

# Daily News

World Bridge Championships  
Paris FRANCE

22<sup>ND</sup> OCT - 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV  
2001



**Co-ordinator:** Jean Paul Meyer – **Editor:** Mark Horton – **Assistant Editors:** Brent Manley & Brian Senior  
**French Editor:** Guy Dupont – **Layout Editor:** Stelios Hatzidakis – **Photographer:** Ron Tacchi

Issue No. 5

PDF version, courtesy of EBL

Friday, 26 October 2001

## The Pressure Mounts



The latest Olympic News was revealed at yesterday's Press Conference

USA dominates the Bermuda Bowl rankings with USA1 just a point ahead of USA2 at the top. They are closely followed by Poland, Italy and Norway, and these five teams are looking good for qualification. There are ten teams fighting over the remaining three qualification spots.

Europe dominates the Venice Cup standings, with France leading the way from England. Austria are tied for third with China and USA1 also look well placed. There is a 13 VP gap between eighth and ninth and the second American team is on the wrong side of that gap, along with Italy, Canada and Israel.

France still have a 100% winning record in the Seniors, but that is only good enough for a 5 VP lead over USA1. Italy are a further 5 VPs back in third.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Venice Cup – ROUND 13 – 10.00

**USA I v England**

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 14 – 14.00

**Russia v Egypt**

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 15 – 17.20

**Poland v Italy**

### Contents

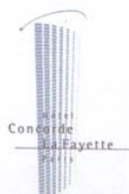
Bermuda Bowl Program & Results	2
Venice Cup Program & Results	2-3
Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup Ranking	3
Seniors Bowl Results	3
Venice Cup (USA I v Netherlands)	4
Seniors Bowl Butler	6
Bermuda Bowl (USA I v Russia)	7
Championship Diary	9
Venice Cup (Canada v Indonesia)	10
Seniors Bowl Program, Ranking	13
Venice Cup (USA II v England)	16
Echos du Stade	18
The WBF Press Conference	19
Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup Butler	20

### Invitation to the Senate

Teams and Captains are invited to a reception at The Senate tomorrow evening, 27 October between 19.00 & 21.00. Buses will leave the Hotel Concorde La Fayette at 18.15.

Afterwards you will be free to explore Paris and return to the hotel at your leisure.

Those planning to attend must register at the reception desk at the Stade de France this morning where you can collect your invitations.



**RESULTS**

**Bermuda Bowl**

**ROUND 10**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	EGYPT	78 - 39	23 - 7
2	BRAZIL	NORWAY	27 - 65	7 - 23
3	USA I	INDIA	46 - 14	22 - 8
4	NEW ZEALAND	ISRAEL	64 - 41	20 - 10
5	ARGENTINA	RUSSIA	31 - 67	8 - 22
6	HONG KONG	JAPAN	35 - 74	7 - 23
7	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	43 - 41	15 - 15
8	GUADELOUPE	USA II	37 - 48	13 - 17
9	INDONESIA	POLAND	51 - 47	16 - 14

**ROUND 11**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT	BRAZIL	62 - 43	19 - 11
2	NORWAY	USA I	27 - 47	11 - 19
3	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	63 - 42	19 - 11
4	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	3 - 47	6 - 24
5	ITALY	HONG KONG	38 - 62	10 - 20
6	JAPAN	FRANCE	24 - 40	12 - 18
7	AUSTRALIA	GUADELOUPE	57 - 58	15 - 15
8	USA II	INDONESIA	28 - 37	13 - 17
9	POLAND	ARGENTINA	18 - 31	12 - 18

**ROUND 12**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA I	EGYPT	86 - 15	25 - 2
2	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	26 - 36	13 - 17
3	RUSSIA	INDIA	59 - 54	16 - 14
4	ARGENTINA	ISRAEL	20 - 95	1 - 25
5	HONG KONG	BRAZIL	37 - 60	10 - 20
6	FRANCE	ITALY	30 - 83	5 - 25
7	GUADELOUPE	JAPAN	38 - 57	11 - 19
8	INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA	19 - 72	5 - 25
9	POLAND	USA II	30 - 24	16 - 14

**RESULTS**

**Venice Cup**

**ROUND 10**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	CHINA	JAPAN	75 - 20	25 - 4
11	VENEZUELA	CANADA	25 - 63	7 - 23
12	USA I	AUSTRALIA	81 - 42	23 - 7
13	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	73 - 35	23 - 7
14	ITALY	BRAZIL	26 - 28	15 - 15
15	ENGLAND	INDONESIA	47 - 29	19 - 11
16	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	61 - 52	17 - 13
17	INDIA	USA II	22 - 56	8 - 22
18	FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA	60 - 11	25 - 5

**ROUND 11**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	JAPAN	VENEZUELA	54 - 33	19 - 11
11	CANADA	USA I	29 - 42	12 - 18
12	AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS	26 - 73	6 - 24
13	GERMANY	BRAZIL	72 - 31	23 - 7
14	CHINA	ENGLAND	30 - 51	11 - 19
15	INDONESIA	AUSTRIA	32 - 63	9 - 21
16	ISRAEL	INDIA	41 - 23	19 - 11
17	USA II	FRANCE	20 - 51	9 - 21
18	SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY	31 - 46	12 - 18

**ROUND 12**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
10	USA I	JAPAN	33 - 47	12 - 18
11	NETHERLANDS	CANADA	60 - 20	23 - 7
12	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	37 - 38	15 - 15
13	ITALY	GERMANY	37 - 51	12 - 18
14	ENGLAND	VENEZUELA	81 - 22	25 - 4
15	AUSTRIA	CHINA	48 - 31	19 - 11
16	INDIA	INDONESIA	23 - 73	5 - 25
17	FRANCE	ISRAEL	58 - 14	24 - 6
18	SOUTH AFRICA	USA II	59 - 50	17 - 13

**PROGRAM**

**Bermuda Bowl**

**ROUND 13 10.00**

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

**ROUND 14 14.00**

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

**ROUND 15 17.20**

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

**RESULTS****Seniors Bowl****ROUND 8**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	BAHRAIN	FRANCE	8 - 74	2 - 25
20	ITALY	EGYPT/S.AFRICA	53 - 40	18 - 12
21	POLAND	GUADELOUPE	28 - 35	14 - 16
22	USA II	USA I	19 - 44	10 - 20

**ROUND 9**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
19	FRANCE	EGYPT/S.AFRICA	37 - 31	16 - 14
20	ITALY	BAHRAIN	44 - 44	15 - 15
21	POLAND	USA I	24 - 41	11 - 19
22	USA II	GUADELOUPE	45 - 43	15 - 15

**PROGRAM****Venice Cup****ROUND 13 10.00**

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

**ROUND 14 14.00**

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

**ROUND 15 17.20**

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

**Bermuda Bowl**  
Ranking after 12 rounds

1	USA I	221
2	USA II	220
3	POLAND	218
4	ITALY	214
5	NORWAY	206
6	EGYPT	185
7	RUSSIA	184.6
8	JAPAN	180
9	INDONESIA	178
10	INDIA	177
11	BRAZIL	175
12	AUSTRALIA	170.9
13	FRANCE	169
14	ISRAEL	168
15	ARGENTINA	161.5
16	NEW ZEALAND	139
17	GUADELOUPE	137
18	HONG KONG	116

**Venice Cup**  
Ranking after 12 rounds

1	FRANCE	253
2	ENGLAND	236
3	AUSTRIA	213
4	CHINA	213
5	USA I	209
6	SOUTH AFRICA	192
7	GERMANY	192
8	NETHERLANDS	190
9	ITALY	177
10	USA II	174
11	ISRAEL	173
12	CANADA	167.6
13	JAPAN	162
14	AUSTRALIA	149
15	INDONESIA	146
16	BRAZIL	145.5
17	VENEZUELA	112.5
18	INDIA	101.4

**ROUND 7**

Venice Cup

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)



**USA I v Netherlands**



Most bidding boxes contain more green cards than red but, for the replay of the final in Bermuda where the Dutch took the Venice Cup by a fraction of an IMP, one could predict that a different balance was required. Almost every deal in the first half of the match had interesting competitive decisions in the bidding. The players often acted as if their green cards had been removed.

