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Book your Seat Now!

It is hard to believe, but the semifinals of the Orbis Bermuda Bowl and Orbis Venice Cup are providing the same level of excitement as the quarterfinals. All four matches have ebbed and flowed, and there is no reason why that pattern should not continue today.

Orbis Bermuda Bowl

In the struggle between the North American teams, **USA 2** made the first move, winning the second session by 24 IMPs. However **USA 1** hit back hard in the third session, taking it 54-1. They gained another 3 IMPs in the final session of the day, to lead by 29 IMPs.

At the end of the first session in the other semifinal, **Brazil** led by 0.3 of an IMP! Then it was **Norway** by 5.7, then 3.7 before **Brazil** became the first to get a little daylight, winning the last session 43-19 to lead by 20.3 IMPs.

Orbis Venice Cup

USA 1 won the first three sessions to open up a lead of 65 IMPs. **Denmark** began a charge at the start of the closing session of the day and more than halved the margin. **USA 1** hit back, but the Danes still picked up 23 IMPs to trail by a manageable 42 IMPs going into the remaining two sessions.

The Netherlands made a fantastic start to the second session, picking up three huge swings in a row, going on to gain 36 IMPs. **Austria** fought back and by the close of play had reduced the margin to just 9.3 IMPs.

Orbis World Transnational Teams Championship

After six rounds, the Great Britain squad comprising **Jeremy Dhondy, Alan Kay, Peter Goodman** and **Mike Pownall** are leading the star-studded field.

Orbis World Computer Bridge Championship

With one round to go in the Round-Robin of the Orbis World Computer Bridge Championship, the French **WBridge5** is leading the field with 83 out of a possible 120 VPs. The other scores are **GIB** (US, 81), **Micro Bridge9** (Japan, 73), **Bridge Buff** (Canada, 68), **Q+Plus Bridge** (Germany, 62), **Blue Chip Bridge** (Great Britain, 48), **Bridge Baron** (US, 43) **Meadowlark Bridge** (US, 22).

After today's final Round-Robin match, the top four performers will go on to the semifinals. Thirty-eight boards will be played in the semifinal matches, with the IMP-results of the 10 boards played against the same opponent in the Round-Robin being fully carried over.

Victory Banquet

Friday 21 January 2000

The Victory Banquet desk will open today 18 January at 12 noon. It will be located next to the Hospitality desk..

All the Captains of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Seniors Exhibition and Transnational teams are requested to come to the Victory Banquet desk as soon as possible to advise us of the requirements of their teams.

Those eligible for complimentary tickets are players and captains with their spouses, of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, and Seniors Exhibition teams. Also eligible are the Transnational Teams players. Others, including the spouses of Transnational Teams players, may purchase tickets for \$100 (inclusive of wines).

Dress: Black Tie Preferred

! Attention s.v.p. !

Airport Transportation Forms MUST be handed in to the Transport Desk by 4 p.m. (16.00 hrs) Thursday 20th January.

Taxis are pre-ordered and pre-paid. If your name is not registered on the list, you will NOT be guaranteed transport.

The above applies only to Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup participants; all others must make their own arrangements.

Prize Giving

The prize-giving ceremony will begin promptly at 19.00 in the VuGraph Auditorium. We request that everybody be seated by 18.50.

The teams who are to receive medals will be assigned seats. The Ceremony will be followed by dinner and dancing in the Atlantic Room (the playing area).

ORBIS BERMUDA BOWL - SEMI FINALS

		Carry Over	1 st Session	2 nd Session	3 rd Session	4 th Session	5 th Session	6 th Session	Total
1	Brazil Norway	1.3 - 0	15 - 16	20 - 26	19 - 17	43 - 19	10.30	13.20	98.3 - 78
2	USA I USA 2	0 - 3	27 - 27	31 - 55	54 - 1	25 - 22			137 - 108

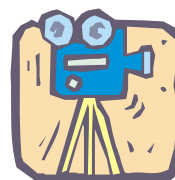
ORBIS VENICE CUP - SEMI FINALS

		Carry Over	1 st Session	2 nd Session	3 rd Session	4 th Session	5 th Session	6 th Session	Total
3	USA I Denmark	16 - 0	27 - 17	27 - 24	53 - 17	30 - 53	10.30	13.20	153 - 111
4	Austria The Netherlands	8.7 - 0	32 - 30	33 - 69	45 - 31	30 - 28			148.7 - 158

