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The Show Goes On



The Showman at work

Following Sunday's emotionally charged Opening Ceremony, play got under way right on time at the magnificent Stade de France on day one of the **Paris World Bridge Championships**.

Bermuda Bowl

USA II and **Poland** are tied for the lead, just ahead of **Egypt**. They are followed by Italy and only these four teams remain undefeated. The holders, **USA I** have made their almost traditional slow start, an ominous sign for the other teams.

Venice Cup

England had a tremendous day to race ahead of the field. **France** is second and the only other undefeated

VUGRAPH MATCH

Venice Cup – ROUND 4 – 10.00

USA II v Germany

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 5 – 14.00

Norway v Poland

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 6 – 17.20

Argentina v USA I

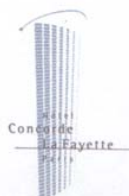
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team. **China** and **South Africa** occupy the next two places.

Seniors Bowl

Two resounding victories have given **Italy** the lead ahead of **France** and **Poland**.



RESULTS
Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	ARGENTINA	16 - 14	40 - 33
2	NORWAY	HONG KONG	17 - 13	81 - 70
3	INDIA	FRANCE	10 - 20	18 - 41
4	ISRAEL	GUADELOUPE	17 - 13	53 - 42
5	RUSSIA	INDONESIA	22 - 8	84 - 51
6	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	5 - 25	24 - 72
7	USA I	USA II	11 - 19	25 - 42
8	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	25 - 2	91 - 19
9	ITALY	JAPAN	15 - 15	31 - 31

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	HONG KONG	EGYPT	8 - 22	25 - 59
2	FRANCE	NORWAY	20 - 10	52 - 29
3	GUADELOUPE	INDIA	13 - 17	19 - 28
4	INDONESIA	ISRAEL	24 - 6	64 - 21
5	POLAND	RUSSIA	21 - 9	54 - 27
6	USA II	NEW ZEALAND	22 - 8	46 - 12
7	AUSTRALIA	USA I	14 - 16	40 - 43
8	JAPAN	BRAZIL	24 - 6	63 - 21
9	ARGENTINA	ITALY	14 - 16	27 - 33

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	FRANCE	22 - 8	72 - 39
2	NORWAY	GUADELOUPE	25 - 5	80 - 31
3	INDIA	INDONESIA	18 - 12	41 - 26
4	ISRAEL	POLAND	14 - 16	39 - 42
5	RUSSIA	USA II	9 - 21	39 - 66
6	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	19 - 11	56 - 35
7	USA I	JAPAN	19 - 11	47 - 27
8	BRAZIL	ITALY	7 - 23	15 - 54
9	HONG KONG	ARGENTINA	10 - 20	48 - 71

RESULTS
Venice Cup

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	ITALY	25 - 4	88 - 33
11	CANADA	ENGLAND	5 - 25	26 - 78
12	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRIA	8 - 22	35 - 71
13	GERMANY	INDIA	25 - 0	101 - 20
14	BRAZIL	FRANCE	7 - 23	24 - 65
15	NETHERLANDS	SOUTH AFRICA	16 - 14	50 - 44
16	USA I	USA II	7 - 23	39 - 76
17	VENEZUELA	ISRAEL	11 - 19	40 - 60
18	CHINA	INDONESIA	24 - 6	90 - 48

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	ENGLAND	JAPAN	25 - 5	79 - 31
11	AUSTRIA	CANADA	14 - 16	28 - 33
12	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	5 - 25	29 - 80
13	FRANCE	GERMANY	17 - 13	30 - 19
14	SOUTH AFRICA	BRAZIL	24 - 6	68 - 21
15	USA II	NETHERLANDS	15 - 15	21 - 19
16	ISRAEL	USA I	9 - 21	36 - 63
17	INDONESIA	VENEZUELA	23 - 7	72 - 33
18	ITALY	CHINA	16 - 14	39 - 35

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	AUSTRIA	12 - 18	51 - 65
11	CANADA	INDIA	20 - 10	62 - 37
12	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	6 - 24	17 - 62
13	GERMANY	SOUTH AFRICA	9 - 21	8 - 38
14	BRAZIL	USA II	24 - 6	55 - 9
15	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	13 - 17	30 - 40
16	USA I	INDONESIA	25 - 2	94 - 28
17	VENEZUELA	CHINA	2 - 25	8 - 76
18	ENGLAND	ITALY	20 - 10	59 - 35

