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## Von Arnim & Helgemo Steal The Limelight



Audi you like that?

Yesterday's VuGraph matches attracted huge audiences, particularly the encounter between **Poland & Norway** (which will be featured in our next edition), which was standing room only. The spectators saw some spectacular action and two brilliantly played deals, one by Germany's **Daniela von Arnim**, the other featuring **Geir Helgemo**.

### Bermuda Bowl

Despite tasting defeat for the first time in the last match of yesterday, **Egypt** sit proudly on top of the table after six rounds. They are followed by **USA II** who are the only undefeated team.

### Venice Cup

**France** are the only team who have avoided defeat in the Venice Cup and they have taken over the lead, with **China** in second place.

### Seniors Bowl

**France** have won all their matches to lead from **USA I** who also remain undefeated.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Venice Cup – ROUND 7 – 10.00

**Netherlands v USA I**

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 8 – 14.00

**USA I v Russia**

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 9 – 17.20

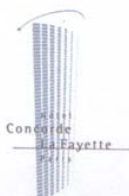
**USA II v France**

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### Press Conference

There will be a Press Conference tomorrow Thursday 25 October 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 4**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GUADELOUPE	EGYPT	16 - 53	7 - 23
2	INDONESIA	NORWAY	28 - 24	16 - 14
3	POLAND	INDIA	29 - 32	14 - 16
4	USA II	ISRAEL	76 - 38	23 - 7
5	AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA	33 - 47	12 - 18
6	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	45 - 32	18 - 12
7	ITALY	USA I	39 - 49	13 - 17
8	ARGENTINA	BRAZIL	29 - 78	5 - 25
9	HONG KONG	FRANCE	10 - 49	7 - 23

**ROUND 5**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	INDONESIA	72 - 23	25 - 5
2	NORWAY	POLAND	43 - 64	11 - 19
3	INDIA	USA II	42 - 60	11 - 19
4	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	50 - 19	21 - 9
5	RUSSIA	JAPAN	34 - 81	6 - 24
6	NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	21 - 58	7 - 23
7	USA I	BRAZIL	46 - 40	16 - 14
8	GUADELOUPE	HONG KONG	61 - 44	19 - 11
9	FRANCE	ARGENTINA	34 - 45	13 - 17

**ROUND 6**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	EGYPT	64 - 44	19 - 11
2	USA II	NORWAY	24 - 26	15 - 15
3	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	39 - 31	15 - 15
4	JAPAN	ISRAEL	13 - 69	4 - 25
5	ITALY	RUSSIA	44 - 11	22 - 8
6	BRAZIL	NEW ZEALAND	56 - 34	20 - 10
7	ARGENTINA	USA I	17 - 36	11 - 19
8	HONG KONG	INDONESIA	19 - 51	8 - 22
9	FRANCE	GUADELOUPE	42 - 14	21 - 9

**RESULTS**  
**Venice Cup**

**ROUND 4**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	INDIA	JAPAN	59 - 54	16 - 14
11	FRANCE	CANADA	52 - 34	19 - 11
12	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA	50 - 44	16 - 14
13	USA II	GERMANY	87 - 80	16 - 14
14	ISRAEL	BRAZIL	-	19 - 11
15	INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS	45 - 46	15 - 15
16	CHINA	USA I	26 - 73	6 - 24
17	ITALY	VENEZUELA	76 - 20	25 - 4
18	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	28 - 53	10 - 20

**ROUND 5**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	FRANCE	8 - 70	3 - 25
11	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	12 - 38	10 - 20
12	AUSTRALIA	USA II	25 - 25	15 - 15
13	GERMANY	ISRAEL	46 - 51	14 - 16
14	BRAZIL	INDONESIA	96 - 12	25 - 0
15	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	7 - 64	4 - 25
16	USA I	VENEZUELA	57 - 28	21 - 9
17	INDIA	ENGLAND	41 - 48	14 - 16
18	AUSTRIA	ITALY	61 - 16	24 - 6

**ROUND 6**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN	41 - 38	16 - 14
11	USA II	CANADA	48 - 36	17 - 13
12	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	63 - 18	24 - 6
13	INDONESIA	GERMANY	26 - 28	15 - 15
14	CHINA	BRAZIL	72 - 18	25 - 4
15	VENEZUELA	NETHERLANDS	59 - 27	22 - 8
16	ITALY	USA I	39 - 15	20 - 10
17	ENGLAND	FRANCE	43 - 44	15 - 15
18	AUSTRIA	INDIA	14 - 34	11 - 19

**PROGRAM**  
**Bermuda Bowl**

**ROUND 7 10.00**

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

**ROUND 8 14.00**

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

**ROUND 9 17.20**

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

**PROGRAM****Seniors Bowl****ROUND 6 10.00**

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

**ROUND 7 14.00**

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

**PROGRAM****Venice Cup****ROUND 7 10.00**

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

**ROUND 8 14.00**

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

**ROUND 9 17.20**

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

**Bermuda Bowl**  
Ranking after 6 rounds

1	EGYPT	119
	USA II	119
3	POLAND	114
4	ITALY	112
5	FRANCE	105
6	USA I	98
7	BRAZIL	97
8	JAPAN	96
9	NORWAY	92
10	ISRAEL	90
11	INDONESIA	87
12	INDIA	86
13	ARGENTINA	81
14	RUSSIA	71.1
15	GUADELOUPE	64
16	AUSTRALIA	62.9
17	NEW ZEALAND	61
18	HONG KONG	57

**Venice Cup**  
Ranking after 6 rounds

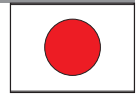
1	FRANCE	123
2	CHINA	119
3	ENGLAND	111
4	SOUTH AFRICA	111
5	AUSTRIA	109
6	USA I	108
7	ISRAEL	104
8	USA II	92
9	GERMANY	90
10	ITALY	81
11	BRAZIL	77
12	CANADA	74.6
13	AUSTRALIA	74
14	JAPAN	73
15	NETHERLANDS	71
16	INDIA	62.4
17	INDONESIA	61
18	VENEZUELA	55

**ROUND 4**

Venice Cup



**India v Japan**



This session featured a very lively set of boards and almost every match was high-scoring. The Asian match-up of Japan and India was no exception.



