the General Conditions of Contest clearly states: "Calls are made with the cards from the bidding box. The player places the selected call in the bidding tray, which will be visible only on the player's side of the screen. A player's first call should touch the extreme left of his own segment of the bidding tray, with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right."

Slapping the Pass card on the tray "somewhere" is not a proper action, and carefully placing calls somewhere other than neatly and evenly to the right will arouse suspicion.

Assuring that your screenmate observes these procedures is a helpful and polite action that will enhance our enjoyment of the game and avoid potential penalty.

Kojak
Chief Tournament Director

ROUND 6

Bermuda Bowl



USA I v Argentina



Going into the sixth-round match between the defending Bermuda Bowl champions, USA I, and Argentina, there was considerable interest in the youngest person ever to play in a world bridge championship, 14-year-old Agustin Madala. In fact, Madala and partner Pablo Ravenna (not exactly a greybeard at 26) were on Vugraph against veterans Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway. As it happened, the set was fairly dull - at one point there were six pushes in a row - but the consensus from observers was that Madala acquitted himself well in the glare of the spotlight.

In the match, the Americans prevailed 36-17.

There were only three major swings in the set. The first occurred on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Soloway's Two Notrump bid was natural and forcing to game. Apparently deterred by Hamman's bid of Three Clubs, Ravenna started the defense with the diamond jack - not the killing thrust. Hamman won the diamond king in hand and played the spade nine. Ravenna grabbed the spade ace and continued with a spade. In dummy, Hamman played a heart to the eight and Ravenna's jack. A third round of spades put Hamman in dummy again, and he took another unsuccessful finesse in trumps. Too late, Ravenna switched to the club king, but Hamman was in control. He won the club ace, pulled the last trump and took the diamond finesse. Hamman had already discarded a club on the third round of spades, and he had two good diamonds for further club discards. That was plus 620 for USA I.

At the other table, Ernesto Muzzio also played Four Hearts from the West seat, but Jeff Meckstroth started proceedings with the club king. When Muzzio played trumps the same way Hamman did, he ended up a trick short, losing two hearts, a club and the spade ace. That was 12 IMPs to USA I.

Madala had a key decision to make on the following deal, and

while it didn't work out well, at least it was a push.

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

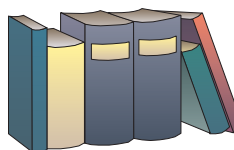
	♠ 6		
	♥ Q J 9 7 2		
	♦ K J 7 4		
	♣ A Q 5		
♠ A J 9 7 5 4 3		♠ 8	
♥ -		♥ A K 5 4 3	
♦ 6 5 3 2		♦ A 10	
♣ 10 9		♣ K 8 7 6 4	
	♠ K Q 10 2		
	♥ 10 8 6		
	♦ Q 9 8		
	♣ J 3 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Madala</i>
3♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

You can't blame Madala for passing. If he could made 3NT (a possible alternative to passing), then Three Spades should go down. Unfortunately for his side, Three Spades doubled could not be defeated.

Ravenna started with the heart queen, which Hamman ducked in dummy to ruff, shortening his trumps. At trick two, Hamman played the club 10 and Ravenna won the ace, continuing with a club to dummy's king. Hamman then cashed the top hearts, discarding diamonds from his hand, and ruffed another

New Books



Bulletin Editor, Brian Senior has produced two books based on this year's International Bridge Championships. These are:

The 2001 Zonal Championships

includes action and results from all of this year's Zonal Championships.
124 A4 pages - US\$15 or FF100

The 2001 World Junior Championships

68 A4 pages - US\$10 or FF70

Books available from Brian in the Bulletin Room or Room Number 2313 in the Concorde-Lafayette.



Agustin Madala, Argentina

heart He played a diamond to dummy's ace and ruffed a fifth round of hearts before exiting with his losing diamond. At that point, Hamman and Madala were down to four trumps. Madala won the diamond queen and got out with his spade deuce, but Hamman, who already had seven tricks in, inserted the jack and was home with plus 530.

Madala couldn't know it at the time, but the board was a push as Muzzio also brought home nine tricks in Three Spades doubled.

Madala, with the demeanor of a veteran, seemed unfazed by the minus score.

Two boards later, Madala played his first contract on Yugraph, a reasonable but hopeless Four Hearts which resulted in two down. Again, the result was duplicated at the other table for a push.

On this deal near the end of the match, Madala again found himself in the driver's seat in a no-play contract. It could have been worse.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Ravenna	Soloway	Madala
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
	4♥	All Pass	

Ravenna took Madala's frisky One Heart opening seriously, but the jump to game prevented Hamman and Soloway from accurately judging their assets, otherwise one of them might have doubled. Madala could not avoid six losers, finishing at minus 150. This looked like a potential gain, but it turned into a 5-IMP loss.

West	North	East	South
Muzzio	Meckstroth	Villegas	Rodwell
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
3NT	1♥	Dble	3♥
	All Pass		

Muzzio did well in the bidding, but he failed to guess the singleton diamond king offside, and after a heart lead he had only eight tricks. That was minus 50.