The first board, though flat, contained some technical points of interest. 'Equal level conversion' is the modern theory that allows you to make off-shape take-out doubles, particularly of an opening major suit bid where you have the other major, long diamonds, and short clubs. If your partner responds in clubs, you can 'correct' to diamonds without promising extra values. The snag, of course, is that when you do correct advancer does not know your strength. This gave Karen McCallum a problem holding, as East:

♠ 6    ♥ Q 7 6    ♦ Q 8 7    ♣ A 10 7 6 3 2

The auction had begun:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Vriend	McCallum	v.d. Pas
			1♥
Dble	1♠	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	??	

What do you call? McCallum made the right decision when she played for Sanborn to have no more than a normal overcall, and passed. The green card proved useful!

The spotlight now turned to Bep Vriend, on lead as North, with:

♠ K Q 9 8 7    ♥ 10 8    ♦ 10 9 5    ♣ Q 9 8

If you read declarer as holding four spades and five diamonds, then a trump lead makes sense and it would have been enough to threaten Three Diamonds. On the actual heart lead you obtain your ruff, but it is not enough to beat the contract:

**Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.**

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

The defence made a heart, a heart ruff, and two spades. On a trump lead declarer may be held to one ruff, five trumps and two

aces.

Board 2 illustrated the point about aggressive bidding. Dealer, East, holds, at favourable vulnerability:

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

What would you call? Jet Pasman opened Two Clubs showing a weak two in diamonds or a strong hand. Karen McCallum at the other table had a weak two in diamonds available (but see Board 5 for an example of that), and chose Three Diamonds. This was the full deal:

**Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Meyers	Pasman	Montin
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Vriend	McCallum	v.d. Pas
		3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Elsewhere Three Diamonds doubled went for 1100 but on this occasion both declarers emerged with six tricks for a swing of 5 IMPs to the Dutch.

Board 3 contained another test of aggression. As East you hold at adverse vulnerability:

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

Dealer, to your right, opens 1♥, you pass and where it was raised to Two Hearts that is passed back to you. Would you protect?

Jet Pasman did, with a double. Anneke Simons removed to Three Clubs which was passed out. This went three off (one table recorded -1100 in Three Clubs doubled). McCallum wisely allowed the Dutch to play peacefully in a partscore. 4 IMPs to USA.

On Board 4 East held:

♠ 10 8 5    ♥ 10 5 4 3    ♦ K J 5 4 3    ♣ 6

At many tables West opened a weak two in spades and North made a take-out double. Your choice on the East cards?

McCallum raised to Three Spades, and the next player, Marijke van der Pas, leapt to Five Clubs. This was unbeatable and on a spade lead declarer made 13 tricks. The point is that at several tables North/South reached a slam, making the lead crucial. Opener held:

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

If East bids Three Diamonds for the lead, that kills the other side's chance of 3NT (often making 13 tricks) or Six Clubs (their diamonds were 2-2).

The auction at the other table had been:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♦??	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West, Anneke Simons, led a spade, declarer at once claiming thirteen tricks. However, it transpired that North had alerted her own 3♦ bid to East as an artificial force, whereas South had explained it to West as natural. The claim of damage resulted in an award of 3 IMPs to the Dutch.

On the same deal the French North/South pair in the Bermuda Bowl made the error of reaching SEVEN Notrumps. They might well have made Six with an overtrick, but Seven has the snag that the player on lead spots the winning defence whenever he holds the missing ace. On this occasion the leader merely doubled and led diamonds. The defenders were happy to put the grand slam 1400 down by carefully cashing five diamond tricks.

Board 5 had something in both bidding and play:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Simons	Meyers	Pasman	Montin
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♦	All Pass

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Sanborn	Vriend	McCallum	v.d. Pas
	Pass	2♦	2♠
2NT	3♠	Dble	All Pass

If the diamonds come in 3NT is easy for East/West, so it was surprising to find one table opting for 5♦ and the other for 3♠ doubled, which is close to making. Five diamonds went two off. Against 3♠ doubled Kerri Sanborn led a top diamond, but then switched to a trump. East played ace and another. South could ruff two diamonds, but was then unable to make the queen of hearts as East ruffed in; one off and 7 IMPs to the USA.

Board 6 produced another decision about protecting. West held:

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

At adverse vulnerability South on your right opens 1♥, you pass, North responds 1NT and that is passed back to you. Would you do anything?

Kerri Sanborn tried Two Diamonds, showing diamonds and spades. The snag is that partner is not expecting the spades to be longer, so when Two Diamonds was doubled McCallum, holding:

♠ K J 10    ♥ J 8 6    ♦ 6 4 2    ♣ K J 8 5

did not correct to Two Spades. The penalty was 500 to give the Dutch 8 IMPs compared with 3♥ making at the other table.

Kerri Sanborn, with an excellent play, came close to making a borderline game on the next board:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Sanborn	Vriend	McCallum	v.d. Pas
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room the Dutch had stopped in Two Notrumps and come to nine tricks, so the Americans were hopeful of a gain. North led a heart and Sanborn rose with the nine in order to take the diamond finesse. This lost and Vriend found the good switch to a low club taken by dummy's king. Declarer looks doomed, for she cannot even set up the eighth trick in any suit without the defence cashing five tricks. However, Sanborn found the good shot of at once returning a club. Caught unawares South played low and the ten fetched the queen. With the clubs blocked, things looked much more interesting.

After long thought North played the queen of spades. Sanborn won and took the reasonable line of relying on the diamond break. She cashed the second spade throwing a club and played on diamonds. When they did not break the contract failed, as the defence could now make two more clubs.

Cashing the second spade put declarer to an awkward discard. The analysts might like to check what happens if it is left in dummy. The position is complex, but I reckon the defence still have the upper hand.

There was little in Boards 8 and 9, but Board 10 provided another tricky 3NT:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 10 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 ♣ 6 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	<p>♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ K J 4 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K Q 10 5</p>
N					
W      E					
S					
<p>♠ J ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A J 3 2 ♣ A J 9 8 3</p>					
	<p>♠ A 9 7 6 5 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ 7 2</p>				

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Meyers	Pasman	Montin
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			3NT

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Vriend	McCallum	v.d. Pas
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

The seat from which it was played made a difference. Where North was declarer the game went three down! On VuGraph, Marijke van der Pas was declarer from the South seat. The lead was a diamond giving declarer four tricks in the suit. Declarer won the ten and ran the seven of clubs, losing to the ten.

Oddly, it may be best for East to shift to a heart. This gives declarer an eighth trick but not a ninth, as West can lead hearts again when in with a spade. However, East actually switched to the safer-looking spade, the four. Declarer ducked to West's queen, and with the spade position unclear West decided to continue the suit. Declarer won and played another club. When East won she tried a third spade. Declarer had to guess the layout, but there was a clue. If West had not been looking at the ten of spades it would have been much more likely that when in earlier she would have switched to a heart. Van der Pas duly inserted the seven. When this fetched the ten she claimed her game with three spades, four diamonds, and two outside aces. The swing was 14 IMPs to the Dutch who led 33-10 at half-time (the gap increasing later by 3 IMPs as a result of the ruling on Board 4).

In the second half (not seen by your reporter) the USA recovered the deficit. The match could not be said to have resolved which is the better team, for it ended in a 15-15 draw.



### 18th European Youth Team Championships

Representatives of the European Bridge League and the English Bridge Union have signed the contract for the Championships.

They will be held at the Riviera centre in Torquay from 7-17 July 2002.