Marianne Karmarkar, India

In the open room, Feroza Chothia's 2♣ opening was Precision-style and Bimal Sicka just blasted into the most likely game contract. Most likely, perhaps, but unsuccessful from her side as Makiko Hayashi had an automatic spade lead. Sicka ducked the spade queen but had to win the continuation, on which Yuko Yamada unblocked her king. Sicka cashed out the clubs then tried a heart but Yamada won that and returned her last spade for one down; -50.

In the other room, Hiroko Ota opened a natural 1♣ and a fourth-suit forcing auction saw her declare 3NT from the opposite seat. Yvette Singapurin chose to lead the seven of diamonds. Ota won the ace and played a heart for the queen and ace. Back came a spade but it was too late for the defence. Taking no risks, Ota settled for her contract; +400 and 10 IMPs to Japan.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
			2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Indian strong club methods led to a slightly different auction but the opening leader had much the same information at both tables. Not that it mattered as both had a routine low heart lead. Both declarers rose with the king of hearts and cashed the black winners then had a decision to make. If hearts were splitting evenly the safe play would be to establish the fifth spade, while an uneven heart split would require a winning diamond guess. For Japan, Ota got it wrong and was down one for -50, while Chothia judged to play on diamonds and, with West marked with the greater major-suit length, played East for the ♦Q. Right she was and that meant +430 and 10 IMPs to India.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After identical auctions, both Easts led the nine of spades and both declarers covered in dummy. Yamada did not play her queen. Sicka won the king and tried a low diamond, Hayashi going in with the king to lead a second spade to declarer's ace. Sicka was in control now. She cashed the top hearts and queen of diamonds then ruffed the spade and started running the diamonds. Yamada could take two heart tricks but that was all; +620.

At the other table Singapurin did play the ♠Q at trick one, which looks to be an error, does it not? Yet here declarer failed in her contract, perhaps taking her eye off the ball because of the play at trick one. Nobuko Setoguchi won the spade and cashed a second spade before playing a heart to the ace then pitching a club on the ten of spades. Though she could ruff dummy's third club in hand, she had to go down from here, actually failing by two tricks for -200 and 13 IMPs to India.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
1♥	INT	Pass	2♠
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

I would have expected South to invite game facing a INT overall so was surprised when Chothia only removed to 2♠ then did not go on when her partner competed over 3♥. Chothia justified her decision in a way by only making nine tricks. She won the heart lead and threw a club from hand rather than a diamond.

That left her to lose two tricks in each minor; +140.

Singapurin's 4♥ opening ensured that her opponents would play in game, once Setoguchi had decided that she had to get involved with the North cards. Of course, ten tricks can always be made by playing to ruff two clubs in dummy, but Ota's task was made considerably easier by Singapurin's club lead; +420 and 7 IMPs to Japan.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	4NT

Chothia opened with a Precision 1♦ and Sicka drove to slam on discovering that she was facing genuine diamonds and one ace (no Key Card Blackwood here).

Ota did not open the South cards but caught up later, showing both her suits then trying for slam - accepted by Setoguchi, of course.

Flat at +920.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ Q J 4 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ 10 6 3
♣ A K 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Yamada's sequence showed five hearts and four spades with invitational values and Hayashi settled for the heart partscore. Chothia led a low heart to the ten and queen and Hayashi quickly cashed three top diamonds, pitching clubs from the table. She continued with the losing diamond, throwing the last club, and Sicka won and played back the jack of hearts. Chothia won and played another heart, run to declarer's nine. Hayashi now played ace of spades and a spade to the king, losing two spades for +140.

Singapurin showed the same distribution with at least invitational values and Marianne Karmarkar took a rosier view of her hand than her counterpart in the other room, jumping to 4♥. Ota led three rounds of clubs, leaving Karmarkar to play the trumps for one loser. Having won the third club in hand, it was natural to play a heart to the king and another one back. With the jack and ten falling doubleton, the contract was home for +620 and 10 IMPs to India.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ J 8 2
♥ 9 8 6 5 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 7

♠ K Q 10
♥ J 10 7
♦ A K 10 4
♣ 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
		1♦	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

This one was decided by South's initial decision over the 1♦ opening. Where Ota passed, being uninspired by a flat 13-count with seven points in her opponent's suit and no outside four-card suit, Chothia was prepared to overlook all those weaknesses and make an immediate take-out double. Inevitably, the Japanese pair only reached game, while Sicka just blasted into slam facing the take-out double.

At first sight, Hayashi's choice of opening lead, ace and another club, was the only lead to give Sicka her twelfth trick but, of course, a heart lead is no better as East has three suits to guard and is crushed by the run of the trumps. Only a diamond lead, which takes out the dummy entry for the squeeze, breaks the slam. And even now it takes a diamond honour to be certain, as otherwise a brave declarer could put in the ten at trick one.