Orbis World Transnational Open Teams Championship Results after 6 rounds

Team's Name	Country	VPs	Team's Name	Country	VPs
1 DHONDY J.	GBR	120	39 BIZER L.	RUS	90.5
2 KATZ R.	USA	117	40 FRIEDMAN	USA	90
3 GULLBERG	SWE	115	41 QUINN J.	USA	90
4 MIHOVV.	BUL	111	42 CONVEREY	ZAF	89
5 SIMPSON	USA	111	43 DOUGLAS	BDA	88
6 MELTZER	USA	111	44 ASH M.	GBR	88
7 BAZE G.	USA	109	45 ESPINOSA	ARG	87
8 KLAR R.	USA	108	46 GERARD J.	USA	87
9 HACKETT P.	GBR	108	47 RICCIARELI	ITA	86
10 MILNER	USA	108	48 RAND R.	USA	86
11 O'ROURKE	USA	107	49 REDRUPP	CAN	86
12 REIPLINGER	FRA	104	50 RASMUSSEN	USA	86
13 MELLSTROM	SWE	103	51 HICKS K.	CAN	85
14 LES AMOILS	ZAF	103	52 BARRETT J.	USA	85
15 ZAKRZEWSKI	POL	102	53 SAMUEL R.	USA	83
16 MUNAWAK	IDN	102	54 FOLDES M.	ISR	83
17 SCHIESSER	GER	101	55 REVILL C.	CAN	83
18 Ms EKEBLAD	USA	101	56 CONTERNO	PER	82
19 HENNINGS	USA	100	57 BLACSTOCK	NZL	81
20 ROHAN K	ISR	99	58 KRZYSZTOF	POL	78
21 SILVER J.	USA	99	59 LEVINE M.	USA	77
22 HALLEN	SWE	97	60 JASSEM K.	POL	75
23 DE FALCO	ITA	97	61 MARKOWICZ	USA	74
24 SOUSTER W.	BDA	97	62 KIRSH D.	CAN	74
25 TERRANEO	AUT	96	63 ROGERS R.	USA	73
26 CORNELL M.	NZL	96	64 SCOTT W.	AUS	73
27 SOSLER G.	USA	95	65 MOSES N.	AUS	73
28 AUKEN J.	USA	95	66 SURIYA C.	THA	72
29 BRACHMAN	USA	95	67 KIRILENKO	RUS	72
30 ZIMMERMAN	FRA	95	68 NEHMERT B.	GER	72
31 SHUGART R.	USA	94	69 WARSHAUER	USA	70
32 JABBOUR	USA	94	70 ACHTENBERG	SWI	67
33 TORNAY G.	USA	94	71 HAMAOU	VEN	66
34 HAGA M.	NOR	93	72 BOJOH L.	IDN	66
35 RINALDI	ITA	93	73 ROSEN E.	VEN	63
36 ROUDINESCO	FRA	92	74 HANRATTY	IRE	62
37 KOUMETZ	FRA	92	75 WOOD	USA	55
38 JAGNIEWSKI	POL	91	76 GRAY A.	ZAF	47

VuGraph Matches Tuesday 18 January 2000



Orbis Venice Cup
10.40 - Session 5
Austria v The Netherlands

13.30 - Session 6
to be decided

World Transnational Open Teams Championship Playing Schedule

Tuesday 18th	14.00 - 15.25	Round 7
	15.45 - 17.10	Round 8
	17.30 - 18.55	Round 9
	19.15 - 20.40	Round 10



The Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th January at 9 a.m. in the NEPTUNE CLUB (lobby level).

The Annual Awards will be presented at 10 a.m.

Orbis Venice Cup - QF Session 6

Germany v Austria By Tony Gordon (GB)

Having led virtually throughout the match, Austria took a healthy-looking lead of 42 IMPs into the final session. They then proceeded to open the door to Germany, but Germany were ultimately unable to take advantage of the situation.

2-IMP gains to Germany on each of the first two boards reduced the margin to 38 IMPs, then:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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In the Closed Room Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim played in 3NT on the North/South cards and made an overtrick after a heart lead; +430 to Germany.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
			INT
Dble	Redble	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Andrea Rauscheid's double of INT showed a one-suited hand and Pony Nehmert's 2♣ over Maria Erhart's redouble should have delivered a somewhat better suit. Austria doubled this and Rauscheid's retreat to 2♥, but after a spade lead to the nine and King the contract could not be defeated; +670 and a massive 15 IMPs to Germany.