On the penultimate deal, Madala had one more chance for glory, but it didn't work out.

Board 19. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

A bid of Three Diamonds on the second round would not have been out of bounds, but Madala chose a more conservative Two Diamonds. From there, it was tough to get to the cold diamond slam. Three Notrump produced 10 tricks for plus 430, but it was an 11-IMP loss because Meckstroth and Rodwell at the other table came up with this auction:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	4NT

Rodwell took all 13 tricks after the opening lead of a low club, discarding his spade loser on a heart.

BUTLER RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

Bermuda Bowl

Pair	Country	IMPs/B
1 BOCCHI Norbert DUBOIN Giorgio	ITALY	+1.005 120
2 HAMMAN Bob SOLOWAY Paul	USA 1	+1.000 100
3 BALICKY Cezary ZMUDZINSKI A.	POLAND	+0.957 100
4 MARTEL Chip STANSBY Lew	USA 2	+0.949 120
5 NAGUIB Sherif SADEK Ashraf	EGYPT	+0.723 100
6 KWIECEN Michal PSZCZOLA Jacek	POLAND	+0.521 100
7 LASUT Henry MANOPPO Eddy	INDONESIA	+0.455 140
8 FIGUEIREDO M. CAMPOS P. Joao	BRAZIL	+0.437 100
9 SONTAG Alan WEICHSEL Peter	USA 2	+0.408 120
10 GROETHEIM Glen AA Terje	NORWAY	+0.375 100
11 MARTENS K. LESNIEWSKI Ma.	POLAND	+0.341 120
12 MADALA Ag. RAVENNA Pablo	ARGENTINA	+0.317 120
13 EL AHAMADI W. SADEK Tarek	EGYPT	+0.282 120
14 PANELEWEN S. TOBING Robert	INDONESIA	+0.270 40
15 HELGEMO Geir HELNESS Tor	NORWAY	+0.236 120
16 LAURIA Lorenzo VERSACE Alfred	ITALY	+0.207 120
17 SHIMIZU Seiya TAKANO Hideki	JAPAN	+0.166 100
18 HAYASHI N. MAEDA Takashi	JAPAN	+0.153 120
19 AVIRAM Yoram BAREL Michael	ISRAEL	+0.148 60
20 FREEMAN Dick NICKELL Nick	USA 1	+0.116 80
21 CHAGAS Gabriel BRENNER Diego	BRAZIL	+0.110 140
22 MOERS Jeanine BOUVERESSE J.P.	GUADELOUPE	+0.098 100
23 DALAL Rajesh GUPTA Subhash	INDIA	+0.094 100
24 BROGELAND Boye SAELENSMINDE E	NORWAY	+0.073 100
25 QUANTIN J.C. MULTON F.	FRANCE	+0.065 120
26 PALAU J.J. ALLEGRI P.	FRANCE	+0.012 80
27 BRANCO Marc. VILLAS-BOAS M.	BRAZIL	-0.014 80
28 GROMOV Andrei PETROUNINE AI.	RUSSIA	-0.026 120
29 LARSEN Kyle MELTZER Rose	USA 2	-0.031 80
30 NADAR Kiran SATYANARAIN B.	INDIA	-0.049 100
31 YADLIN Doron YADLIN Israel	ISRAEL	-0.056 140
32 MUZZIO Ernesto VILLEGAS M.	ARGENTINA	-0.103 120
33 ABECASSIS M. SOULET Ph.	FRANCE	-0.115 120
34 BROWN Terry GUE Phillip	AUSTRALIA	-0.120 100
35 KHOLOMEEV V. ZLOTOV Dmitri	RUSSIA	-0.162 100
36 BLACKSTOCK S. HENRY Stephen	NEW ZEALAN	-0.168 120
37 HERBST Ilan HERBST Ofir	ISRAEL	-0.174 120
38 EL KOURDY A. SALIB Samir	EGYPT	-0.196 100
39 PRABHAKAR VENKATARAMAN K	INDIA	-0.208 120
40 KARWUR Franky SACUL Denny	INDONESIA	-0.209 140
41 MECKSTROTH J. RODWELL Eric	USA 1	-0.213 140
42 KEMPCZYNSKI A. PELLETIER JC.	GUADELOUPE	-0.252 100
43 DE FALCO Dano FERRARO Guido	ITALY	-0.313 80
44 BILSKI George NOBLE Barry	AUSTRALIA	-0.323 60
45 PRESCOTT Mich. FORDHAM Peter	AUSTRALIA	-0.362 120
46 CORNELL Mich. MAYER Malcolm	NEW ZEALAN	-0.423 100
47 HANAYAMA T. HIRATA Makato	JAPAN	-0.468 100
48 DUBININ Alex. KRASNOSSELSKI	RUSSIA	-0.507 100
49 LAU Lawrence SZE Alan	HONG KONG	-0.513 100
50 AGUIRRE Cr. ESTEVARENA J.	ARGENTINA	-0.525 80
51 LAI Dicky ZEN Derek	HONG KONG	-0.688 100
52 NOBLE Barry BROWN Terry	AUSTRALIA	-0.720 20
53 CHOY K.I. NG Thomas	HONG KONG	-0.780 120
54 ACKERLEY David SMITH Scott	NEW ZEALAN	-1.070 100
55 LEBLONDET P. VERON Daniel	GUADELOUPE	-1.163 120
56 BILSKI George GUE Phillip	AUSTRALIA	-2.055 20