PROGRAM
Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 4 10.00

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

ROUND 5 14.00

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

ROUND 6 17.20

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

RESULTS**Seniors Bowl****ROUND 1**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	USA I	USA II	15 - 15	15 - 15
20	EGYPT/S AFRICA	ITALY	4 - 25	7 - 65
21	FRANCE	GUADELOUPE	21 - 9	43 - 14
22	POLAND	BAHRAIN	25 - 2	88 - 20

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	GUADELOUPE	USA I	14 - 16	38 - 44
20	BAHRAIN	EGYPT/S AFRICA	9 - 21	47 - 75
21	FRANCE	POLAND	18 - 12	61 - 48
22	ITALY	USA II	22 - 8	60 - 28

PROGRAM**Venice Cup****ROUND 4 10.00**

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

ROUND 5 14.00

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

ROUND 6 17.20

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

**Bermuda Bowl
Ranking after 3 rounds**

1	USA II	62
	POLAND	62
3	EGYPT	60
4	ITALY	54
5	NORWAY	52
6	JAPAN	50
7	FRANCE	48
7	ARGENTINA	48
9	USA I	46
10	INDIA	45
11	INDONESIA	44
12	RUSSIA	40
13	BRAZIL	38
14	ISRAEL	37
15	NEW ZEALAND	32
16	HONG KONG	31
17	GUADELOUPE	29
18	AUSTRALIA	27

**Venice Cup
Ranking after 3 rounds**

1	ENGLAND	70
2	FRANCE	64
3	CHINA	63
4	SOUTH AFRICA	59
5	AUSTRIA	54
6	USA I	53
7	GERMANY	47
8	ISRAEL	45
9	NETHERLANDS	44
	USA II	44
11	JAPAN	42
12	CANADA	40.6
13	AUSTRALIA	39
14	BRAZIL	37
15	INDONESIA	31
16	ITALY	30
17	VENEZUELA	20
18	INDIA	13.4

PROGRAM

Seniors Bowl

ROUND 3			10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
19	USA I	Poland	
20	Egypt/S Africa	France	
21	Bahrain	Italy	
22	Guadeloupe	USA II	

ROUND 4			14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
19	Egypt/S Africa	USA I	
20	Italy	France	
21	Guadeloupe	Poland	
22	USA II	Bahrain	

ROUND 5			17.20
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
19	USA I	Italy	
20	Egypt/S Africa	Guadeloupe	
21	France	Bahrain	
22	USA II	Poland	

Seniors Bowl

Ranking after 2 rounds

1	ITALY	47
2	FRANCE	39
3	POLAND	37
4	USA I	31
5	EGYPT/S.AFRIC	25
6	USA II	23
	GUADELOUPE	23
8	BAHRAIN	11

After the last round each day

It is possible to hand in your line-ups for the next morning after the final round of the day has been played. The line-up desk closes at 20.30. If both teams have submitted their line-ups before 20.30, they will be able to see who they are playing the next day.

We assume that teams want to leave for the hotel as soon as possible, so the final bus leaves at 20.40 (or before, if full). You must be out of the Stade de France by 21.00.

Ton Kooijman
Operations Director

Un kibitz au Stade

Par Guy Dupont

Un championnat du monde de bridge au Stade de France, quelle bonne idée ! Toutefois, le transfert, en un temps record, depuis Bali, s'il est en soi un tour de force, peut se révéler un travail de galérien, pour ceux qui rament en coulisses. Les journalistes, par exemple. La batterie d'ordinateurs prévus en salle de presse à Bali a dû se perdre entre Singapour et Marseille, et il faut jouer des coudes pour pouvoir en disposer, dans les sous-sols du Stade de France. Si vous lisez ces lignes dans le Bulletin n° 2, sachez qu'il s'agit d'un petit miracle.