A part-score swing on the next board brought Germany another 6 IMPs, then:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
Pass	Pass	5♦	INT All Pass

Nehmert took the direct route to 5♦ over Jovanka Smederevac's opening INT and made eleven tricks for +600 to Germany.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	v. Arnim
Pass	Pass	2♥	I♥ Dble All Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	

Doris Fischer's 3♦ was 100% forcing, but Terry Weigkricht viewed to pass; +150 to Austria but 10 IMPs to Germany, now only 6 IMPs behind.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Fischer opened 1♥ as East (INT would have shown 15-17) and passed Weigkricht's rather heavy INT response. Auken led the ♠J (!) and Weigkricht ducked the first two rounds of the suit. Von Arnim now found the club switch that would have ensured the defeat of 3NT, but INT was impregnable. Weigkricht rose with the ♣A and played a diamond to the King and Ace. She made seven tricks for +90 to Austria.

In the Open Room, Nehmert's INT range was 14-16 so she opened INT and was raised to game. Spades were led and continued and Smederevac cleared the suit. If Nehmert could guess who held the ♦J, Germany would take the lead; however, she immediately ran the ♦9 and was one down. 5 IMPs to Austria, who now had a little breathing space.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In both rooms, West's 1♦ opening bid was passed round to South. In the Open Room, Smederevac started with 2♦ and then jumped to 4♠ over Erhart's 2♥. That ended the auction and she made all thirteen tricks for +710 to Austria. In the Closed Room, von Arnim, possibly disillusioned by seeing Weigkricht mistime the play on the previous board and still make 6♠, simply jumped to 4♠. She also made all thirteen tricks.

Austria led by 10 IMPs at this point, but Germany had a chance to get back on terms on board 13 when Austria missed a vulnerable 4♠. However, Germany also stayed out of game, which was perhaps just as well considering that they made two tricks less than Austria. One last chance remained:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	v. Arnim
1♦	1♥	1♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
		3♣	All Pass

After the strong 1♣ opening and 1♦ negative, the Austrians came to rest in 3♣. Von Arnim led the ♣9 and Fischer won and played the ♦K. Auken took her Ace and continued trumps and Fischer won and ruffed her losing diamond in dummy. The ♠A followed by the ♠J would have worked well at this point as it keeps North out of the lead, but declarer not unnaturally played a heart to her King. However, the third round of hearts from North now promoted South's ♣10 to the setting trick; +50 to Germany.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Germany were more aggressive in the other room and reached 3NT and Smederevac led the ♠2. Double dummy, Nehmert can make her contract by inserting the ♠J at trick one and not covering North's eventual ♥Q switch. However, that was an unlikely scenario, and in practice she went one down after rising with the ♠A at trick one.

Time had run out for Germany; although they had won the final session by 38-7 IMPs, Austria had won the match by 177-166 IMPs and would face the Netherlands in the semi final.

Stumble without a fall

by David Lusk (Australia)

The Vugraph audience was impressed when the Indonesian declarer in the West seat scrambled home in 4♥ against Poland on this board in Round 14.

The hand warrants some examination in areas of technique in both bidding and play.

4♥ is clearly inferior to 5♠, with at least one pair reaching 6♠, making North/South can put the slam under maximum pressure if South refuses the first heart trick, especially if North leads the queen of hearts. The contract is cold on any lead, and West's heart pips are far too strong for South. (Editor: 4♥ is comfortable enough but gets fairly scary on continued spade leads.)

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

West took the first spade in dummy, South playing the three, and led the ten of hearts, running it to North's queen. North correctly persisted with spades, forcing declarer for the first time.

West got a rude shock on the second round of trumps, won by South for a further

force with the top spade. At this point, West must assume that North started with five spades or the contract is doomed. Once South has blocked the suit, West will do best by discarding a diamond, winning the next trick and drawing trumps.

In fact, West showed us how to play the hand if South had been alert enough to unblock the spade suit. Under those circumstances, West must trump the third round of spades and may as well play his remaining trumps even though he is one behind. The ending was like this:

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West can afford a maximum of two rounds of diamonds before risking the club finesse. If not, South will ruff the third round and enlist North's cooperation in throwing declarer in dummy with the jack or queen of clubs. Once West takes the club finesse (forced if South has defended perfectly), then he can take the third diamond from dummy and South will have to concede the last two clubs to dummy if the third round of diamonds is ruffed.

Can Write and Play

When the Press Team met the Rosenblum World Champions in the Orbis Transnational, you can be sure the journalists were looking for good copy. The best deal was a push:

Dealer West; N/S Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
Hallen	Buratti	Dennison	Lanzarotti
1♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Versace	Ventura	Lauria	Jourdain
1♦	3♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

At the table where Buratti passed the North cards, Lanzarotti bravely came in with Three Spades on the South cards. It was slightly easier for Jourdain at the other table where his partner had made a weak jump overcall which nevertheless had to be sound at the vulnerability.