There will be two competitions, the European Junior Championship for players aged up to 25 and the European Schools Championship for players aged up to 20.

Further information will shortly be available at the EBL's website, [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org)

### BUTLER RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

## Seniors Bowl

Pair	Country	IMPs/B
1 MORSE D.      WOLFF B.	USA 1	+1.103 100
2 GIGLI G.      MACI G.	ITALY	+0.808 40
3 HAMILTON F.      SUTHERLIN J.	USA 1	+0.779 120
4 KIVEL J.      LARSEN C.	USA 2	+0.644 100
5 BARONI F.      RICCIARELLI M.	ITALY	+0.593 160
6 BAZE G.      FREED G.	USA 2	+0.580 80
7 DELMOULY C.      SCHNEIDER J-M.	FRANCE	+0.556 80
8 HAYDEN G.      ONSTOTT J.	USA 2	+0.531 140
9 LEENHARDT F.      MARI C.	FRANCE	+0.517 120
10 WALA W.      WILKOSZ A.	POLAND	+0.369 100
11 ROBINSON S.      WOOLSEY K.	USA 1	+0.203 100
12 ADAD P.      AUJALEU M.	FRANCE	+0.199 120
13 GIGLI G.      LATESSA A.	ITALY	+0.125 120
14 SZENBERG S.      WILKOSZ A.	POLAND	+0.053 60
15 RISK R.      GERIN D.	GUADELOUPE	+0.041 80
16 SHAKA M.      MESDARY S.	EGYPT/SAF	-0.078 120
17 GERIN D.      PICARD P.	GUADELOUPE	-0.137 60
18 KLAPPER W.      RUSSYAN J.	POLAND	-0.244 160
19 ASKALANI A.      MOHSEN KAMEL M	EGYPT/SAF	-0.273 120
20 BOULOGNE J.      RISK R.	GUADELOUPE	-0.330 40
21 BOULOGNE J.      MONDOR F.	GUADELOUPE	-0.359 80
22 DERIVERY J-L.      PICARD P.	GUADELOUPE	-0.432 60
23 JOFFE M.      SULCAS N.	EGYPT/SAF	-0.986 80
24 MUSTAFA A.      A.SALMAN Y.	BAHRAIN	-1.476 160
25 MOHAMMAD A.      OBAIDALI A.	BAHRAIN	-1.582 160

Follow the 35th Bermuda Bowl, the 13rd Venice Cup and the 1st Seniors Bowl on Internet through the WBF official web site:

[www.bridge.gr](http://www.bridge.gr)

**ROUND 8** Bermuda Bowl

**USA I v Russia**

In the Cold War days, when Russia opposed the U.S., it would have been Spy vs. Spy. In Wednesday's second Vugraph match, it was Precision vs. Precision, the systems favored by the American and Russian pairs. Although system didn't figure in the outcome to a large degree, it was a factor in a couple of deals. In the end, the Americans prevailed 48-33 to maintain their position among the round-robin leaders.

USA I, with Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell on camera against Andrei Gromov and Alexander Petrunin, drew blood on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Bob Hamman, West, played and made Two Spades doubled after Vadim Kholomeev, North, opened INT and Paul Soloway, East, showed the majors. That was plus 470 to the Americans.

This is what happened in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrunin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
1♠	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Dble <sup>(2)</sup>	1♦
Pass	INT	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Precision

<sup>(2)</sup> Majors

That was a lot of bidding, and Americans appeared to have been pushed to a game they might not have reached on their own, but the cards lay right and Meckstroth brought the game home.

Gromov led the heart king, which was ducked, and he continued with a low heart to his partner's jack. Meckstroth considered his play carefully before winning the heart ace and playing a club to the ace. Next came the diamond jack, ducked by West and North. When East discarded, Meckstroth simply took another couple of diamond finesses and claimed nine tricks. That was

**WBF Laws Commission**

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

plus for the Americans in both rooms and a 13-IMP swing.

USA gained an IMP with an unusual squeeze on declarer on this deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Soloway as East played Two Spades (he and Hamman play four-card majors). This was the action in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrunin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

The Russians use the INT opening for certain 4441 hands, and apparently this one qualified.

Rodwell started with his fourth-best heart, which rode to declarer's eight. The top two spades by East produced some good news, so he went after diamonds next, playing the eight to the ace, followed by a low diamond to the queen. When that held, Gromov cashed his two spades, reaching this position:

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

Gromov, hoping to endplay Rodwell, exited dummy with a heart to his queen. Rodwell won the king and, playing perfectly, got out with the club jack. Gromov covered with dummy's queen and Meckstroth won the ace. When he returned a club, Gromov could not make a correct discard. If he let go a heart, Rodwell's A10 would score. If declarer let go a diamond, Rodwell could win

the club king, cash his heart ace and play a diamond to partner's king, dropping the jack. Note that if Rodwell had played the club king first, declarer would have been able to score an overtrick by discarding a heart and waiting for Meckstroth to let him score the diamond jack or the club ten in dummy.

The Americans added to their score on this deal when a bidding gadget by Hamman and Soloway paid off.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 6 ♥ Q 8 5 3 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ A J 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; 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	<p>♠ 4 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ Q 10 9 8 6</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 5 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣ K 5</p>
N						
W     E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>
Dble	Pass <sup>(2)</sup>	3♣	All Pass

- <sup>(1)</sup> Described as a good three-card spade raise
- <sup>(2)</sup> Alerted and described as showing some game interest

Petrinin's pass of Three Clubs is difficult to understand. Surely he could have afforded Three Hearts. Gromov took ten tricks in clubs, but when the heart king showed up doubleton he realized the same tricks were available in hearts. Soloway and Hamman had the right convention for the occasion:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
2NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- <sup>(1)</sup> Four hearts with invitational values

Just the ticket. When hearts behaved, Soloway easily scored up the game. That was 7 IMPs to USA 1.

The Americans were up by 21 IMPs when the Russians scored their first major gain of the day.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 2 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ K 10 9 7 6</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; 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	<p>♠ Q J 8 6 5 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A J</p>	<p>♠ A 10 9 7 ♥ 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 4</p>
N						
W     E						
S						

♠ 4	♥ A K 7
♦ A Q 9 6 2	♣ 8 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

- <sup>(1)</sup> Three-card heart support

Three Spades was defeated by two tricks for plus 100 to the Americans, but it didn't help their scorecard much, because Kholomeev and Zlotov, known as free-wheeling bidders, lived up to their reputation in the other room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>
2♣	2♥	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

- <sup>(1)</sup> Three hearts

When Kholomeev bid freely in the competitive auction, Zlotov bashed into the 19-point game, which had the virtue of being cold. Kholomeev had only to win the opening spade lead in hand, finesse the diamond and ruff the suit good, followed by two high trumps and good diamonds. The defenders were helpless to prevent his taking ten tricks for plus 620 and 11 IMPs to Russia.

The Americans got the 11 IMPs back on this deal near the end.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 7 6 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; 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	<p>♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ 10 8 7 6 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 10 2</p>	<p>♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ A 10 9 5 2 ♣ K J 9</p>
N						
W     E						
S						

♠ Q J 10 8 7 3	♥ A 2
♦ K Q	♣ 8 5 4

In both rooms, North opened INT and played Four Spades after a transfer sequence.

In the Open Room, Meckstroth received the lead of the diamond eight. He won in dummy and played the spade queen to East's king. The club ten was returned, and Meckstroth inserted the jack after Petrinin won the ace and continued the suit. Declarer then cashed the spade ace and was soon claiming +450.

At the other table, Kholomeev received the opening lead of the heart eight. He rose with dummy's ace, unblocked the diamonds, played a spade to his ace and tried to cash the diamond ace for a heart discard from dummy. Soloway ruffed low, however, forcing dummy to overruff. Now Kholomeev got off dummy with a heart and his contract was doomed.