J'ai bien aimé la question d'un supporter de l'équipe de France, Jean-Pierre Letellier, qui, en arrivant au stade, croise un organisateur dans l'escalier de la porte E et lui demande si les matches de bridge se disputent avec les grilles hautes ou les grilles basses (en référence à l'invasion de la pelouse, quelques semaines, plus tôt, lors du match de foot France-Algérie)...

Mais parlons plutôt bridge. A propos, Norbert Bocchi et Giorgio Duboin, n'ont pas particulièrement apprécié l'entrée en piste dans un championnat du monde du plus jeune joueur de la Bermuda Bowl, le petit prodige argentin de 14 ans, Augustin Madala. Avec son partenaire Pablo Ravenna, il leur a fallu 32 minutes pour jouer les deux premières donnes, dans la rencontre Argentine-Italie. Les Italiens, n'y tenant plus, ont appelé l'arbitre, et le rythme de jeu s'est enfin accéléré.

La première rencontre du rama, avec le match Indonésie-Russie fut fertile en donnes spectaculaires. Sur la donne 18, les Indonésiens ont mis la pression, et les Russes ont eu un mal fou à parvenir au chelem:

Est donneur, Nord-Sud vulnérables.

♠ 10 9 6 4 2 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ R 3 ♣ V 8 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>		N		O	S	E	♠ D 8 7 ♥ V 10 9 8 4 ♦ D 9 2 ♣ D 10	♠ - ♥ D 6 ♦ V 10 8 5 4 ♣ R 9 7 6 5 4
	N								
O	S	E							

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Petrunin</i>
2♠	3♦	Passe	1♣
Passe	4♠	3P	4♦
Passe	5♦	Passe	4SA
(Fin)			6♦

6♦ n'est pas le plus facile des chelems à jouer. Mais Andrei Gromov va montrer toute sa classe, sur l'entame du 7 de ♠. Au fait, comment jouez-vous?

Première bonne décision du déclarant : il fournit la Dame de ♠. Deuxième bonne décision: il joue un petit ♦ du mort, sous l'As, à la deuxième levée. C'est le seul moyen de ne pas perdre deux levées à l'atout. Ouf ! Gromov a eu chaud.

PROFILES OF THE DUTCH VENICE CUP HOLDERS

The Netherlands won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000 in a sensational final by the incredible margin of just 0.5 of an IMP from U.S.A.

BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend, a bridge teacher from Amstelveen learned bridge in 1965. With her partner Carla Arnolds she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. Since 1994 she has partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep Vriend is an honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April 1998 she received a Royal decoration in recognition of her great contribution to bridge. Bep has played in six Olympiads and thirteen European Championships. Following her participation in Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991, Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 (gold), Paris is her fifthth Venice Cup appearance.



from left Femke Hoogweg, Ed Franken, Marijke van der Pas, Bep Vriend, Wietske van Zwol, Chris Niemeijer, Jet Pasman and Anneke Simons

MARIJKE VAN DER PAS

Marijke van der Pas from Utrecht, has been playing bridge since 1967. She first played in the Dutch Ladies team in 1979. With her previous partner, Elly Schippers she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1980. Marijke is a bridge journalist and works for the Dutch Bridge Magazine. Since 1994 she has partnered Bep Vriend. Marijke has played in six Olympiads and twelve European Championships. Paris is her fifth Venice Cup appearance following Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991, Tunisia 1997, and Bermuda 2000 (gold).

JET PASMAN

Jet Pasman comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village north of Amsterdam. She started playing bridge in 1974. From 1989 to 1993 Jet was captain of the Dutch Ladies team for three European Championships, one Olympiad and two Venice Cups. Since 1979 she has been partnering Anneke Simons. Jet is a sports teacher and is married to the coach of the Ladies team, Chris Niemeijer, a former player in the Dutch Open team. Jet has played in three Olympiads and six European Championships. After Tunisia 1997 and Bermuda 2000 (gold), Paris is her third appearance in the Venice Cup.

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens, a bridge journalist, and their son Bas aged 18.

Anneke learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979 she has been playing with Jet Pasman. In 1988 she gave up bridge for six years. Anneke played in three Olympiads and

six European Championships. Following Tunisia in 1997 and Bermuda in 2000 (gold), Paris is her third appearance in the Venice Cup.