Venice Cup

Pair	Country	IMPs/B
1 CRONIER B. WILLARD S.	FRANCE	+0.964 100
2 AUKEN Sabine VON ARNIM D.	GERMANY	+0.950 120
3 JIAN Wang ZHEN Zhi	CHINA	+0.846 100
4 BESSIV. D'OVIDIO C.	FRANCE	+0.729 120
5 FHRER Joan SWARTZ Ch.	SOUTH AFRI	+0.694 80
6 MEYERS Jill MONTIN Randi	USA 1	+0.674 120
7 DHONDY Heather SMITH Nicola	ENGLAND	+0.662 100
8 BROCK Sally COURTNEY M.	ENGLAND	+0.568 100
9 GORDON Dianna REUS Sharyn	CANADA	+0.547 120
10 BAKER Lynn LEVITINA Irina	USA 1	+0.523 80
11 YANHUI Sun YANHONG Wang	CHINA	+0.489 100
12 ERHART Maria TERRANEO S.	AUSTRIA	+0.455 120
13 ARRIGONI G. OLIVIERI G.	ITALY	+0.397 120
14 MELECH H. NAVEH N.	ISRAEL	+0.345 80
15 FISCHER Doris WEIGKRICH T.	AUSTRIA	+0.340 140
16 BRUNNER M. GOLDENFIELD R.	ENGLAND	+0.340 120
17 WENFEI Wang YU Zhang	CHINA	+0.331 120
18 FERLAZZO C. MANARA G.	ITALY	+0.325 80
19 FISHPOOL C. HUGON E.	FRANCE	+0.287 100
20 REDERMEIER A. SMEDEREVAC J.	AUSTRIA	+0.245 60
21 ASSUMPCAO A.M. NOGUEIRA H.	BRAZIL	+0.220 120
22 MANSELL Petra MODLIN Merle	SOUTH AFRI	+0.166 140
23 VAN DER PAS M. VRIEND Bep	NETHERLAND	+0.153 120
24 DORIA Lucia AMARAL Marina	BRAZIL	+0.129 120
25 O.BOJOH Lusje SOFYAN Elita	INDONESIA	+0.118 160
26 ADRAIN Di HULETT Margie	SOUTH AFRI	+0.109 100
27 CAMPANILE Z. POPLILOV D.	ISRAEL	+0.061 160
28 McCALLUM Karen SANBORN Kerri	USA 1	+0.057 100
29 HAMMAN Petra JACKSON Joan	USA 2	+0.054 120
30 CORMACK Jan MOIR Deborah	AUSTRALIA	+0.005 140
31 BREED Mildred QUINN Shawn	USA 2	-0.003 100
32 CHADWICK M. CLARK Alida	AUSTRALIA	-0.015 80
33 DEWI S.A. WAHYU Chrisina	INDONESIA	-0.080 80
34 DEMME Ina THORPE C.	CANADA	-0.081 80
35 SETOGUCHI N. OTA Hiroko	JAPAN	-0.086 120
36 KARMARKAR M. SINGAPURIN Y.	INDIA	-0.117 100
37 FARWIG Katrin HACKETT B.	GERMANY	-0.123 100
38 BIRMAN D. LIEBERMAN R.	ISRAEL	-0.164 80
39 DE LUCCHI F. ROSETTA A.	ITALY	-0.184 120
40 SHIMAMURA K. FUKUDA Shoko	JAPAN	-0.205 120
41 BERNAZZANI M. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-0.205 80
42 KLAR Robin SCHULLE Kay	USA 2	-0.207 100
43 NEHMERT Beate RAUSCHIED A.	GERMANY	-0.227 100
44 HOOGWEG Femke VANZWOL W.	NETHERLAND	-0.388 100
45 MANDOWSKY T. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-0.445 20
46 MANDOWSKY T. TAGLIAVIA M.	VENEZUELA	-0.603 100
47 HAYASHI Makiko YAMADA Yuko	JAPAN	-0.609 80
48 LEVITINA Irina SANBORN Kerri	USA 1	-0.680 20
49 CIMON Fr. LACROIX M.	CANADA	-0.783 120
50 HAVAS Elizab. TRAVIS B.	AUSTRALIA	-0.802 100
51 PASMAN Jet SIMONS Anneke	NETHERLAND	-0.843 100
52 LAKHANI Geeta RAYTHATHA A.	INDIA	-0.878 120
53 HIRSCHHAUT F. TACHE Nina	VENEZUELA	-1.031 100
54 MANDELLOT A. PAIM Leda	BRAZIL	-1.091 80
55 CHOTHIA Feroza SICKA Bimal	INDIA	-1.609 100
56 HIRSCHHAUT F. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-1.760 20
57 KORENGKENG I. RIANINI	INDONESIA	-2.156 80