Hamman won the heart king and made the killing return of the diamond jack, allowing Soloway to discard a club. Then when Soloway came in with the trump king, he played his now-single-





Andrei Gromov, Russia

ton club to Hamman's ace and got a ruff for one down.

The Russians picked up a further 11 IMPs when they were allowed to play Three Clubs, down one, at one table while their teammates went +620 in Four Spades at the other.

Two boards which looked like potential swings turned out to be pushes. On the first, Petrunin found himself in the happy circumstance of being on lead against Three Notrump with seven diamonds to the AKJ10, leading the king and viewing the doubleton queen in dummy. Although the contract was reasonable, it turned out that Four Spades on a 5-3 fit was cold, so it seemed the Russians' +300 might be a 14-IMP swing. Unfortunately for the Russians, the contract and result were the same at the other table.

The second potential swing occurred near the end.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 10 7 4 2 ♥ Q 4 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A J 7 6
N						
W						
E						
S						
♠ A 6 ♥ A K 10 8 ♦ K J 10 3 ♣ K 4 3		♠ K 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 4 ♣ Q 10 9				

Both sides bid to the good slam in diamonds – and both sides made 12 tricks. The play record from the Closed Room was not available, but here is how Rodwell brought home the slam.

Petrunin led the spade queen, won in dummy. Rodwell cashed the diamond king and played the diamond jack, overtaking with the ace when East showed out with a spade discard.

Rodwell played the heart jack to the ace and another diamond to his hand, picking up the last trump, then he followed with a heart to the king and a heart ruff. When the queen did not appear, he had to guess diamonds. He cashed the spade king, extracting a fourth spade from East, then played the club ten to the king and East's ace. The heart queen came back, ruffed in hand, and Rodwell ruffed his spade in dummy to finesse against the club jack.

## Transnational Teams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Championship Diary

The VuGraph is always full for the afternoon match. One wag jokingly suggested that if one of the commentators were being paid by the word the WBF could be in serious trouble.

Guy Dupont has to hand over his pen to Jean Paul Meyer for the weekend editions of the Daily News – the small matter of his mother's 90th birthday celebrations. (She does not play bridge). We are reasonably confident there will be no loss of quality.

We are not sure what has happened to the traditional Limerick contest. 'There was a young girl from Paris' appears to offer plenty of scope to those of an imaginative disposition. We understand an announcement will appear interfractically. (That means Tacchi is working on it).

ROUND 8

Venice Cup



Canada v Indonesia



Canada would be on most people's list of expected qualifiers for the Venice Cup knock-out stages but they were still below half-way going into their Round 7 clash with Indonesia. The early action did not go well for the Canadians.



Sharyn Reus, Canada

mond to dummy then a spade to her king. The queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace and the diamonds cashed, ending in dummy. Now Lacroix played a club up and Bojoh took her ace and returned the ♡9 to dummy's jack. Declarer had eight tricks in the bag and had already established her ninth but was in the wrong hand to cash it. She played the nine of spades and, when Bojoh played low smoothly, let it run. The spade lost to the jack and Safoyan cashed the ten of hearts. Now, if Safoyan had started with ♠AJxx, Lacroix had to keep both her spades and would then make the last trick. That was how she read the hand, and she pitched the queen of clubs. Alas, the spades were not as Lacroix hoped and Bojoh won the next trick with the ace and had the ♣10 to cash for down one; -100 and 13 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 ♥ 5 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ A 9 8 5 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 9 4 ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ Q J 9 8 ♣ 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♠ J 6 5 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ Q 10 6 4		♠ Q 2 ♥ A K 10 7 4 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ K J 7									

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	1♥
	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Indonesia picked up a partscore swing on Board 4 and another on this deal.

In one room, Sharyn Reus led her heart to the queen and king and Gordon switched to the jack of clubs for the queen and ace. Back came a second club, ruffed, and Riantini took the diamond finesse. Another club was returned and ruffed, the king coming down to establish the ten, and Riantini had an overtrick for +140.

The Indonesian defence in the other room was rather more effective. The same heart lead saw Safoyan continue with two more rounds for her partner to ruff. Now Bojoh underled the ♣A in response to the suit preference signal and Safoyan won the king and played a fourth heart. Francine Cimon threw her small diamond on this trick so Bojoh got another ruff. She exited with her remaining trump to dummy's ace and Cimon cashed the ♠K.

There was a winning line from this point of pinning the jack of clubs while taking two ruffs to establish the ten, but Cimon preferred the simpler line of relying on the ruffing diamond finesse and that meant one down; -50 and 5 IMPs to Indonesia, who led by 25-0 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ A J 10 5 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A K J 9 ♣ K Q 8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♠ 10 9 5 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣ 7 6		♠ J 6 4 ♥ K 10 7 6 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ 9 2									

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
Pass	3♣	3NT	All Pass

Dianna Gordon decided that declarer would have her partner's club suit well controlled so tried the effect of a low heart lead instead. That ran to Irne Korengkeng's queen. She crossed to dummy with red suits to lead black cards towards her two king-queens and eventually came to eleven tricks. No problem there; +660.

Elita Safoyan led the nine of clubs and Lusje Bojoh played low, allowing Martine Lacroix to win the trick. Lacroix played a dia-



Elita Safoyan, Indonesia

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
1♥ 4♥	1♠ All Pass	Pass 2♥	1♦ 2♠

Attempting to find a defence to beat 2♥, Safoyan won her partner's diamond lead and returned the suit. That allowed Cimon to pitch both her clubs on the winning diamonds and she came to ten tricks for +170.

In the other room, Riantini jumped to 4♥ in competition, not being sure who could make what. The answer was that nobody could make very much on this occasion. Gordon began by cashing her three aces and continued with a club to the king. Reus still had a trump to come and that was down two for -200 and 9 IMPs to Canada.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
Pass Pass	1♦ 2♣	Pass Pass	1♠ 2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
INT Pass	Dble Dble	2♥ All Pass	Pass

Indonesia stayed out of the thin game, reasonably enough, with neither partner having any great fit for the other. After a heart lead round to her queen, Safoyan took the club finesse and soon chalked up +150.

The weak no trump was punished at the other table when Reus had sufficient to double and could also double a second time when Korengkeng ran to 2♥x, showing both majors, and Gordon made a forcing pass. Gordon led the king of diamonds to dummy's ace and declarer ducked a club. She came to three trump tricks and two diamonds; three down for -500 and 8 IMPs to Canada.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
Pass Pass Pass	2♥ 3♦ 3NT	1♠ Pass Pass All Pass	Dble 2♠ 3♥

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
Pass	2♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Gordon bid the South hand in normal fashion, doubling then bidding 2NT, raised to game. Riantini had no reason not to lead her partner's suit, but the jack of spades put declarer under no pressure.

Gordon made eleven tricks for +660.

I found Safoyan's sequence of bids a little strange, but the final contract was the same. There was a crucial difference, however, that East was on lead and knew not to lead a spade. Lacroix led a low club to the ace and Bojoh knocked out the ace of diamonds. Lacroix cleared the clubs and Bojoh cashed the diamonds then played king, queen and a third heart. She gave that a few seconds thought but then got it right, rising with the ace to make her contract; +600 but 2 IMPs to Canada, who had closed to 19-28 at the half-way point in the set.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
1♠	All Pass		1♦

Well, would you reopen with the South hand when 1♠ came back around? If partner has some bits and pieces including some of the missing spade length, it may be possible to defeat 1♠ with nothing on your way, while the actual North hand is about the only type that can offer a decent game contract.