The play did not take long at either table. West led the ace of diamonds. Both Lanzarotti and Jourdain ruffed in dummy and at once played a low trump from both hands. The defenders cashed their two heart tricks but declarer was now able to draw trumps and run the clubs to claim the game.

The journalists won by 9-2 IMPs, 17-13VP.

Attention!

If you have informed Hospitality of your travel plans and then change them, you must inform Penny Harvey in Room 412 immediately.

Avoiding Promotion

by Neil Cohen, USA

This hand was mentioned in Friday's Daily News in the report on Denmark v Canada in the Orbis Venice Cup.

Board 14. Dealer East. Love All

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

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

At one table, Reus, North, played Four Spades doubled after the auction.

West	North	East	South
2♣	4♣	Pass	1♦
		Dble	All Pass

East led a club to the jack, and West shifted to a heart to the jack. (That was a mistake. The winning defence is to force the dummy by playing a second club. Editor) Now, declarer played a spade to the ace and ruffed a club, and East eventually came to three trump tricks for down one. Getting to hand with the trump ace in effect wastes the spade nine, a valuable spot. Better is:

Cash three hearts, discarding diamonds, and the diamond ace. Now, ruff a red card with the spade 8 (It also works to ruff with the ten or queen! Editor)

i. If E doesn't overruff, ruff a club low and pass the spade nine. East must win, or else is limited to two trump tricks. Now, though, declarer can win any lead in hand and shut out East's spade seven.

ii. If East overruffs, neither black suit return is helpful. On a club lead, say, declarer ruffs and again passes the spade nine. Again, East must capture, and it is an easy matter for declarer to draw trumps.

In line i, if declarer doesn't cash out the red suits, East can stick declarer in dummy after capturing the spade nine. Now, East gets a trump promotion.

Bermuda shorts

'Researchers have discovered that chocolate produces some of the same reactions in the brain as marijuana. The researchers also discovered other similarities between the two, but can't remember what they are.'

Matt Lauer on NBC's Today Show, August 22

Orbis Venice Cup - SF Session I

USA I v Denmark

USA1 took a 16 IMP carry-forward advantage into the first set of their Orbis Venice Cup semi-final against Denmark. They nearly doubled that advantage on the first board of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

♠ 5		
♥ 3		
♦ K Q 10 6 5 4		
♣ A Q 7 6 5		

♠ K Q 6 4		
♥ Q 6		
♦ J 9 7 3 2		
♣ J 4		

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Kalkerup	Mancuso	Steen-Møller
	1♣	Pass	3♣
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Four spades should be defeated, so Five Clubs was a phantom save. However, with no double, the normal action by East/West was not going to cost very much. Kirsten Steen-Møller led the king of spades and Renee Mancuso won her ace and played a diamond to the king and ace. Bettina Kalkerup cashed a top heart then reverted to spades. Mancuso played on crossruff lines, making all her trumps separately, plus the queen of diamonds when Kalkerup chose not to ruff. That was just one down for -50.

West	North	East	South
Cilleborg	Meyers	Bilde	Montin
	1♣	Pass	3♣
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The auction was almost identical to that in the other room, the only difference being that Jill Meyers added a double of the final contract. Randi Montin led a trump. Trine Bilde won in hand and led a diamond to the king and ace. Back came a second trump. Bilde won in dummy and tried to cash the diamond queen. When that got ruffed she had only six club tricks and the ace of spades; -800 and 13 IMPs to USA1. Denmark bounced right back on the next deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

♠ J 8 6		
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♠ A 9 7 2		
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♦ K J 10 9		
♣ K 9 8 5		



West	North	East	South
Quinn	Kalkerup	Mancuso	Steen-Møller
	3NT	Pass	1♣
1♥		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Cilleborg	Meyers	Bilde	Montin
	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The One Heart overcall led to a very quick and simple auction on vugraph. Mancuso led a heart and Shawn Quinn won and switched to a spade. Kalkerup proceeded to get the diamonds wrong but then had ten tricks; +630.