Both declarers made twelve tricks; +680 to Japan but +1430 to India and 13 IMPs.

India had built up a handy lead of 59-31 IMPs but the last two boards saw Japan make a strong recovery.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ Q J 5 4
♥ A 5
♦ Q 10 9 7 2
♣ Q 2

♠ A 9
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ A K J 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Chothia's 2♣ was Precision and her response to the 2♦ relay

showed either a maximum 15-17 or six strong clubs. Like their counterparts at the other table after a natural 1♣ opening, the Indians reached the inevitable heart game. Hayashi led three rounds of diamonds and Sicka ruffed the third round and crossed to the ace of spades. She threw two spades on the top clubs and now passed up the slight extra chance of playing the ♣J - see the difference if West has ♠A10 instead of ♠A5 - in favour of a spade to the king and the last spade. When Hayashi could ruff in front of dummy with the ♥10 that was one down; -50.

In the other room, Karmarkar led a low trump. Singapurin won the ace and played the ten of diamonds to the jack and king. Karmarkar cashed the ace of diamonds then played the ♥10, but this defence was not good enough. Setoguchi won and played some more trumps then found the lucky club position and had ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to Japan.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Chothia</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Singapurin</i>	<i>Setoguchi</i>	<i>Karmarkar</i>	<i>Ota</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

I think that justice was done on this deal when Sicka went down in 6NT because I really hate that leap to slam on the South cards. Surely the descriptive 4♣ preferred by Ota in the other room is correct and it enabled the Japanese pair to look at slam but then stay at a safe level on a combination where slam is really quite poor.

Setoguchi actually made twelve tricks in 4NT. She won the diamond lead and played on hearts. Eventually, she pitched her clubs on the established hearts and made two overtricks when the queen of spades happened to be doubleton; +690.

Sicka avoided the fatal heart lead, of course. She won the diamond lead in dummy and passed the ♣Q then later took a second club finesse and drifted two down for -200 and 13 IMPs to Japan. Had Sicka guessed the clubs correctly, she could have made her slam courtesy of the fortunate spade layout.

Despite the last two deals, India had achieved a narrow win, by 59-54 IMPs or 16-14 VPs.

## RESULTS

# Seniors Bowl

ROUND 3				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	USA I	POLAND	51 - 42	17 - 13
20	EGYPT/S AFRICA	FRANCE	46 - 56	13 - 17
21	BAHRAIN	ITALY	24 - 61	7 - 23
22	GUADELOUPE	USA II	22 - 83	3 - 25

ROUND 4				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	EGYPT/S AFRICA	USA I	28 - 99	2 - 25
20	ITALY	FRANCE	36 - 45	13 - 17
21	GUADELOUPE	POLAND	59 - 46	18 - 12
22	USA II	BAHRAIN	127 - 12	25 - 0

ROUND 5				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	USA I	ITALY	52 - 23	21 - 9
20	EGYPT/S AFRICA	GUADELOUPE	43 - 48	14 - 16
21	FRANCE	BAHRAIN	78 - 29	25 - 5
22	USA II	POLAND	25 - 31	14 - 16

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The first number is the rating, in VP, the second is the number of (16-board) matches that are taken into account for the rating.

Before the Venice Cup, the ratings have become:

#### Women's Series

1 United States	21,60	86
2 Germany	20,88	104
3 Canada	20,68	65
4 Netherlands	20,29	106
5 France	20,13	97
6 Austria	19,95	96
7 England	19,17	76
8 China	18,75	102
9 Israel	18,12	76
10 Poland	17,62	75
11 Italy	17,55	77
16 Australia	15,76	84
20 South Africa	15,25	61
27 Indonesia	14,32	59
28 Brazil	14,00	59
32 India	13,37	81
33 Japan	13,36	69
49 Venezuela	10,84	41

## Pietro Bernasconi

**Pietro Bernasconi** died in Geneva on 2nd October 2001 after a short but terrible illness that he bore with immense courage.

Pietro Bernasconi was unfamiliar to most of the bridge public but was well-known to the champion players. He was a world-class player himself who, for many years, partnered Jaime Ortiz-Patino, the WBF President Emeritus, as part of the Swiss national team together with the late Jean Besse.

For many years he was the custodian of master points for the World Bridge Federation. He and his computer recorded the performances of players in eighty-odd countries, and noted when they advanced in rank. Virtually none of them thanked him, or were aware of his effort.

Latterly, Pietro will be remembered for his computer wizardry. Not only was he responsible for computerizing the WBF Master Point records, but he also pioneered programs for the random-dealing of hands used in WBF tournaments and defended their integrity during the controversies that were common between mathematicians in the early days of computer-dealt hands. Pietro was also renowned for the exceptional problems he devised for the Par Contest that was held for the first time in Geneva in 1990, and which pitted the wits of the world's greatest bridge players against a machine. Despite his illness, he left us with new problems for the Par Contest which will bear testimony to his brilliant mind.

With his passing, Pietro Bernasconi has left a void in the WBF. He was a very close friend and collaborator and he will be sadly missed by all who had the honour of knowing him.

**Carol von Linstow**  
WBF Secretariat

Alan Truscott wrote in the New York Times of 11th October: Bernasconi, who had the rank of World Life Master, represented his native Switzerland in five world championships and 15 European Championships. On the diagramed deal he sat West, and defended brilliantly in a match against Austria in 1974.