That was the way Gordon saw it and she did indeed go plus on defence to 1♠; two down for +100 to Canada. But +100 proved not to be sufficient. Safoyan balanced with INT and Bojoh had an easy raise to game. Safoyan ducked the lead of the ♠K and Cimon switched to ace and another heart. Declarer took the club finesse and ran the suit, coming down to only two diamonds in hand. When Cimon bared the ♦K, Safoyan dropped it for plus one; +430 and 8 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

The pre-emptive double raise pushed Riantini into bidding 4♥ when she would probably have otherwise settled for 3♥. Though the club finesse loses, everything else is all sweetness and light for declarer and Riantini came to eleven tricks for +450; +7 IMPs when Cimon was held to +170 at the other table.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
3♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
	4♣	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
3♦	Pass	Pass	INT
	All Pass		

And there was a third successive swing to Indonesia. Riantini's jump overcall of the weak no trump kept Reus quiet on the

North cards, of course. Declarer got the trumps wrong and there was only one outside trick to come so that was two down for -200.

Safoyan opened 1♣ and Cimon also made the pre-emptive overcall. Now Safoyan made a huge decision for her side when she reopened on her flat 14-count facing a passed partner. Bojoh no doubt expected her to have a little more and jumped to the spade game. Lacroix led her diamond and Cimon played three rounds. Bojoh threw a club on the third diamond and Cimon switched to her club to the queen and ace. Bojoh ran the trumps and the fifth one squeezed Lacroix, who had to come down to three hearts to keep the king of clubs. The ♣J was thrown from dummy and Bojoh made four heart tricks via the finesse and her contract; a great +620 and 9 IMPs to Indonesia. They led by 52-19.

Canada picked up a couple of small swings then this big one:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>	<i>Safoyan</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Riantini</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Korengkeng</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Both declarers won the heart lead with the king, cashed two top spades then played on diamonds. Against Korengkeng, Gordon was allowed to win the second diamond and push a heart through. Though declarer could win, Reus was able to ruff the third diamond and cash a heart for one down; -100.

Cimon played three rounds of diamonds. Safoyan won the third round, cashed the ace of clubs and played a heart through, but this time it was the fourth round of diamonds that North was ruffing and that meant that the heart loser had already disappeared; +620 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

The final score was 52-38 to Indonesia, but unfortunately there was a faulty Board 20 (an otherwise flat board) at one table and it had to be cancelled and both sides awarded +3 IMPs. Indonesia therefore won by 17 IMPs while Canada only lost by 11 IMPs, giving a VP result of 19-13 in favour of Indonesia.

## PROGRAM

# Seniors Bowl

ROUND 10		10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
19	GUADELOUPE	FRANCE
20	ITALY	USA I
21	BAHRAIN	POLAND
22	EGYPT / S. AFRICA	USA II

ROUND 11		14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
19	FRANCE	USA I
20	GUADELOUPE	ITALY
21	EGYPT / S. AFRICA	POLAND
22	BAHRAIN	USA II

ROUND 12		17.20
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
19	FRANCE	USA II
20	ITALY	POLAND
21	USA I	BAHRAIN
22	GUADELOUPE	EGYPT / S. AFRICA

## Seniors Bowl

### Ranking after 9 rounds

1	FRANCE	176
2	USA I	171
3	ITALY	166
4	USA II	140
5	POLAND	135
6	GUADELOUPE	117
7	EGYPT/S.AFRIC	104
8	BAHRAIN	47

## Cellular Phones

The checks on cellular phones and other electronic equipment have been very satisfactory so far: nothing found. Apparently the teams understand the measures taken and accept them.

Further checks will follow.

**Ton Kooijman**  
*Operations Director*



The 2002 World Championships will take place in Montreal, Canada in August 2002, the event will be held at two of Montreal's finest hotels, **The Fairmont Queen Elizabeth** and **The Montreal Bonaventure Hilton**.

All the Can-Am Regional events will be at the Bonaventure Hilton, and most World Championship events will be at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, although some sections will be placed in the Bonaventure Hilton depending on numbers.

This great Championship is open to bridge players from all over the world.

It will give you a unique opportunity to mix with and perhaps play against the greatest players in the world while at the same time enjoying all the delights of the great city of Montreal.

Downtown, where the Championships will be held, is both the heart of Montreal and one of the most vibrant, cosmopolitan areas of the city. Amid the modern buildings reflecting the gracious Victorian architecture, a number of the city's most splendid buildings and churches call out to be explored. Countless art and theme museums and charming green spaces dot the area and fabulous shopping is only footsteps away in the Museum district. Throughout the year, and particularly in summertime, downtown resonates with captivating festivals that draw out the spontaneity of Montrealers and visitors alike, and the World Film Festival will be staged in the city during the second week of the Championships.

A great deal of information about Montreal and the surrounding area can be found at [www.tourism-montreal.org](http://www.tourism-montreal.org).

## HOW TO ENTER

In order to enter any of the events in the main Championships (not the Can-Am Regional) you will need to register in advance with your National Bridge Organisation (NBO), and they will then make the official nomination to the World Bridge Federation.

There is no quota on the number of pairs and teams each NBO may nominate to play in the Championships.

**Registration** for all Teams and Pairs events other than the Can-Am Regional, must be submitted for the approval of the Credentials Committee, **before the end of May**, in writing to:

World Bridge Federation

40, rue François 1er - Paris (France)

Fax +33 1 40 70 14 51

Email: [cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)

## ENTRY FEES

	US\$
Mixed Pairs	240
Open and Ladies Pairs	400
Players not qualifying for the Semi Finals may play free of charge in Zonal Pairs	
Pairs qualifying for the Final (21/2 days):	80
Rosenblum and McConnell Teams	800
<i>players are guaranteed to play at least 5 days</i>	
Senior Teams	640
Senior Pairs	320
IMP Pairs	
<i>(players who participated in the Open &amp; Ladies Pairs pay 50%)</i>	160
Juniors in Junior World Championship events	free
Can-Am Regional (per player/per Session)	10

## PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

Contestants should note that all entrance fees are to be paid on site in US dollars or Canadian dollars and may be paid in cash or travellers cheques

## Flights, Hotels and Reservations

Air Canada is the official carrier for the Championships, and a limited number of seats are available for flights outside North America at between 15% and 20% discount (please quote Convention N° CV 664436).

Hotel reservations must be made through the 2002 World Bridge Championship Housing Bureau:  
Tel: 1 514 844 0848  
Fax: 1 514 844 6771  
Email: [reservation@tourisme-montreal.org](mailto:reservation@tourisme-montreal.org)

Please note that the number of rooms at the venue hotels is limited and **you are advised to book early** if you wish to stay in either of the venue hotels.

Prices are shown in US\$ at the current rate of exchange (Can\$ 1.55 to US\$ 1) and are per room, per night, based on two people sharing.

The actual hotel charges may therefore vary depending on the rate of exchange in effect at the time, since they will be payable in Canadian Dollars.

All rates are subject to 7% Canadian tax, 7.5% Quebec tax and a \$2 per room per night hotel tax. (At the present time the 7% rate is refundable to non-Canadian visitors).



### World Championship Schedule of Play

16 August	Invitation Par Contest		Opening Ceremony	
17 August	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1/2			
18 August	Mixed Pairs: 3rd qualifying session & 1st Final & Zonal sessions	Zonal Mixed Pairs		
19 August	Mixed Pairs 2nd & 3rd Sessions Final			
20 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Teams	
21 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Teams	
22 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Pairs	
23 August	Rosenblum (64) / McConnell (32)	Zonal Teams	Juniors Pairs	Seniors Teams
24 August	Rosenblum (32) / McConnell (16)	Zonal Teams	Juniors Individual	Seniors Teams
25 August	Rosenblum (16) / McConnell (8)	Pairs Qualifying		Seniors Teams
26 August	Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4)	Pairs Qualifying		Seniors Teams
27 August	Rosenblum (4) / McConnell (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Seniors Pairs
28 August	Rosenblum (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Seniors Pairs
29 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs	Seniors Pairs
30 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs	Seniors Pairs
31 August		Pairs - Final (one session)	Closing Ceremony	

The **Can-Am Regional** will run throughout the Championships, starting on the evening of 16 August and continuing until the evening of 02 September. There will be pairs and teams events during the morning, afternoon and evening each day, open to all bridge players. WBF Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the WBF Master Point Plan, and ACBL Master Points will also be awarded.