Dorte Cilleborg did not overcall. Left to themselves, Meyers/Montin went off on a possible slam hunt and ended up in Five Diamonds. When declarer misguessed the trump suit, she was down one; -100 and 12 IMPs back to Denmark.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ K J 10		
♥ 10 7 5 3 2		
♦ 3		
♣ Q 10 8 5		

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



West	North	East	South
Quinn	Kalkerup	Mancuso	Steen-Møller
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Cilleborg	Meyers	Bilde	Montin
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Both North/South pairs bid efficiently to the good slam (as indeed did everyone else in both series) via a Three Spade splinter and RKCB. Both declarers made exactly for +1370 and a push.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

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



West	North	East	South
Quinn	Kalkerup	Mancuso	Steen-Møller
	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	4♣	Pass
All Pass			

Tough to reach the good slam and nobody managed it in either series. Quinn followed a fairly obscure looking line, after a diamond lead and club switch, to hold herself to 11 tricks for +650.

West	North	East	South
Cilleborg	Meyers	Bilde	Montin
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Dble
4♥	5♦	Dble	All Pass

I prefer Montin's pass on the first round to Steen-Møller's overcall on that anaemic club suit. Montin came in next time with a take-out double, which got both minors into the game and enabled her side to reach the Five Diamond save. That cost 500 but was worth 4 IMPs to USA1.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ 7 5		
♥ A 10 5		
♦ J 9 7		
♣ K J 7 6 5		

♠ K J 8 3		
♥ Q 9 6 3 2		
♦ A 6 3 2		
♣ -		



West	North	East	South
Quinn	Kalkerup	Mancuso	Steen-Møller
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

You may not like Steen-Møller's opening bid, but that is a matter of personal style and

was not the cause of this disaster. Remember that the Danes have had health problems in their camp and that Kalkerup and Steen-Møller were not supposed to be playing together here in Bermuda. Clearly, Steen-Møller intended her Three Spade bid to merely bid out her pattern, while Kalkerup took it as showing a strong hand.

Six No Trump was hopeless, of course, but Kalkerup gave it her best shot. She won the spade lead in hand and led a heart to the queen and ace. Back came a heart. She won and cleared the suit and won the spade return. Mancuso pitched a diamond on the third heart. Kalkerup ran her major-suit winners and exited with ace and another diamond. That got her a club lead into the ace, queen for her tenth trick; -200.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Montin</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Montin did not open the South hand. When Meyers opened One No Trump, Montin used a Smolen sequence to show five hearts and four spades, and Meyers opted to play the 5-3 heart fit. Bilde led the king of diamonds and the defense had two hearts and two diamond winners for down one - only 3 IMPs to USAI.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ Q 8 7 5	
		♥ J 3	
		♦ 9 3	
		♣ K Q 9 8 5	
♠ 6			♠ A K J 3 2
♥ A K Q			♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 5 2			♦ A 7 6 4
♣ J 7 3 2			♣ A 4
		♠ 10 9 4	
		♥ 9 8 7 5 4 2	
		♦ K 10	
		♣ 10 6	
West	North	East	South
<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Kalkerup</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Steen-Møller</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Montin</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Both East/Wests reached the good Six Diamonds. It makes on a non-club lead and has

good, but unsuccessful, chances even on that lead. Both Norths led the king of clubs. Declarer tried three rounds of hearts for a club discard but had to go one down when North could ruff in with the nine of diamonds. When the nine of diamonds appeared, declarer took the club pitch anyway, hoping that the trump king would now be singleton. Note that Meyers had to lead into declarer's known sidesuit to defeat the slam.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Kalkerup</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Steen-Møller</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	2NT	Pass
4♣	Dble	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Montin</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

The third-seat weak two opening looks pretty normal these days and it led to North/South declaring the normal contract. Four Hearts made an overtrick when West was squeezed in the minors in the endgame; +650.

On vugraph, Mancuso did not open the East hand. Kalkerup's Two Club response to the opening bid was Drury, showing at least three-card heart support. Now Mancuso overcalled Two No Trump, which she intended to show any two-suiter. Quinn, however, explained that she thought she was being asked to bid a minor suit and duly jumped to Four Clubs. It does seem that Two No Trump should be specific as Two Hearts is available for a spade/minor hand. Mancuso tried four Diamonds and, when that got doubled, guessed to run to Four Spades. Her series of actions looks odd, but the final contract was a perfectly good one, given that the opposition was cold for game.

Steen-Møller led her trump against Four Spades Doubled, not the best start for the defense. Mancuso won in hand and passed the jack of diamonds. Kalkerup thought a moment then ducked her ace. Seeing an impending diamond ruff, Mancuso drew two rounds of trumps now, ending in hand. She repeated the diamond finesse and Kalkerup won and led a low heart. Steen-Møller won and continued hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. Mancuso led a diamond to the king and Kalkerup did well, discarding. Had she ruffed, Mancuso would have



Trine Bilde, Denmark

had the only remaining trump and would have been able to cash two diamond tricks. Now, however, she could do no better than lead a club to the king. When that lost, she could only make her winning trump; three down for -500 but 4 IMPs to USAI.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Kalkerup</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Steen-Møller</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Montin</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both pairs stopped safely in game for a flat board.