Dealer West. Both Vulnerable.

♠ A K 9 ♥ J 10 6 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ Q 10 4 2	♠ Q J 3 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ K J 9 5 4 3 ♣ 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div> ♠ 10 8 7 6 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A K J 9	♠ 5 4 ♥ K 9 7 2 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ 8 7 6 5
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♣	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

He led the heart five and dummy played low. East won with the king and returned the suit. When South won with the queen he felt confident. It appeared that he would make five diamond tricks, two hearts, and two tricks in the black suits. He worked on diamonds, and West held up his ace for one round. The position was this:

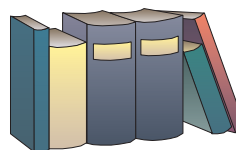
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Can you see how Bernasconi defeated the game? Playing either major suit offered no hope.

Instead, he led a club, giving South an extra trick in that suit. The declarer was not pleased, for his communications had been attacked with a fatal result. What could he do after winning with the club nine?

Playing a club winner would have squeezed the dummy, so he led a spade. Bernasconi promptly grabbed the spade king and led a heart, scoring two tricks at the finish with the spade ace and an established heart.

### 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

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**ROUND 4**

Venice Cup



**USA II v Germany**



In any contest, it seems that spectators usually prefer a high-scoring affair. Those who were not especially picky about high-quality play were well pleased with the efforts of Germany and USA II in the Venice Cup in Tuesday's first VuGraph match. In a contest which featured 13 double-digit swings in 20 boards, USA II emerged with an 87-80 win.

Just when it seemed that USA II had put the match out of reach, Germany stormed back to actually take the lead on the penultimate deal before suffering a 14-IMP loss on the final board.



Mildred Breed, USA

Germany started as though they were the ones headed for a rout, as Mildred Breed and Shawn Quinn had a bidding accident on Board 2 for the first of the double-digit swings.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
Pass	2♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	INT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
Dble	4♠	Pass	3NT
		Dble	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> 10-12.

<sup>(2)</sup> Meant as natural but Alerted by South as showing one minor suit.

Clearly the Americans were overboard, and the Germans were quick to apply the axe. Sabine Auken led the heart nine to her partner's ace, and von Arnim played the diamond ace and a diamond to Auken's king for a ruff. The defense still had the trump ace to come. That was 500 to Germany and a 12-IMP swing after Barbara Hackett and Katrin Farwig stopped in Two Spades with the North-South cards at the other table. USA II wasted no time striking back.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Von Arnim started with a low heart, which solved that suit for declarer and made plus 460 a trivial matter. Things were different at the other table.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Klar	Hackett	Schulle	Farwig
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Warned by South's heart bid, Klar found the killing spade lead from the West hand, dooming declarer, who could hold up the spade ace just once, to down one. That was 11 IMPs to USA II.

Germany slipped up on the next deal to hand USA II another big swing.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦ <sup>(1)</sup>
Dble	6♣	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> One or four key cards.

Auken led a diamond and Breed was soon claiming plus 1430. At the other table, Hackett and Farwig dropped the ball.

West	North	East	South
<i>Klar</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Schulle</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
Pass	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	2NT <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	3NT <sup>(5)</sup>	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Weak two-bid in a major or a strong balanced hand.

<sup>(2)</sup> To play if North has the weak bid.

<sup>(3)</sup> 20-22 balanced.

<sup>(4)</sup> Majors?

<sup>(5)</sup> Both.

Farwig's invitational 4NT seems much too conservative, particularly with the aggressive Breed and Quinn at the other table. Twelve tricks in notrump were easy, but it was still 12 IMPs away.

On this deal, Quinn survived an error in the play to hold the team's loss to 1 IMP.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the closed room, Hackett brought home 10 tricks in Three Notrump with the aid of a successful diamond guess. Quinn also made it, but only just.

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	1NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Von Arnim led a low heart, and Quinn cleared the first hurdle by putting up the king. When she played a spade from dummy, Auken put in the jack. Quinn took the king and played a spade to dummy, Von Arnim following with the ten. It was apparent the spade suit was not breaking and, unwilling to try to guess the diamond queen, Quinn exited dummy with the heart nine. Auken won the heart 10 and played a third round to her partner's hand. On the run of the hearts, dummy discarded down to the king and a low diamond plus the top two clubs. This was the position after Von Arnim cashed her heart winners:

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

Von Arnim exited with a diamond, taken by Quinn with dummy's king. If she had cashed dummy's clubs first, the play of the spade queen would have squeezed Auken in an ending that Quinn could not misguess. As it was, she cashed the spade queen first and had to decide which minor-suit card to throw from her hand. She chose the diamond jack, which was alright as East had thrown a club and scored up the game.

After that 1-IMP loss, the Americans followed with 39 unanswered IMPs on the next four boards. This one typified Germany's troubles.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Klar opened the West hand Two Notrump and soon found herself in Four Hearts, which she had no trouble bringing in for plus 620. In the Open Room, again the auction went awry, this time for the Germans.

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Strong.

<sup>(2)</sup> Indicating a 3-5-4-1 pattern with 8-9 high-card points.

Von Arnim meant Four Hearts as a signoff, but Auken took it as asking for key cards and the partnership was too high. Auken had a chance for 11 tricks on Quinn's opening lead of a low spade, but Auken put up dummy's queen and could do no better than 10 tricks and minus 100. Another 12 IMPs to USA II.

At the halfway point, the Americans led 65-13.