Hotels	Walking Distance (minutes)	Standard Rooms	Executive Deluxe Rooms	Gold Cut off (concierge) rooms Suites	date for reservations
<b>2002</b>					
<b>Host Hotels</b>					
<b>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel</b> 900 Rene Levesque Bl. W	0	112	125	151 From 190	15-Jul
<b>Montreal Bonaventure Hilton</b> 1 Place Bonaventure	0	137	172	From 290	15-Jul
<b>Nearby Hotels</b>					
<b>Chateau Royal Hotel Suites</b> 1420 Crescent Street (apartment style hotel)	9	87 122 (quad - 2 bedrooms)			01-Jul
<b>Day's Inn</b> 1005 Guy St (10th night free)	10	77 83 (triple) 90 (quad)			15-Jul
<b>Hotel du Fort</b> 1390 Fort Street (possible complimentary taxi)	15	103	120		15-May
<b>Le Cantlie</b> (1110 Sherbrooke St W)	8	107			15-May
<b>Le Nouvel</b> 1740 Rene Levesque Blvd W	12	100			15-May
<b>Novotel</b> 1180 Mountain St	6	103 113 (triple) 122 (quad)			02-Jul

For full and up to date information, please consult the WBF website at [www.bridge.gr](http://www.bridge.gr)

ROUND 8

Venice Cup

By Tony Gordon (England)



USA II v England



England were third and USA II were seventh going into this match. The boards were fairly dull, but USA II lost their way and suffered a heavy defeat.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Quinn	Dhondy	Breed	Smith
	1♦	Dble	1♠
INT	Dble	All Pass	

It seems surprising that Mildred Breed did not show her heart suit during the bidding and Shawn Quinn's INT could have been defeated by three tricks, however, after the ♠Q lead she escaped for two down, which would be a good result if her teammates reached game at the other table.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Goldenfield	Jackson	Brunner	Hamman
	INT	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Majors

However, Joan Jackson and Petra Hamman stopped in 3♦ and made eleven tricks after the lead of the ♠K; +150 to USA II, but 4 IMPs to England.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Goldenfield	Jackson	Brunner	Hamman
2NT	Pass	4♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Mild slam try

<sup>(2)</sup> 0/3 key cards

Rhona Goldenfield and Michelle Brunner stopped safely in 5♥ and duly scored +650.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Quinn	Dhondy	Breed	Smith
2NT	Pass	3♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Transfer

<sup>(2)</sup> 0/3 key cards

In the other room, USA II seemed headed for the same safe haven, but Quinn carried on over 5♥, presumably expecting her partner to have at least one key card. Heather Dhondy began with the ♦A and when Nicola Smith followed with a suit-preference ♦J she continued with a spade to her partner's ace. Minus100 meant 13 IMPs to England who led 25-1 at this point.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Goldenfield	Jackson	Brunner	Hamman
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Goldenfield followed her partnership's strongest route to 3♥, but Brunner could not envisage game facing a passed partner and passed 3♥. Declarer made eleven tricks, losing a spade and the ♣K, for +200 to England.





Heather Dhondy, England

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Quinn	Dhondy	Breed	Smith
Pass	1♠	Dble	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

A familiar scenario unfolded in the other room where the extra level of pre-emption pushed the opponents into a contract they might not have reached under their own steam. Smith false-carded with the ♥9 on the first round of trumps, so Quinn lost a trump trick when she subsequently tried to pin the ♥10, but she still scored +420 and USA II gained a much-needed 6 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Goldenfield	Jackson	Brunner	Hamman
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♠
	2NT	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Transfer

It seems dubious to pass 2NT with the South hand, and Goldenfield's silence in the auction was rewarded when she was able to cash her seven diamond tricks against 2NT for +200 to England.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Quinn	Dhondy	Breed	Smith
	Pass	Pass	INT
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The defence began with three rounds of diamonds against Dhondy's 4♠, and declarer discarded a club from hand on the third round. Declarer's prospects were not promising, but she would doubtless have made the contract by squeezing East in hearts and clubs, so although Quinn made her task easier by continuing with a fourth diamond, this did not materially affect the outcome; +620 and 13 IMPs to England who now led 49-12.

Both teams reached the good 6♦ on Board 18, and both declarers successfully located the ♣J to bring home the contract.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Quinn	Dhondy	Breed	Smith
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Goldenfield	Jackson	Brunner	Hamman
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With both pointed suits breaking 3-2 there is nothing to the play as long as declarer is careful to win an opening heart lead in hand, and both declarers duly made ten tricks. However, that was another 10 IMPs to England who won the match by 59-17 IMPs, 24-6 VPs, and were now in second place just 5 VPs behind France.

## 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. He will be in the Press Room tomorrow, Saturday, at 13.00.

# Echos du Stade

Par Guy Dupont

## La finale en direct et en vidéo

Le site Internet de la FFB [www.ffbridge.asso.fr](http://www.ffbridge.asso.fr) permet de voir " en images " quelques moments des championnats, interviews des participants ou donnes commentées. Ainsi peut-on voir, notamment, deux champions sud-américains, le Brésilien le plus expérimenté, Gabriel Chagas, interrogeant le benjamin de l'épreuve, l'Argentin Augustin Madala (14 ans).

Mais le clou sera la diffusion en direct de la finale de la Bermuda Bowl, les 1er, 2 et 3 novembre, avec les images en vidéo des protagonistes, à la table.

## Le coin du bois

Quand vous avez une couleur septième commandée par As-Roi-Valet-10, mieux vaut parfois la passer sous silence et attendre le bon moment pour surgir du coin du bois. Exemple, sous les projecteurs du rama, au 8ème tour de la Bermuda Bowl, dans le match Etats-Unis /Russie:

Donne 13, Nord donneur, tous vulnérables.

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Petrunin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
Passe	Passe	Passe	1 SA
Passe	2 ♥	Contre	2 ♠
(Fin)	3 ♠	Passe	3 SA

Passe est, dit-on, l'enchère la plus difficile du bridge, et ils ne sont pas si nombreux les joueurs, en Ouest, comme Petrunin, à avoir su tenir leur langue, alors qu'ils ont eu par deux fois l'occasion de placer leurs Carreaux. Toutefois, quelle récompense quand l'adversaire évite la manche à la couleur pour demander celle à Sans-atout ! Encore ne faut-il pas la gâcher, et poser un gros honneur à Carreau sur la table, comme le fit le Russe, avant d'encaisser goulûment sept levées. Moins 3 : 300.

A vous décourager d'avoir réussi ce coup du coin du bois : même score dans l'autre salle !

Le jeu de la carte est, certes, plus intéressant pour le déclarant au contrat de 4 ♠, comme nous l'a fait remarquer Jean-Louis Stoppa. Comment jouez-vous, après As-Roi et Valet de Carreau ?

Pas question de couper. Défaussez plutôt un Trèfle sur le Valet de Carreau. L'opération a pour effet de réduire le compte, ce qu'Est va trouver très indigeste. Vous pourrez ensuite donner cinq tours d'atout, après avoir débloqué l'As de Trèfle en coup de Vienne (le flanc aura, au besoin, contre-attaqué à Trèfle, à la quatrième levée), et encaissé l'As de Cœur. A quatre cartes de la fin, avec ♠ 6 ♥ 7 3 ♣ 6 au mort et ♥ R V 8 ♣ V en Sud, Est aban-

donne la partie quand vous avancez le 6 de Pique, contraint de se réduire à la Dame de Cœur seconde (et vous réussirez l'im-passe), ou d'abandonner sa garde à Trèfle.

On a quand même vu quelques chutes à 4 ♠...