Around the room, five pairs played in game and all were held to 450. Three Wests declared Six Hearts and all made 1010. Three world champions all put their fingers on the ace of diamonds opening lead, and that was that!

The first set ended with USAI having gained 10 IMPs to extend their lead to 26 overall.

Orbis Bermuda Bowl SF - Session 2

USA 1 v USA 2

Successful debut

Jeff Wolfson has played a lot of high-level bridge, winning three major championships in the U.S., but before Monday he had never played on VuGraph in a world championship. As luck would have it, he was declarer in the first board played. He made his contract with an overtrick, gaining 5 IMPs in the process and helping his squad – USA 2 – to a 27-IMP lead after two sets.

This was Wolfson's debut board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul

♠ J 10 9 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ 8 7 6 2

♠ K Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ Q 9 3

♠ 8 7 5
 ♥ J 9 3 2
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
Wolfson	Hamman	Silverman	Soloway
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The final two boards of the set are played first so that there will be comparisons for the VuGraph audience.

Bob Hamman got off to the lead of the ♣8, taken by Paul Soloway with the king as Wolfson played the 10, assuring an entry to dummy in clubs in case it was needed. Had Soloway played two more rounds of clubs, Wolfson might have found himself scrambling to sort out his tricks. Soloway, however, switched to the ♥J in case Hamman had a more substantial holding in that suit than he actually held.

Wolfson put up the ♥K and Hamman won the ace, returning the ♥8 to dummy's 10. Wolfson then played a spade to his ace and a low diamond from hand. Hamman went up with the ♦K and played the ♠J. At that point, Wolfson was in position to take the rest of the tricks. He could discard both his clubs on the high spades, unblock the ♦Q and play a heart to his 7, claiming 10 tricks when Hamman's ♦J fell.

Instead, Wolfson played a heart to the 7, cashed the ♥Q and played a diamond to the queen in dummy. He then played a low club from dummy. Soloway hopped up with the ace and returned the suit, assuring that Hamman would get a spade trick in the end. Plus 120 turned out to be a 5-IMP gain because at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Stansby	Meckstroth	Martel
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

The auction seems odd, but in Precision, a 1♦ opener often has longer clubs. Lew Stansby led a trump, and Eric Rodwell could do no better than down one. This result, of course, was not known until later in the session. It turned out to be icing on the cake in a very good set for USA 2.

One of the early gains for USA 2 occurred on this deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul

♠ 7 5
 ♥ K Q 6
 ♦ Q 10 9 5
 ♣ J 9 5 4

♠ Q
 ♥ A J 8 7
 ♦ K 8 3
 ♣ K Q 10 8 2

♠ K J 10 9 6 4 3
 ♥ 10 9 4 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6

West	North	East	South
Wolfson	Hamman	Silverman	Soloway
			3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Soloway's decision to open 3♠ gave Wolfson a shot at a nine-trick game, which he duly bid after Neil Silverman's double. Hamman led a spade, ducked twice by Wolfson. Soloway had no possible entry even if he established his spade suit, so he switched to the ♥9, Hamman played the king, Wolfson ducked and won the heart continuation with the jack. There were no problems in the play and Wolfson ended with 10 tricks.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Stansby	Meckstroth	Martel
			4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Chip Martel's opening of 4♠ made it more difficult for East-West, who settled for the penalty. Rodwell led the ♥5 and eventually got a heart ruff to go with two heart tricks, the trump ace and two minor-suit winners for plus 500. It was still a 4-IMP loss.

The next deal was good for a swing to USA 1.

Marathon Preparation

Bridge is a sport, they say, and Mike Pownall of the Dhondy team has proved it. Preparing for the Transnationals yesterday (Sunday), instead of bidding a few hands or reading through the system, he took part in the Bermuda Half Marathon. His time? Two hours 4 minutes.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul

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

♠ J 8 5 4 2
 ♥ -
 ♦ A Q J 10 8
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ Q 9 7 6
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ 7 5 4 3
 ♣ A 8 5

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Stansby	Meckstroth	Martel
Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Usually 8+ tricks in hearts.