Germany struck back on the first board of the second half when Hackett-Farwig barreled into a cold Six Diamonds after a light opening by Farwig while Quinn and Breed had to cope with interference from Auken and stopped in a diamond game. That was 11 IMPs to Germany, and Von Arnim helped her side to another 12 IMPs with brilliant play to land a slam on the next deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Katrin Farwig, Germany

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klar	Hackett	Schulle	Farwig
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Hackett led a trump and declarer could do no better than 11 tricks. At the other table, the Germans had higher ambitions.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Breed didn't find the killing trump lead – she started a sneaky low club – but Von Arnim still had to play perfectly to land the ambitious slam. She considered the contract for a long time before playing to trick one, but she was flawless from there:

Club ace, spade ace, spade ruff, diamond ace, diamond ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff, club king, spade ruff, diamond ruff, followed by a club from dummy. North, down to all trumps, was forced to ruff her partner's club winner and lead into von Arnim's heart tenace. Twelve tricks and 11 IMPs Germany.

Germany earned another 10 IMPs with a game swing on Board 13, closing to within 20 IMPs. After the match's only push and a small swing, Germany scored another major gain.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klar	Hackett	Schulle	Farwig
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Hackett led the heart queen, taken in dummy. Klar played a club to the king, which held, then she misguessed spades by playing to the king. From there, Klar had no way to scramble a ninth trick and she finished at minus 50. It went differently in the Vu-graph room.

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Quinn led a low spade to the three, queen and king. When Auken tried to sneak a club through, Quinn was alert and grabbed the ace. After Breed raised her spades, Quinn knew that declarer's jack was dropping, so she put the spade ace on the table.

Unfortunately for their side, Breed failed to unblock the spade 10 and Auken was home with an overtrick. That was 12 more IMPs to Germany, now down only 11.

Germany pulled to within 3 IMPs when Breed and Quinn got too high on this deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 8 2 ♥ 9 8 6 5 3 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ J 7	♠ A 9 7 6 5 4 3 ♥ A K ♦ 5 ♣ K 4 3	<table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 7 3 ♣ A Q 10 5 2
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S						
	♠ K Q 10 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ 9 8 6					

West	North	East	South
<i>Klar</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Schulle</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
Pass	1♠	1♦	Pass
Pass	4♣	All Pass	2♦

Schulle led the diamond queen and Hackett was soon claiming her contract with an overtrick.

That was good for Germany because of what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
Pass	2♦	1♦	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♠

Breed, with seven-card support for partner, can be forgiven for her enthusiasm opposite partner's takeout double. As long as Von Arnim didn't lead a major, Quinn had no chance for 12 tricks. Indeed, Von Arnim started with partner's suit, breaking up the squeeze Auken was going to be subjected to on a major-suit lead. There was no hope for the slam after that and Quinn duly went down one as Germany closed to within 3 IMPs after trailing by more than 50.

Germany took the lead with a game swing on the penultimate board, but the largest swing of the match - 14 IMPs - went against them on the final board. In the Open Room, Quinn and Breed found their way to 4NT but made it on power.

At the other table, Hackett and Farwig reached a contract of Six Clubs that had plays, but Farwig finished down three after a series of poor guesses.

It is likely that, considering all that went on in the wild match, that either side could feel fortunate it wasn't worse.

## Seniors Bowl Ranking after 5 rounds

1	FRANCE	98
2	USA I	94
3	ITALY	92
4	USA II	87
5	POLAND	78
6	GUADELOUPE	60
7	EGYPT / S.AFRICA	54
8	BAHRAIN	23



There will be a meeting of the Executive of IBPA after the first match today, 24th October, 2001. Meet in the Press Room.

The AGM and Awards will be held next week.

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Members who have not paid their 2001 subscription or who wish to pay in advance for 2002 should seek out Maureen Dennison or Patrick Jourdain (who is usually to be found in the Bulletin Room).

# England take the Early Lead Soloway Shines in Defence

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The England Ladies team had a convincing win in the European Championships and an excellent first day here in the Venice Cup, with a couple of 25-5s against Canada and Japan, and 20-10 over Italy. Here are two examples of England's accurate play:



Rhona Goldenfield, England

### Round 2 v. Japan

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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W		E										
	S											

The bidding was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Goldenfield	Shimamura	Brunner	Fukuda
	Brock		Courtney
	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♥	3♥	4♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

2♥ showed a good raise in diamonds.

Five Diamonds would have lost two clubs and a spade, so both East-Wests made the right decision to take the money out of Four Hearts.

The Japanese West led the queen of clubs and England lost only two spades and two red aces, for one down. 200 to Japan. Even without the helpful lead, the Souths at other tables often lost only four tricks. By leading towards the spades in dummy twice, West is forced to rise on the second round with the king of spades, and then dummy has two good spades to dispose of the clubs from hand, and avoid the club loser.

However, when Rhona Goldenfield and Michelle Brunner were defending Four Hearts doubled they ensured their club trick with spot-on defence. Goldenfield led a diamond to East's king and Brunner found the key switch to a club. Declarer won in dummy and led a trump to the king and ace. Goldenfield led a low spade to East's ace, and a second club from Brunner set up a club trick for West to cash when she was in with the king of spades. This was 500 and 7 IMPs to England.

The next round saw this play by Nicola Smith:

### Round 3 v. Italy

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Manara	Brock	Ferlazzo
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♠	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Lucchi	Smith	Rosetta	Dhondy
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	3♠	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room Margaret Courtney (wife of Australian international Michael, and European champion just four years

after taking up bridge) was allowed to play Five Hearts. This went only one off when she read the diamonds accurately, 50 to Japan.