## Noyer le poisson

Vous êtes dans le 10ème tour de la Venice Cup, dans le match Afrique du Sud/France, face à un contrat pour le moins délicat, à la place de Bénédicte Cronier en Nord:

Donne 15, Sud donneur, Nord-Sud vulnérables

	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S			
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ R 10 7 3 ♥ DV ♦ R 4 ♣ A D 10 7 6</p>											
	<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A D 6 2 ♣ R V 4 2</p>											
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud									
	<i>Cronier</i>		<i>Willard</i>									
Passe	1 SA	Passe	3 SA									
(Fin)												

Est entame du Valet de Trèfle. Comment jouez-vous ?

Il est probable, que, même si le Roi de Pique est placé, la défense ne vous donnera pas l'occasion de profiter de l'affranchissement de ce Roi, qu'elle va l'encaisser au plus tôt et se ruer sur les Cœurs. Faut-il alors commencer par encaisser cinq tours de Trèfle, en espérant que l'adversaire va se dégarnir (suffisamment) à Cœur. Peu probable. Ceux qui ont opté pour cette solution ne s'en sont généralement pas relevés.

Quitte à noyer le poisson, Bénédicte opta pour une méthode plus radicale: le coup de bluff. Elle prit l'entame de l'As de Carreau et joua aussitôt Cœur pour le Valet... qui fit la levée. La neuvième. Pas plus compliqué.

	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S			
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ R 10 7 3 ♥ DV ♦ R 4 ♣ A D 10 7 6</p>											
	<p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ R 10 4 3 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 9 8 3</p>		<p>♠ A D V ♥ A 9 7 5 ♦ V 10 8 7 5 ♣ 5</p>									
	<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A D 6 2 ♣ R V 4 2</p>											

Il ne furent pas nombreux, sur la donne, à marquer dans leur colonne, en Nord-Sud.

## The WBF Press Conference

11 a.m. 25th October, Stade de France, Paris

Mr. Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, introduced members at the head table, including Mr. Marc Hodler, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Jaime Ortiz-Patino, President Emeritus of the WBF, and members of the WBF Executive Council. Mr. Damiani reported on some of the problems involved in relocating the championships from Bali to Paris. He then introduced the Video "Bridge is a True Sport", created for the presentation to the European Olympic Committee. The meeting was then thrown open to the Press for questions.

Jan van Cleeff (Dutch Press): Three questions for Mr. Damiani. Congratulations for successfully creating the event in Paris at such short notice, but how is the relationship between the WBF and the Indonesia Bridge Federation? What news of the event in Salt Lake City? Any news on the matter of drugs?

JD: When we switched from Bali to Paris only one country did not come to Paris, Pakistan, and that was for very understandable reasons. Indonesia could easily have taken the attitude that if we would not come to their country why should they travel to mine. But, to their great credit, they did not and are here. We have maintained an excellent relationship with them. Who knows what the next two years will bring, but it is our current intention to have the events intended for Bali there in two years time.

In Salt Lake City there will be 8 Men's teams, 8 Women's teams, and 4 Junior teams.

We are continuing the drugs tests that have now been performed in Bermuda, Maastricht and Rio.

Patrick Jourdain (London Daily Telegraph, 2 million readers), for Mr. Damiani: Did any player fail the drug tests in Maastricht? JD: We do not have to publish the results of the tests, but I can tell you that no player tested in Maastricht failed, and no player tested at the World Junior Championships in Rio failed.

Patrick Jourdain for Mr. Hodler: Regarding the attitude of the new President of the IOC, Jacques Rogge, towards bridge and chess, has he made any public commitment?

Mr. Hodler: We have made good progress. When I first proposed bridge as a sport Mr. Rogge opposed the motion. Now he has publicly accepted bridge as a sport, and has supported the arrangements we have made for Salt Lake City. The bridge event there will be at the same time as the IOC General Assembly meets, and I expect Mr. Rogge to see for himself that bridge is worthy to be included in the Olympic Games. We still face prejudice that card games are a matter of luck of the deal rather than true tests of skill, as is obvious with chess.

Patrick Jourdain for Mr. Rona, President of the European Bridge League: Regarding the matter of the Spanish Bridge Federation not paying the money it owed for the European Championships in Tenerife, how much money is still owed and does

the Federation still face suspension?

Mr. Rona: At a meeting with the Federation in August in Madrid, in the presence of a representative of the Spanish Government's Ministry of Sport and Culture, the matter was resolved. The Spanish BF has already paid more than half the amount owing, and has signed a contract to pay the balance due within the next two years. The EBL has therefore revoked the threat of suspension.

Jean-Paul Meyer (Paris Express): How many people were needed to arrange the Championships here in Paris at such short notice?

JD: We have had very little sleep over the last three weeks, but the Championships started on time last Monday morning. I am

pleased with the rates we negotiated at the Hotel Concorde La Fayette where we will be playing next week. As to the many staff who have worked hard to create the Championships, you will find their names in the Championship Brochure.

Maureen Dennison (Secretary, IBPA and reporter, various bridge magazines) How will the teams be chosen for Salt Lake City?

JD: We are making a decision at the end of these Championships, and have in mind how it will be done.

Mark Horton (Bridge Magazine, and the Daily News here, 20 million readers, Patrick!) What about Turin in 2006. If bridge gets in, will it be open to every Federation, and if not will there be a Zonal qualification?

Mr. Hodler: All sports are restricted in the numbers permitted at the Games, whether Summer or Winter, and bridge will be no exception.

JD: It would be impossible to hold an event the size of our Olympiad at an Olympic Games. We expect a severe restriction in numbers. We are likely to use an existing World Bridge Championship as the qualifying event to have an invitation to the Olympic Games. We are looking into this question at the moment.

There being no more questions, Mr. Damiani declared the Press Conference closed and invited the Press to join them for a drink.



20,000,000 and one readers!