East-West had three tricks coming, and they scored up plus 200. At the other table, Hamman opened a natural 4♥, doubled by Silverman. Wolfson may have been reluctant to bid a three-card spade suit or to go to the five level. His decision to pass cost his team 14 IMPs. Hamman had 10 top tricks and easily scored up plus 790.

A gentle nudge by Silverman pushed Hamman and Soloway one level too high on this deal, resulting in another gain for USA 2.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul

♠ K 6 3 2
 ♥ K 7 5
 ♦ K Q 10 9
 ♣ 9 6

♠ 10
 ♥ A Q 10 4
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ A J 10 7 3 2

♠ A Q 7 5
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ K 5 4

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Stansby	Meckstroth	Martel
	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Precision: limited, with 6+ clubs.

Game in spades seems a very good prospect, but the bad trump split limits North-South to nine tricks. Martel and Stansby did very well not to get too high.

West	North	East	South
Wolfson	Hamman	Silverman	Soloway
	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	2♣	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Appeal Case 4



Appeal 4

Committee: Robert Wolff (Chair), Grattan Endicott (scribe), Joan Gerard, Anton Maas, Jean-Paul Meyer.

Venice Cup, Round Robin (round 18), Board 11.

Dealer: South Love all.

Players North: Way

South: Johnson (Bermuda)

East: Cimon

West: Saltsman (Canada)

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♥ ^(b)	3NT ^(c)	2♦ ^(a)
5♦	Dble	All Pass	4♥

^(a) Weak, 5/4 or 5/5 in the majors.

^(b) 'I do not expect my partner to bid again'

^(c) Over a weak sequence by opponents this is natural, if opponents are bidding constructively, this is for minor suits.

Director: called at the end of the play, by West who considered she had been misinformed by South, so that she had taken her partner's bid to be for minor suits. The Director concluded that West had misinformation and was entitled to redress. With Laws 40C and 75A in mind the Director adjusted the score to 4♥ by North, N/S +420.

The Players: In committee there was difficulty establishing exactly what had been said by South. This player told the committee that she had described her own bid as in (a) above; further she had passed her convention card to West and had said 'it is on the card'. West had said to South 'is it like Flannery?' and South had assented to this, but West, by her own understanding of Flannery, had then assumed the hand to be stronger than was the N/S agreement. West did not find the bid mentioned on the front of the card and did not pursue further the invitation to study the card. East had been told by North that South was not expected to bid again, so that she treated the bidding as pre-emptive. West was told by South that 3♥ was 'better than 2♥ with 3 or 4 cards in the suit'. West also contended that South had added 'and a good hand', tending to confirm her belief that the opposition bidding was constructive. South did not agree that she had used these words, and upon enquiry affirmed that had East passed 3♥, she also would have passed.

The committee: Was somewhat surprised by North's willingness to stop short of game, but allowed that her bridge judgement

was not a matter for the committee. The same applied in the case of South's 4♥ bid.

However, there appeared to be no doubt that the partnership agreement was to play no higher than the three level on this sequence if opponents did not intervene. East had correct information; that she judged to bid 3NT naturally was her judgement of her best action on the basis of this correct information. Neither was there any clear evidence that West had been misinformed, having introduced the name 'Flannery' into the discussion herself, and having been referred to the convention card where it was stated that the opening bid was 5 to 9 HCP. (Additionally, the Director thought he recalled having seen a written explanation which included the word 'weak' but the pad had disappeared.) The exact words used by South in relation to the 3♥ bid were not established, but it was the committee's unanimous view that West had not protected herself prior to her final bid by further enquiry of opponent, and by not asking opponent to indicate where on the convention card she could find information about the calls. She could also have established quite easily that South would have passed out in 3♥, given the opportunity. West's call was therefore a matter of her own judgement, and having taken her life into her own hands she was entitled to no other outcome.

The deposit was returned; the table score of N/S +1700 was restored.

Footnote: a discerning member of the committee remarked that had the hand been passed out in 3♥, one would be left wondering whether the Director would have been called.

When things go Right

by Larry Cohen



No, this is not an article about the thrilling quarterfinal comebacks of the USA teams. It's all about this very special Orbis Bermuda Bowl and Orbis Venice Cup.

In past World Championship 'tournament reports,' I have always been quick to criticize the organizers when they mess up. Journalists are still complaining about all the things that went wrong in Lille.