WIETSKES VAN ZWOL

Wietske van Zwol lives in Tilburg and is married to Carel Berendregt. She has a degree in business economics and works at the Tilburg University as a controller. Apart from bridge, music is her great hobby. She likes to sing and to play the guitar. Wietske also likes sports: jogging, skating, skiing if she can find the time. In 1982 she learned to play bridge. Wietske has played in two Olympiads and four European Championships and played in the team (with Martine Verbeek) that won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000. After the Olympiad in Maastricht 2000, Wietske formed a partnership with Femke Hoogweg. After Tunisia 1997 and Bermuda 2000, Paris is her third appearance in the Venice Cup.

FEMKE HOOGWEG

Femke Hoogweg, a native of Schiedam, now lives in Nieuw-Vennep together with Ricco van Prooijen. She studied Technical Mathematics at the University of Delft and works as a scientific researcher at the Ministry of Defence.

At the age of 12 she learned to play bridge and in 1996 won the European University Teams. She formed a partnership with Wietske van Zwol in September 2000. Femke has played in one European Championship and is making her first appearance in the Venice Cup in Paris.

ED FRANKEN, lives in Haarlem (west of Amsterdam). He has been the Team Manager and Captain of the Dutch Ladies team since early 1995. He captained the team during two Olympiads and four European Championships. Under his leadership the Dutch ladies won the Venice Cup in Bermuda, 2000. Paris is his third Venice Cup as a captain.

CHRIS NIEMEIJER has been the coach of the Dutch Ladies Team since 1987. He is married to Jet Pasman and is a former player of the Dutch Open team. Chris was coach during seven European Championships and five Olympiads and coached the team that won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000. Paris is his fourth Venice Cup.

ROUND 1 **Bermuda Bowl** *By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)*

Russia v Indonesia

This Championship will set a number of records. When play began at 10 a.m. yesterday in the Bermuda Bowl the team of the intended host, Indonesia, took their seats thousands of miles from home. But tradition was honoured in giving them first showing on VuGraph for the match with Russia.

For the first half of the match the cards lay mainly with East-West. In the Open Room for Russia were Vadim Kholomeev and Tim Zlotov who had a faultless start to take a major lead. On Board 1 the dealer, North held:

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 10 5
♦ 9 2
♣ K 10 8 5 4

Denny Sacul for Indonesia, out of character, chose to open with a Precision Two Clubs and found himself in a hopeless Three Clubs, whilst his teammates had bid to a popular but failing Four Spades. Russia had a 5 IMP start.

Board 2 featured good tactics by Andrei Gromov, North for Russia in the Closed Room:

Board 2. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ J
♣ K 5 2

♠ 10 9
♥ A 7 6
♦ A K Q 7 5 4
♣ 7 6



♠ K Q 8 4
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 4

♠ 7 5
♥ J 3
♦ 10 8
♣ A Q J 10 9 8 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Sacul	Zlotov	Karwur
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♥	3♣
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gromov	Lasut	Petrudin
			3♣
3♦	4♣	4♦	All Pass

Given a relatively free run the Russians in the Open Room reached the easy Five Diamonds (the third heart goes on a spade). In the Closed Room Petrunin pre-empted as South and West overcalled. If North bids an aggressive Five Clubs, East would surely compete with Five Diamonds. But Gromov bid only

Four Clubs, giving East the chance to bid only Four Diamonds. West visualised three losers, and Russia had recorded a further 6 IMPs.



Denny Sacul, Indonesia

Board 3 presented more competitive action:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ K Q 9 6 5 2

♠ K 10 8 3
♥ 10 3
♦ A J 10 6 2
♣ J 10



♠ A 9 6 4
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ 4 3

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ A J 9 6
♦ 5 4
♣ A 8 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Sacul	Zlotov	Karwur
			Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gromov	Lasut	Petrudin
			Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

After the take-out double of a minor West has no guarantee of support for a four-card major, so note again the effect of the action by South. At the table where he passed West took the chance to bid a safe Three Diamonds. By contrast when South raised West felt compelled to launch into a poor-looking Four Spades. The dodgy Four Spades came home in quick time when West picked up the trumps for no loser. Russia had picked up a further 11 IMPs.