In the Closed Room Heather Dhondy moved on to Five Spades, which was doubled. This was actually a popular contract. Its fate depends on whether declarer can set up a diamond trick to dispose of one of the losing clubs.

East led a heart. Nicola ruffed this in dummy and led a diamond. West rose with the ace, and switched to a club. Declarer won the ace, drew a round of trumps from hand, ruffed a heart, ruffed a small diamond, and ruffed the last heart. The crucial moment had arrived. Nicola read the position accurately, leading the jack of diamonds. It made no difference what West did. If she did not cover, the losing club would go at once; if she covered with the queen, declarer could ruff and return to dummy with the ace of trumps to reach dummy's established nine of diamonds. This card may have the soubriquet "The curse of Scotland", but the England captain, Jimmie Arthur, who is actually Scottish, was not complaining. His team had gained 13 IMPs.

The same deal saw a spectacular false-card at another table. It will be an early entry for next year's International Bridge Press Association's Defence Award. This is what happened in the Bermuda Bowl match between USA1 and Japan:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hanayama	Freeman	Hirata	Nickell
2NT	3♠	2♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Takano	Soloway	Shimizu
1♥	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room East opened Two Hearts and West could have made things much more difficult for North. When West simply started with an enquiry Freeman was able to come in with Three Spades and that allowed the Americans to push East-West to Six Hearts doubled. This went two off for 300 to the USA.

In the Closed Room the final contract and the start of the play was as in the Ladies match. That was until declarer ruffed the second diamond.

Paul Soloway was sitting East. He could see that declarer had enough entries to dummy to set up the nine of diamonds, and was likely to guess the suit successfully, as Nicola Smith had done. When you feel declarer is on the right track, desperate measures may be required to deflect him.

On the second round of diamonds Soloway dropped the ten! Can you see how this affected declarer? East was marked with at least three diamonds. Why had the ten fallen? Obvious answer: East held Q 10 x. So declarer went back to dummy, and when Hamman played low on the next diamond, declarer ruffed, expecting to see the queen fall. When Soloway produced a small diamond, declarer knew he had been fooled, but it was too late. Not long after Soloway was recording +200 on the scorecard. The swing was 11 IMPs to the USA.

# SLAMBITION TWO!

By Maureen Dennison (England)

Yesterday I reported on the two slam swings earned by the English pair Brock-Courtney on Boards 4 and 8 from Round two. Well these boards were also lively in the Indonesia-Israel match. On the first one, Indonesia also bid the slam with ♠AK off the top and they, too, were favoured with a club lead and made 6 plus 1. Let me remind you of the layout of Board 8 on which we asked if any other pair had bid the good slam.

Board 8. Dealer West. None 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		

Manoppo and Lasut did not have the best of auctions!

West	North	East	South
I. Yadlin	Manoppo	D. Yardlin	Lasut
2♥	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Dble	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass!			

2♣ was Precision, 5 clubs + a major or six clubs and 2♦ was asking. Obviously Lasut thought that his bid was forcing and the pair was certain they had a major loss on the board. Indeed the Israeli North-South did bid to a club slam via a cue bidding auction. Unfortunately they forgot to check up on the ace of trumps and finished in seven clubs. Needless to say Manoppo-Lasut were delighted to find they were 7 IMPs in rather than 12 out.

## Championship Diary

The Stade de France is a national monument, so we can't reproduce a picture in the Daily News - well, not quite true, but the fee is 10,000FRF!

We know the Daily News is popular - everyone asks us where they can get a copy. Our suggestion is to ask the concierge at the Hotel Concorde.

Yesterday we tried a tactical manoeuvre by going down to breakfast at 07.45. A strategic triumph as the lift is empty and quick, and apart from the Lavazza girls, Jeff Meckstroth and Daniela von Arnim, we are the only early risers.

Patrick Jourdain, our roving reporter, arrived in our Daily News Office first thing in the morning, dampened by the rain, but triumphantly waving his breakfast paper napkin. On this he claimed (already) to have recorded 'the defence of the championships'. Unlucky! The rain had caused his notes to run. Will his masterpiece be denied us by a drop of rain?

# Echos du Stade

Par Guy Dupont

## Petit guide

Autant le dire tout net aux bridgeurs venus au Stade de France : la restauration de proximité, dans ou autour de ce temple du sport, n'a que peu de rapport, à une exception près, avec l'idée que l'on peut se faire de la cuisine française. Nous avons joué au petit Michelin et testé à votre intention les rares tables des environs : le Quick, 4 sur 20, le rayon restauration de Décathlon, 3 sur 20, la cafétaria du Stade, 6 sur 20. L'avantage : un service rapide. Il faut le savoir : la gastronomie, c'est ailleurs. Mais pas si loin. Si vous vous rendez porte T, il existe un " restaurant panoramique ". Un coup d'ascenseur, et vous voilà surplombant le stade. Le menu, à 235 F, est signé Lenôtre. A éviter, toutefois, si vous êtes pressés (joueurs s'abstenir).

## Raisons d'espérer

Les responsables de la FFB, ont été très agréablement surpris de recevoir un représentant de la Ministre de la jeunesse et des sports, M. Pichon, lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture des championnats, à l'hôtel Concorde. Jusqu'alors, les relations entre le bridge et la ministre communiste Marie-Georges Buffet étaient plutôt distantes.