**BUTLER RANKING AFTER 11 ROUNDS**

**Bermuda Bowl**

Pair	Country	IMPs/B
1 BILSKI George BROWN Terry	AUSTRALIA	+1.362 60
2 HAMMAN Bob SOLOWAY Paul	USA 1	+0.784 140
3 BALICKY Cezary ZMUDZINSKI A.	POLAND	+0.709 160
4 BOCCHI Norbert DUBOIN Giorgio	ITALY	+0.694 180
5 LASUT Henky MANOPPO Eddy	INDONESIA	+0.568 180
6 MARTEL Chip STANSBY Lew	USA 2	+0.561 180
7 SONTAG Alan WEICHSEL Peter	USA 2	+0.558 160
8 NAGUIB Sherif SADEK Ashraf	EGYPT	+0.526 140
9 HAYASHI N. MAEDA Takashi	JAPAN	+0.516 140
10 GROETHEIM Glen AA Terje	NORWAY	+0.446 140
11 DALAL Rajesh GUPTA Subhash	INDIA	+0.346 140
12 MARTENS K. LESNIEWSKI Ma.	POLAND	+0.337 140
13 MADALA Ag. RAVENNA Pablo	ARGENTINA	+0.333 160
14 HELGEMO Geir HELNESS Tor	NORWAY	+0.253 140
15 KWIECEN Michal PSZCZOLA Jacek	POLAND	+0.224 140
16 BROGELAND Boye SAELENSMINDE E	NORWAY	+0.197 160
17 FREEMAN Dick NICKELL Nick	USA 1	+0.185 120
18 GROMOV Andrei PETROUNINE AI.	RUSSIA	+0.179 140
19 FIGUEIREDO M. CAMPOS P.Joao	BRAZIL	+0.158 120
20 KHOLOMEEV V. ZLOTOV Dmitri	RUSSIA	+0.151 160
21 QUANTIN J.C. MULTON F.	FRANCE	+0.067 180
22 LARSEN Kyle MELTZER Rose	USA 2	+0.055 100
23 MECKSTROTH J. RODWELL Eric	USA 1	+0.053 180
24 MOERS Jeanine BOUVERESSE JP.	GUADELOUPE	+0.049 140
25 PALAU J.J. ALLEGRI P.	FRANCE	+0.049 100
26 LAURIA Lorenzo VERSACE Alfred	ITALY	+0.029 160
27 SHIMIZU Seiya TAKANO Hideki	JAPAN	+0.026 140
28 EL KOURDY A. SALIB Samir	EGYPT	+0.024 140
29 CHAGAS Gabriel BRENNER Diego	BRAZIL	+0.014 200
30 EL AHAMADI W. SADEK Tarek	EGYPT	-0.021 160
31 PANELEWEN S. TOBING Robert	INDONESIA	-0.098 60
32 BROWN Terry GUE Phillip	AUSTRALIA	-0.120 100
33 CORNELL Mich. MAYER Malcolm	NEW ZEALAN	-0.132 160
34 MUZZIO Ernesto VILLEGAS M.	ARGENTINA	-0.139 160
35 YADLIN Doron YADLIN Israel	ISRAEL	-0.154 160
36 HERBST Ilan HERBST Ofir	ISRAEL	-0.164 180
37 DUBININ Alex. KRASNOSELSKI	RUSSIA	-0.176 140
38 NADAR Kiran SATYANARAIN B.	INDIA	-0.198 160
39 PRABHAKAR VENKATARAMAN K	INDIA	-0.204 140
40 ABECASSIS M. SOULET Ph.	FRANCE	-0.212 160
41 PRESCOTT Mich. FORDHAM Peter	AUSTRALIA	-0.265 180
42 DE FALCO Dano FERRARO Guido	ITALY	-0.266 100
43 KARWUR Franky SACUL Denny	INDONESIA	-0.277 200
44 BRANCO Marc. VILLAS-BOAS M.	BRAZIL	-0.283 120
45 BILSKI George NOBLE Barry	AUSTRALIA	-0.323 60
46 BLACKSTOCK S. HENRY Stephen	NEW ZEALAN	-0.336 140
47 AVIRAM Yoram BAREL Michael	ISRAEL	-0.419 100
48 AGUIRRE Cr. ESTEVARENA J.	ARGENTINA	-0.435 120
49 HANAYAMA T. HIRATA Makato	JAPAN	-0.481 160
50 KEMPCZYNSKI A. PELLETIER JC.	GUADELOUPE	-0.561 140
51 LAI Dicky ZEN Derek	HONG KONG	-0.585 140
52 NOBLE Barry BROWN Terry	AUSTRALIA	-0.720 20
53 LEBLONDET P. VERON Daniel	GUADELOUPE	-0.732 160
54 CHOY K.I. NG Thomas	HONG KONG	-0.739 160
55 LAU Lauwrence SZE Alan	HONG KONG	-0.755 140
56 ACKERLEY David SMITH Scott	NEW ZEALAN	-0.898 140
57 BILSKI George GUE Phillip	AUSTRALIA	-2.055 20

**Venice Cup**

Pair	Country	IMPs/B
1 CRONIER B. WILLARD S.	FRANCE	+0.924 160
2 AUKEN Sabine VON ARNIM D.	GERMANY	+0.879 180
3 BESSIS V. D'OVIDIO C.	FRANCE	+0.806 140
4 BROCK Sally COURTNEY M.	ENGLAND	+0.675 140
5 JIAN Wang ZHEN Zhi	CHINA	+0.655 140
6 FISCHER Doris WEIGKRICHT T.	AUSTRIA	+0.598 180
7 ERHART Maria SMEDEREVAC J.	AUSTRIA	+0.568 40
8 DHONDY Heather SMITH Nicola	ENGLAND	+0.544 160
9 MEYERS Jill MONTIN Randi	USA 1	+0.523 160
10 YANHUI Sun YANHONG Wang	CHINA	+0.505 160
11 FISHPOOL C. HUGON E.	FRANCE	+0.503 140
12 ERHART Maria TERRANEO S.	AUSTRIA	+0.455 120
13 BAKER Lynn LEVITINA Irina	USA 1	+0.425 100
14 ARRIGONI G. OLIVIERI G.	ITALY	+0.370 160
15 McCALLUM Karen SANBORN Kerri	USA 1	+0.355 160
16 BRUNNER M. GOLDENFIELD R.	ENGLAND	+0.297 140
17 WENFEI Wang YU Zhang	CHINA	+0.278 140
18 HAMMAN Petra JACKSON Joan	USA 2	+0.270 140
19 ASSUMPCAO A.M. NOGUEIRA H.	BRAZIL	+0.233 140
20 FIHRER Joan SWARTZ Ch.	SOUTH AFRI	+0.205 120
21 ADRAIN Di HULETT Margie	SOUTH AFRI	+0.184 140
22 VAN DER PAS M. VRIEND Bep	NETHERLAND	+0.183 140
23 GORDON Dianna REUS Sharyn	CANADA	+0.153 160
24 CAMPANILE Z. POPLIOV D.	ISRAEL	+0.152 200
25 DEMME Ina THORPE C.	CANADA	+0.142 120
26 O.BOJOH Lusje SOFYAN Elita	INDONESIA	+0.123 220
27 MELECH H. NAVEH N.	ISRAEL	+0.121 120
28 DORIA Lucia AMARAL Marina	BRAZIL	+0.056 160
29 SHIMAMURA K. FUKUDA Shoko	JAPAN	+0.007 180
30 MANSELL Petra MODLIN Merle	SOUTH AFRI	+0.001 180
31 PAMMAN Jet SIMONS Anneke	NETHERLAND	-0.039 160
32 FERLAZZO C. MANARA G.	ITALY	-0.058 120
33 KLAR Robin SCHULLE Kay	USA 2	-0.078 160
34 FISCHER Doris TERRANEO S.	AUSTRIA	-0.080 20
35 SETOGUCHI N. OTA Hiroko	JAPAN	-0.086 120
36 HOOGWEG Femke VANZWOL W.	NETHERLAND	-0.121 140
37 CORMACK Jan MOIR Deborah	AUSTRALIA	-0.178 180
38 NEHMERT Beate RAUSCHHEID A.	GERMANY	-0.196 140
39 REDERMEIER A. SMEDEREVAC J.	AUSTRIA	-0.201 80
40 DE LUCCHI F. ROSETTA A.	ITALY	-0.204 160
41 BERNAZZANI M. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-0.205 80
42 BIRMAN D. LIEBERMAN R.	ISRAEL	-0.228 120
43 CHADWICK M. CLARK Alida	AUSTRALIA	-0.234 120
44 KARMARKAR M. SINGAPURIN Y.	INDIA	-0.319 160
45 BREED Mildred QUINN Shawn	USA 2	-0.325 140
46 FARWIG Katrin HACKETT B.	GERMANY	-0.349 120
47 CIMON Fr. LACROIX M.	CANADA	-0.414 160
48 MANDOWSKY T. TAGLIAVIA M.	VENEZUELA	-0.481 140
49 DEWI S.A. WAHYU Chrisina	INDONESIA	-0.518 120
50 HAYASHI Makiko YAMADA Yuko	JAPAN	-0.566 140
51 MANDOWSKY T. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-0.585 40
52 LEVITINA Irina SANBORN Kerri	USA 1	-0.680 20
53 HAVAS Elizab. TRAVIS B.	AUSTRALIA	-0.700 140
54 HIRSCHHAUT F. TACHE Nina	VENEZUELA	-0.885 160
55 LAKHANI Geeta RAYTHATHA A.	INDIA	-0.889 140
56 MANDELLOT A. PAIM Leda	BRAZIL	-1.171 140
57 CHOTHIA Feroza SICKA Bimal	INDIA	-1.245 140
58 HIRSCHHAUT F. PACHECO M.	VENEZUELA	-1.760 20
59 KORENGKENG I. RIANTINI	INDONESIA	-1.989 100