In the next two boards Indonesia managed to pick up an IMP in overtricks. Then came what looked to be a not-too-difficult grand slam:

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

Kholomeev & Zlotov reached it confidently.

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

One Club was of the Polish variety. One Heart was natural and positive and Two Clubs was an artificial game force. The pair relayed their way to the grand slam from there.

This was the Indonesian effort:



Vadim Kholomeev, Russia

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

A transfer was followed by a natural Four Clubs and a cue-bid of Four Diamonds. West may have had a better choice than a leap to Six Clubs, but East's conversion to only Six Hearts looked a little hasty. He knows West is looking at five small hearts, so it is difficult to find a hand that justifies the leap to Six without East's cards providing good play for seven. Anyway, it was a further 12 IMPs to Russia, who led by 34-1.

Board 7 was no better, Russia reached a borderline vulnerable 3NT (25 points and a five-card suit), found the cards lay well, and wrapped up ten tricks. Indonesia had stopped in a safer-looking Three Diamonds, misplayed it and went off. This was a further 12 to Russia, and a rout was in store.

So far every swing had occurred in the bidding. Board 9 was the first to provide interest in the play:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Sacul	Zlotov	Karwur
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dble	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gromov	Lasut	Petrudin
	2♥	Pass	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

For the first time in the match the same contract had been reached at both tables. In the Open Room Denny Sacul led the queen of clubs, covered by king and ace. Franky Karwur cleverly returned a low heart. If declarer held the king Karwur would have a chance later to remove dummy's trump. Declarer won the king and tried the king of diamonds, but the defence was in control. One off.

In the Closed Room North led a fifth-highest heart to South's ace. Petrudin correctly switched to a trump. (Note that if, relying on partner to hold the ♥K, he cashes the ace of diamonds and leads a heart, declarer should succeed. He wins the heart, ruffs a heart, and comes off dummy by playing the king of clubs to prevent South obtaining a diamond ruff.)

After winning the trump switch, Manoppo wisely played out his trumps. South began by discarding the eight of clubs followed by the two. North happily threw two hearts and a diamond. This was the ending when the penultimate trump was laid on the table:

♠ –
♥ Q 6
♦ J 9 3
♣ Q 4

♠ 4 3
♥ K 7
♦ K 10
♣ J

N	
W	E
	S

♠ –
♥ 10
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K 9 5

♠ –
♥ J 8
♦ A
♣ A 10 7 2

North fell from grace by discarding another diamond. Manoppo next set up the diamonds and, with South unable to hold up, was able to reach dummy's diamonds to make his game. Indonesia had scored its first significant swing of the match. The half-time score was 62-13 in Russia's favour.

Russia picked another big swing with the help of a gadget.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K
♥ A K 7 6
♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ K J 7

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q 5 3
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 8 3 2

N	
W	E
	S

♠ Q J 7 5 4 3 2
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ K Q
♣ –

♠ 10 8
♥ 9 8
♦ J 4
♣ A Q 10 9 6 5 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
Pass	3NT	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

This contract could have been defeated with a heart lead, but Karwur started with the club ace, and when declarer picked off the singleton spade king, he was home with plus 450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Petrudin</i>
Pass	4♣	All Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Good minor-suit pre-empt.

Gromov no doubt was prepared to go to Five Clubs or Five Diamonds, but why should he if the four level will do? Lasut obviously took a different view of his hand than had Zlotov, and it cost Indonesia another 11 IMPs.

A further 11 IMPs went to Russia when Kholomeev and Zlotov bid to a very good grand slam in spades while Manoppo and Lasut stopped in Six Spades and took 12 tricks.

Indonesia struck back with a slam swing of their own on Board 14, gaining 10 IMPs for bidding and making Six Clubs while Kholomeev and Zlotov played Four Spades on a 4-3 fit for plus 480.