## A louer

Si vous voulez louer les salons du stade de France pour organiser une petite fête d'une semaine, sachez que la société qui les loue met la barre très haut : 1, 350 million de francs. Mais sachez aussi qu'en discutant les prix, vous pourrez obtenir un substantiel rabais.

## Retour au bridge

Ils furent plutôt rares à appeler ce chelem, lors du premier tour des éliminatoires. Les Français Jean-Christophe Quantin et Franck Multon y sont parvenus, contre l'Inde :

Donne 14, Est donneur, personne vulnérable :

♠ V 9 5  
♥ D 9 3  
♦ 9 8 7 5 2  
♣ 5 4

♠ A 6 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ A 6 4  
♣ DV 10 8 6

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♠ R D 3  
♥ A R 10 8 6  
♦ DV  
♣ A 9 3

♠ 10 8 7  
♥ V 7 5 2  
♦ R 10 3  
♣ R 7 2

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Quantin		Multon	
		1 ♥	Passe
1 ♠	Passe	2 SA	Passe
3 ♣*	Passe	4 ♣	Passe
4 ♦	Passe	4 ♥	Passe
4 ♠	Passe	4 SA	Passe
5 ♠	Passe	6 ♣	(Fin)

3 ♣ est le bon gadget : il promet cinq cartes dans la couleur (3 ♦ serait Texas ♥, 3 ♥ Texas ♠, et 3 ♠ Texas ♦). Il n'en faut pas plus pour déclencher les contrôles, et s'envoler vers le chelem. Le Roi de Carreau placé permet de survivre à l'échec de l'impasse à Trèfle.

## Joli coup au bridgevision

La rencontre féminine entre l'Allemagne et les Etats-Unis I (round 4), proposée au rama mardi matin, a tenu toutes ses promesses. Côté suspense. Les Allemandes étaient, en effet, menées de près de 60 imp à mi parcours. Mais leur retour fut impressionnant, et elles ne perdirent finalement que de 10 points (13 à 17). La donne 12 a sonné ce retour.

Donne 12, donneur Ouest, Nord-Sud vulnérables

♠ R 10 5 2  
♥ D 9 6 2  
♦ D 10 5  
♣ D 6

♠ 3  
♥ AV 10 5 3  
♦ AV 7 4  
♣ 10 8 3

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♠ AV 9 8 7  
♥ R 8 7  
♦ 3  
♣ A R 5 2

♠ D 6 4  
♥ 4  
♦ R 9 8 6 2  
♣ V 9 7 4

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Von Arnim	Breed	Auken	Quinn
1 ♥	Passe	1 ♠	Passe
2 ♦	Passe	2 SA	Passe
3 ♣	Passe	3 ♥	Passe
4 ♥	Passe	4 ♠	Passe
5 ♦	Passe	6 ♥	(Fin)

2 SA : forçing de manche.  
3 ♥ : proposition de chelem.  
4 ♥ : coup de frein !  
4 ♠ : Blackwood 5 clés.  
5 ♦ : 2 clés sans la Dame d'atout.

Ouest entame du 6 de Trèfle. Comment Daniela von Arnim a-t-elle gagné ?

Un jeu de double coupe va mettre Nord en vilaine posture, avec ses quatre atouts. Voyez plutôt : As de Trèfle, As de Pique et Pique coupé, As de Carreau et Carreau coupé, Pique coupé, Carreau coupé, Roi de Trèfle, et quatrième tour de Pique coupé. Tout va bien : Nord a suivi docilement, et la déclarante est déjà à la tête de 9 levées. Elle présente alors son dernier Carreau, et Nord, déshabillé, ne détenant plus que des atouts, doit couper. Mais après la coupe par le Roi de Cœur, Daniela ressort à Trèfle. Mildred Breed doit couper et se jeter finalement dans la fourchette As-Valet d'atout.

Applaudissements nourris dans la salle du bridgevision.



*In the first of a series of interviews Mabel Bocchi brings you a Direct Line with Lorenzo Lauria - Aka "Baluba"*

## INTERVIEW



54 years old. Born and living in Rome. World Grand Master and European Grand Master. Divorced and remarried with Cristiana and father to Roberto (9 years old) and Anna (5 years old). Plays in the Italian National Team and also the Lavazza Team. In his competitive playing career, which began in '72, he has won many titles both for Italy and at club level. His most important gold medal victories are: Olympiad 2000, European Championships '79 - '95 - '97 - 2001, MEC Pairs '79, Cavendish Teams '96 - '97, Roseblum Cup '98 - Vanderbilt Cup '99 - IOC Grand Prix '99, Reisinger Cup 2000 - Forbo Teams 2001, Spingold Cup 2001, Australian Summer NOT 2001, 7 Italian Team Championships, 5 times Coppa Italia. Hobbies: stock exchange and sport in general.



### What experience in life has most influenced you?

*My life has been characterised by a series of periods, all very different from one another, and from each one I've absorbed something which has contributed to the man I am today. However, the experience which influenced me most was military service since that was when I took up bridgeplaying. This passion was so great that firstly it took me away from my studies (Business and Economics) and then it became the sole interest in my life, even though at that time it gave me very little or nothing in return.*

### Despite this admission, we discover an unexpected and seemingly inexplicable gap in your medal winning around the 1970's. What happened?

*I threw myself heart and soul into the sect of Guru Baghuan. I was with them all day while at night, to make money to live, I played poker and suchlike. Then the Guru fell into disgrace and with him the movement he had founded and I re-entered the bridge world, started competing and winning.*

### Sullen, undemonstrative, apparently stropky, nicknamed by his companions "Baluba" (yobbo), is there something you'd like to change in your character or are you happy as you are?