Bermuda is a different story. Here are just some of the wonderful things that are right:

- 1) The Site.** Bermuda is beautiful. Everywhere you look are stunning views of the ocean – blue and green in every direction. Other than a day or two, the weather has been spectacular – 70's (21°C) and sunny day after day.
- 2) The Hotel.** First class. Large comfortable guest rooms with all the amenities. Many restaurants all under one roof and prompt room service. Most importantly, the playing site is under the same roof – quite the opposite of Lille and other past championships. Yes, it's a bit pricey, but you get what you pay for.
- 3) The Playing area.** As good as it gets. Large comfortable (well, a few problems with the climate control/temperature) and well lit rooms. Lots of space between the tables. Good functioning screens.

Comfortable chairs. Side tables to put things on. Quiet. Easy to get water, coffee, tea (remember what you'd have to do for water in Lille?). Restrooms nearby and plentiful.

- 4) VuGraph.** A joy. Large comfortable arena with wonderful audio and visual set-up. Five large screens displaying all the action and information. Great job keeping the audience up-to-date on all the matches. There must be so many people behind-the-scenes coordinating the show (all the results from every match are updated constantly – and I must say, quite accurately). The coordination between commentator and camera operators is also excellent with appropriate zoom-ins to see what the players are writing to explain their bids. The reward for all of this hard work? Let's just say that it made me proud to be a bridge player when I saw the packed (spectators standing in the back) VuGraph theatre during the weekend of the quarterfinal matches.
- 5) Overall organization.** Wonderful job. There are volunteers, WBF staff, and directors everywhere. All the little details seem to have been carefully arranged. The scheduling, scoring, supplies, system-desks, staff all are functioning smoothly. Sometimes when things go right we take it for granted.

On top of all this, we were lucky to have a competitive Round Robin which went down to the wire, and some quarterfinal matches that were as dramatic as any matches in recent World Championship history. My thanks and admiration to all of the many people that I know are behind the scenes making this tournament so successful.

Open Room Nerve

by Alisdair Forbes

On competitive partscores the opening lead can be critical.

You hold these cards as dealer:

♠ K 6
♥ A 10 6 4 2
♦ K 8
♣ K 10 4 3

The bidding unfolds:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

What do you lead?

During Austria v Great Britain (Orbis Venice Cup, Round 7) I was sitting behind Terri Weigkrecht, and she took some time to consider her lead. Perhaps the ace of hearts to have a look at dummy?

No, she finally tabled the king of diamonds to find her partner, Doris Fischer, making an encouraging signal. At trick two she cashed the ace of hearts and then played her second diamond. Fischer took the ace with a flourish and the six of diamonds was on the table in less than a split second. Weigkrecht ruffed, and in due course the jack of spades provided the setting trick.

In the replay Erhart/Terraneo climbed to 4♠, but played by North. This was the full deal:

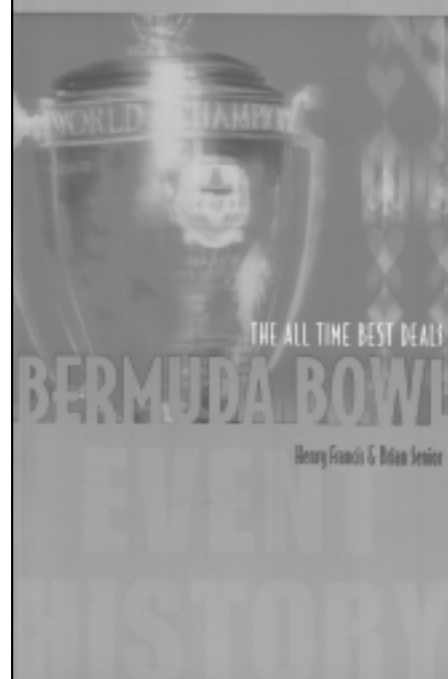
♠ A Q 9 3			
♥ K Q			
♦ 10 7 4 3 2			
♣ A 8			
♠ K 6		♠ J 8 7	
♥ A 10 6 4 2		♥ 9 8 5 3	
♦ K 8		♦ A 6 5	
♣ K 10 4 3		♣ 9 5 2	
	W	E	
	N	S	
♠ 10 5 4 2			
♥ J 7			
♦ Q J 9			
♣ Q J 7 6			

Heather Dhondy (East) for Great Britain led a high heart to Liz McGowan's ace. With control in every suit McGowan put North in with a heart. Erhardt tried a low diamond to the jack, McGowan won her king, played back a diamond to the ace and ruffed the third diamond with the king of spades.

She had to play a black suit now, so Erhardt made the same eight tricks for +100 to Great Britain and 2 IMPs.

It is worth noting that Fischer/Weigkrecht played all 380 boards in the Round-Robin, the only pair to do so. Will they have the stamina to win the Venice Cup?

Bermuda Bowl



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