Russia missed a chance for another game swing on Board 16 when Gromov and Petrudin let a vulnerable game slip through.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 8 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 8 5 2

♠ 10
♥ A K Q J 8 6 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 10 7 4

N	
W	E
	S

♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 8 7 6
♣ A 3

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ A Q J 5
♣ K 9 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

The Russians took six tricks against Four Spades to record plus 500, a gain for Indonesia if Manoppo and Lasut managed 10 tricks in Four Hearts, although that would be in serious jeopardy with a trump lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Petrudin</i>
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Petrudin started with the spade ace. It took him a long time to make his next play, but he switched effectively to a heart, giving away nothing. The defenders came under pressure as Lasut won the heart ace and ran off the next six tricks. This was the position as Lasut played dummy's last heart:

♠ K J 8
♥ –
♦ 4
♣ J 5

♠ –
♥ 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 10 7 4

N	
W	E
	S

♠ Q 9 7
♥ –
♦ K 10
♣ A

♠ 3
♥ –
♦ A Q J
♣ K 9

On dummy's last heart, North discarded the spade eight, East the spade seven. South let go of the diamond jack. Lasut then played a diamond to his ten and South's queen. Again, Petrunin went into a long study, finally cashing the diamond ace, on which North threw the spade jack. Petrunin could have defeated the contract by exiting with his low club but he played the club king instead, allowing Lasut to exit with the spade queen. Gromov had to play a club at the end for Lasut's ninth trick. Instead of a 12-IMP gain, the Russians suffered a 3-IMP loss.

On Board 18, both sides reached slam and brought home their respective contracts with the help of the opening lead.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 6 4 2 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 8 7 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ Q 10
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W E					
S					
♠ - ♥ Q 6 ♦ J 10 8 5 4 ♣ K 9 7 6 5 4					
♠ A K J 5 3 ♥ A K 2 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A 2					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Sacul	Zlotov	Karwur
2♠	3♣	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass		Pass	6NT

⁽¹⁾ Multi

Kholomeev's lead of the spade ten was a natural one from his side. With a third spade trick in the bank, Karwur had only to play on clubs for 12 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gromov	Lasut	Petrunin
2♠	3♦	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♠	3♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Precision

Again, a spade lead seems natural but it turned out to be the only one to let Gromov take 12 tricks. Gromov inserted dummy's spade jack at trick one, giving him four discards for the losing clubs in his hand (if he ruffed a club in dummy, he would need a miracle to avoid two diamond losers). When the spade jack held at trick one, Gromov needed to bring in the diamond suit for one loser, and when he played the diamond six from dummy at trick two, Manoppo inserted the king and played another round of trumps, allowing Gromov to claim for +1370, a 2-IMP loss.

The final score was Russia 84 Indonesia 51.



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The AGM and Awards will be held next week.

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Championship Diary

The film *Moulin Rouge* is proving to be quite a hit - although this may have something to do with the outfits worn by Nicole Kidman. The live revue at the Moulin Rouge is well worth seeing - the late show starts at 23.00.

The lifts in the Concorde La Fayette are very busy in the mornings - several people have reported on a new type of squeeze play!

A couple of power-cuts in the afternoon disrupted the Press Room, the Duplication Room and the preparation of the Daily News. Luckily the problem did not extend next door to the VuGraph theatre.

At the end of day one our photographer, Ron Tacchi, had taken a mere 243 pictures. We will make sure he is up to scratch today!

Our only disappointment so far has been the result of the Prix Paris at Auteuil on Saturday when the strongly fancied Carthago, under the ownership of two well-known Frenchmen, could only finish second. C'est la vie.

ROUND 2 Venice Cup
South Africa v Brazil

Our first Venice Cup match of these Championships features two teams who will have to perform at close to their best if they are to reach the knock-out stages of what looks to be a tough competition, South Africa and Brazil. There was plenty of action on an interesting set of deals, with the South Africans having rather the better of proceedings.



Lucia Doria, Brazil

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
Pass	1♣	1♦	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Margie Hulett for South Africa had no problem in making 4♠ after the lead of East's singleton heart. The heart went to the eight, ten and king and Hulett played a spade to the ace then a second spade. Though Marina Amaral played the ten smoothly, Hulett went up with her queen. It was plain sailing from here with declarer being able to establish the hearts with the aid of a second finesse and making a total of twelve tricks for +680.