*I'm satisfied as I am, also because living with my character and with others is fine. In fact I can safely say that, despite appearances, I'm a very relaxed person.*

### What is Lorenzo the father and husband like? Can you define yourself with two adjectives?

*Affectionate with the children, and patient with my wife Cristiana ... even though she thinks otherwise.*

### Have you ever felt yourself prisoner of something or someone?

*Yes, of my passions. Throughout the years when I have been attracted to something or someone I have lived the experience, good or bad, fully and right to the end, never being able to withhold.*

### If you weren't a full-time bridgeplayer what would you like to be?

*A criminal lawyer.*

### Does friendship exist between bridgeplayers?

*In bridge the play has a big influence and rarely, although I don't exclude it all together, is there an emotional or friendly relationship between players of different levels.*

### If we scratch away the surface of your "difficult" char-

### acter we discover what?...

*That in essence I'm exactly as you see. Perhaps throughout the years I've changed a little and I've found that I do actually possess certain qualities which at one time would have seemed unthinkable in my character...*

### For example?

*I'm now much more self-controlled and so by keeping instinct at bay, I've become almost thoughtful.*

### It's said that who wins in bridge is he who makes least mistakes... and you have won a lot. There must have been some absolutely crushing oversight...

*I have made countless blunders but there was one in particular which cost us the Coppa Italia: it was back in '76 and we were playing the last hand in the last session. Well, I failed the contract miserably, dragging the team into second place.*

### And in your private life do you recall any mistake which cost you dearly?

*I've no doubt about it: my first marriage.*

### When does love finally end?

*When you become fully aware of the situation, no longer creating excuses and false hopes.*

### What really makes you laugh?

*Irony in general, directed either towards others or myself ... but in the latter case, I accept it only from friends.*

### What do you find intolerable in the bridge world?

*Presumptuous behaviour and narcissism, which are unfortunately very common at all levels.*

### And on the other hand what continues you to surprises you in a positive sense?

*The incredible magnetism that this game always creates... a sort of fatal attraction.*

### I am relaxed when...

*no-one pisses me off.*

## Transnational - Matchmaking

**If you are looking for partners or teammates in order to compete in the Transnational event please let the Daily News know. Nissan Rand will endeavor to solve your problem.**

# A Team Effort

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The disappointment four years ago of the Israeli Ladies team at missing the Venice Cup in Tunisia when they had qualified has been balanced by the invitation to make the extra spot here, needed when the host nation France joined the 16 teams already qualified to make an odd number. This invitation came too late for details of the team to be included in the Programme so here they are:

Ruth Liberman, Migri Tzur-Campanile, Daniela Birman, Matilda Poplilov, Hanita Melech, Nurit Naveh, non-playing captain: Yossi Engel.

On Day 1 Israel had two good wins and a loss to USA1. Here is an excellent all-round team effort from the 17-13 win over the world champions from the Netherlands in Round 3:

Round 3 Israel v. Netherlands  
Board 11. Dealer South. Love all.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>V.d. Pas</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Liberman</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Simons</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room Ruth Liberman as South avoided the borderline overcall. Left to their own devices the Dutch reached Three Notrumps. More from a desire to avoid the lead of another suit, Daniela Birman chose to lead her singleton club. This went to the jack and king. A second club went to dummy's ace effectively killing declarer's hopes of setting up the spades. Marjijke van der Pas therefore concentrated on the diamonds, cashing the ace, over to hand with a spade, and then king and another diamond.

When the suit did not break the contract was in big trouble. Birman led a heart to her partner's queen and the ten of clubs cleared declarer's remaining stopper in the suit. There was

nowhere to go for tricks, and when declarer exited with another diamond she was actually four down, making only two clubs, one spade, and two diamonds. This was 200 to Israel.

At the other table Anneke Simons as South chose to overcall (as many did) and the Israeli East-West showed the killer instinct. West Passed allowing East to re-open with a double showing extra values, and then West Passed again going for the penalty. What would you expect the outcome to be? 500? Think again. This is what happened:

Matilda Poplilov cashed two top spades and switched to the singleton heart, which ran round to declarer's queen. With few options available declarer tried to make her ace of hearts while the going was good. Unfortunately the going was bad. West ruffed the ace, and put East in with a diamond. East cashed a heart (West discarding a diamond) and then led a fourth round of the suit. Declarer ruffed with the ten and West refused to over-ruff, discarding instead another diamond. Declarer was able to exit with a diamond to West's king, leaving this end-position with West on lead:

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

West led a diamond which Migri Campanile ruffed with the ACE of trumps, declarer of course, being forced to under-ruff. A side-suit was ruffed by South and over-ruffed by West. Now the last diamond was ruffed by East's jack promoting two more trump tricks for West.

Declarer had made one heart and two trump tricks only. Five down meant a further 1100 to Israel, and 16 IMPs.

## Change in Carry-overs Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

Because the number of boards being played in the finals has changed (in relation to previous tournaments) the **maximum** carry-overs have also changed and will be the following:

Quarter-finals and Semi-finals, Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup - 16 IMPs / Venice Cup Final - 16 IMPs / Bermuda Bowl Final - 20 IMPs

## Change in the Knock-out Phase - Seniors Bowl

It was decided that the Seniors teams will play the semi-finals and the final in 48-board matches.

Consequently, the **maximum** carry-over in all these matches will be 12 IMPs.