At the other table Agota Mandelot opened INT and Cherrie Swartz overcalled 2NT, minors. It is not clear who was at fault after that - perhaps Leda Paim expected her partner to show a four-card major immediately so that 3♠ would show only three cards, though my own view would be that her pass over 3♣ doubled need not deny a major. Anyway, 3NT was not a success after a club lead to the queen and ace. Declarer tried the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, followed by the ♥J to queen and king. Eventually, she had to let West into the lead and Joan Fihrer wasted no time in returning the ten of clubs to pick up the suit for the defence. Mandelot was three down for -300 and 14 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Again one team played in 3NT and the other in four of a

major, but this time it was the no trump game that was successful. After a spade to the ace and a spade back, there were ten tricks in 3NT; South Africa +430. I do not have all the play details from the other room but it is unclear why 4♥ went down. On the face of it, declarer should lose only a heart, a spade and a diamond, ruffing one diamond and pitching two on the spades. Anyway, the contract did fail by a trick and that was -50 and 10 more IMPs to South Africa.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT



Cherrie Swartz, South Africa

At both tables the defence began with four rounds of hearts. At this point Lucia Doria switched to a low diamond from the East hand and Hulett ran it, losing to the king for down one. Of course, the contract can be made from this point by rising with

the ace of diamonds and cashing four rounds of clubs. That squeezes West between the ♦K and his spades. Sure enough, Mandelot brought home the game in the other room for +600 and 12 IMPs to Brazil.

Well, you say, that serves Hulett right - obviously the diamond switch would not be away from the king. And perhaps you would be correct against some defenders, but suppose that declarer has the queen and jack of diamonds and you do not switch; isn't declarer likely to take the finesse and make her contract? Perhaps East SHOULD switch to a diamond when holding the king to give declarer a losing option. That must be correct if declarer does not believe that such a switch will be found.

Of course, there were several tables at which a club lead was found and now there was no squeeze so that the contract had to fail. Of more interest would be if any pair of defenders worked it out after a heart lead and switched before cashing the whole suit, thereby avoiding the squeeze. If anyone managed that, please let us know.

Board 8. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Dble	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

The excellent club slam proved to be too tough for both our pairs. Di Adrain invented a diamond suit then jumped to 5♣ over Hulett's 2♣ rebid but that didn't really get the message across and Hulett can hardly be blamed for passing. If you are willing to commit to clubs on the South African auction, then 4♥ Exclusion Key Card would seem the easiest approach over 2♣ but that may well not have been an option.

I am not totally sure what was going on in the other room but presumably 2NT was a transfer to clubs. The Brazilians exchanged cuebids and Mandelot asked for key cards but then settled for 5♠ on discovering that two were missing. Should South

have bid the slam, realising that her partner had probably assumed the heart cuebid to be an ace and that North should have sufficient key cards in the other suits for slam to be on?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 8 2 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ A Q 9 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 6 ♥ A J 7 3 ♦ A 9 6 5 2 ♣ 8	♠ Q 3 ♥ 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ J 5 4
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West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
	All Pass		

Identical auctions and opening leads but different results. Both Norths led a trump to the six, queen and king, and both declarers cashed the king of hearts before playing a diamond. Amaral played the ten of diamonds at trick three and took dummy's ace. She pitched her remaining diamond on the ♥A and continued with a club. When South played low smoothly declarer decided to duck. Hulett won and returned a second trump. Amaral won in dummy and ruffed a heart, bringing down the queen, but with only one club ruff to come and the heart being ruffed she had to go one down for -100.

Fihrer did rather better, leading the queen of diamonds at trick three. When that got covered, she gave up a diamond and the even break in that suit enabled her to make an overtrick; +650 and 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
INT	All Pass	1♣	1♦

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
2NT	Pass	1♣	1♦
All Pass		3NT	Dble

What is the west hand worth when partner opens 1♣, playing a strong no trump so that the 1♣ bid will often prove to be a minimum balanced opening? I am firmly with Fihrer on this one, believing Amaral's INT call to be too timid. Mind you, Fihrer might have had some doubts before dummy came down after Paim's double of 3NT. Both declarers received a diamond lead, which they won in hand. They both crossed to dummy with a heart and played a club up, after which there were always nine tricks. Amaral made +150, while Fihrer managed an overtrick in her doubled game for +950 and 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Hulett	Doria	Adrain
2♥	Pass	1♦	1♥
5♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fihrer	Mandelot	Swartz	Paim
2♥	Pass	1♦	1♥
	4♥	All Pass	

Having already shown a constructive diamond raise with the 2♥ cuebid, should west go on to 5♦ over 4♥? The answer in real life was, of course, that bidding on was the losing option, and perhaps that is as it should be, because west has plenty of high cards for defence but too little distribution to provide the offence to make 5♦. Both contracts failed by a trick for two 100s to South Africa, giving them 5 IMPs. The match ended in a comfortable 24-6 VP win to South Africa.

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Slambition

by Mauren Dennison

The spotlight for my story focuses on the pairing of England's Sally Brock and Margaret Courtney playing North-South respectively against Japan in Round 2 of the Venice Cup. On Board 3, they bid to a slam missing two aces. Having made that error this was the very next deal and Courtney was faced with a very tough decision. This was the layout:

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	5♣	Dble*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West opened 1♣, possibly a three card suit in the context of a strong NT-five card major system and Brock overcalled 1♥. East raised the ante to 5♣ which South doubled, showing values. West passed and Brock decided to bid 5♦. Faced with this poser Courtney did what her coach would have done:- she raised to six!

Probably West should have doubled (certainly she should. Editor) and possibly East should have led a spade anyway. When she led a club the slam rolled home.

Four boards later came this deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Whilst Brogeland - Saelensminde bid the hands to 4♠, the French pair Abecassis and Soulet languished in 3♠! Not so our girls!

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Pass	3♥	4♣
4♥	6♣	All Pass	

In her system, Brock had two choices of opening bid. She could treat the hand as a 12-13 NT rebid and open 1♣ or upgrade to a 14-16 INT opening. Looking at her five-card suit and with the only card in her hand not likely to pull its weight by force the fifth club, she imaginatively opened INT. Courtney transferred with 2♥ and West doubled. Brock passed denying three spades and East bid 3♥. South introduced her club suit and West unwisely raised hearts to the four level. Now Brock knew South was void of hearts and bid the fine, genuinely making 6♣. (Were they the only pair to bid it?)

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First Round Grands

The first round of the Venice Cup saw Israel face Venezuela. Israel have a new pairing in Migri Tsur-Campanila and Matilda Poplilov, both highly experienced international players but with other partners. Israel won the match by 19-11 VPs, so these two grand slams, bid by the new partners but missed at the other table, were crucial.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>		<i>Tsur-Campanila</i>	
		2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Three diamonds was a transfer and 4♣ a second suit. When Tsur-Campanila could cuebid, Poplilov asked for key cards. When two suits have been shown opposite a balanced hand, they play that there are six key cards, and the 5♦ response showed four of them. Now Poplilov asked for key queens and heard that she was facing both, allowing her to bid the grand slam, making an easy +2140.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>		<i>Tsur-Campanila</i>	
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Three Spades was forcing and Poplilov was happy to cuebid on the way to 4♣. When her next cuebid was doubled, Tsur-Campanila passed it back around to find out whether first- or second-round control was held, the redouble promising the ace. Four No Trump asked and the response showed three key cards. Five No Trump invited seven and asked for any extra feature. Poplilov showed the king of clubs with her 6♥ response and Tsur-Campanila had to settle for the small slam. Now, however, Poplilov realised that she could have bid seven at her previous turn and went on to the grand slam; +1510. Nicely bid.

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1 Italy	21,17	156
2 United States	21,01	105
3 Poland	20,11	154
4 Indonesia	19,97	86
5 Norway	19,66	165
6 Netherlands	19,04	110
7 Russia	19,03	103
8 France	18,77	138
9 Sweden	18,41	155
10 Israel	18,40	107
11 Brazil	18,32	89
17 Argentina	17,38	61
26 Japan	15,88	79
28 India	15,86	72
30 Australia	15,79	126
35 New Zealand	15,07	129
39 Egypt	14,32	42
45 China Hong Kong	13,58	73
53 Guadeloupe	12,62	65