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THE TIME LORDS



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Front: Bénédicte Cronier, Massimo Ortensi, Emanuela Lavazza, Norberto Bocchi, Sylvie Willard, Giorgio Duboin,
winners of the 1st Yeh Online Bridge World Cup*

After three thrilling days of around the clock play which involved the live streaming of images across the Internet from all corners of the globe and live transmissions by BBO and OurGame with voice and written commentary by the world's best analysts it was Lavazza who emerged triumphant in the Yeh Online Bridge World Cup. Maria Teresa Lavazza, Norberto Bocchi, Emanuela Lavazza, Bénédicte Cronier, Giorgio Duboin, Agustin Madala & Sylvie Willard have added another title to their already amazing collection.



I'M EXHAUSTED... THANK YOU

José Damiani, Chairman

The end ??

Oh no ! This is far from the end, it is the beginning of a new chapter in the great history of Bridge.

Let's have a "flashback" over the past days, as if we were making a movie.

The concept of the Yeh Online Bridge World Cup was to showcase bridge as a modern game , pure, using all the technology available to promote a dynamic image, and attract as much media attention as possible.

And there can be no doubt that we succeeded in our aim, thanks to the participation of our VIPs. Yes we are fully aware that we can improve on the communication aspects, but innovation means finding our way and learning for the future.

Imagination, ideas, concepts are worth nothing if they are not supported by the right actors and personnel. And on that score I was totally amazed by the dedication of all the people involved in the organisation. They worked day and night, forgetting about eating or sleeping, just because on the other side of the world there was another team awake and needing responses and support.

On our website you will find the list of this wonderful team and I want to thank them so so much for all that they did.

And our Champions - the players who took part in this challenging event. How do I find a way to thank them ? They took up the challenge, faced the inevitable constraints and differences in playing such a new event, happy to be part of this world first. I cannot find the words to express my gratitude to them.

On the site you will find their photographs and biographies and you can watch the games on the different platforms - YouTube or Web TV.

Each venue provided great interest and there was some great bridge played - and I am sure some mistakes made with some of the hands. I must mention the Beijing heat, where two teams were playing in an amazing setup created and supported by OurGame and where our partner, Mr Chen Yeh was welcomed.

It now remains to see the stats, the media return and hear the comments from the players and spectators.

Have no doubt that we will listen, learn and look to the future to improve and carry these ideas forward.

And for now to all you took part, please take some well earned rest and sleep. Thank you all, thank you for your support, your dedication and for being part of the first Yeh Bridge Online World Cup.





CAROUSEL

Mark Horton

Carousel was the second musical by the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The 1945 work was adapted from Ferenc Molnár's 1909 play *Liliom*, transplanting its Budapest setting to the Maine coastline. The story revolves around carousel barker Billy Bigelow, whose romance with millworker Julie Jordan comes at the price of both their jobs. He attempts a robbery to provide for Julie and their unborn child; after it goes wrong, he is given a chance to make things right. One of the songs from the show contains the line: 'I'd let my golden chances pass me by.'

In the first half of the match between Yeh and Lavazza both sides were given the chance to shine:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	E. Lavazza	Z. Ya-lan
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It was tough for North to raise to 4♥ - but on this layout declarer would have had an easy task.

Against 3NT East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won in dummy and played a club. West went in with the ace and played a diamond giving the defenders the five tricks they needed, +50.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shih Juei Yu	Duboin	Wang Ping	Willard
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West led the two of spades and declarer went up with dummy's queen, playing a heart to the queen when it held. He could draw trumps and play on clubs, taking eleven tricks, +200 and 6 IMPs for Lavazza.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	E. Lavazza	Z. Ya-lan
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Dble
4NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
5♥	Dble	6♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

No doubt there is a logical explanation for West's decision to bid 5♥ over 5♣, but I will have to wait until I next see Norberto to discover it.

However, 6♣ was by no means certain to fail (there is one lead that is sure to beat it - see if you can spot it!).

South led the king of spades and declarer won perforce in dummy, came to hand with a diamond and ran the jack of spades pitching a heart. She continued with the ten of spades, deciding to ruff it with dummy's

four of clubs and then played the nine of clubs, North following with the six.

If declarer lets the nine of clubs run she can then ruff a heart, overtake the queen of diamonds and play the ace of diamonds. North is helpless. If he ruffs, declarer overruffs and plays two rounds of trumps, forcing North to lead into the heart tenace. Discarding does not help, as declarer throws a spade, then repeats the procedure by pitching a spade on the ace of hearts, North scoring only one trump trick.

Unfortunately declarer overtook the nine of clubs and now the 4-1 trump break meant she had to go one down.

Have you worked out the winning lead?

South must start with a trump, which leaves declarer a trick short.

If South leads a diamond or a heart declarer can play to reduce her trumps by cross ruffing.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shih Juei Yu Duboin	Wang Ping Willard		
1♣*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the nine of spades and declarer won with the ace and played the nine of clubs to the jack. When that held it was natural to continue with the ace, but it proved to be fatal. South pitched the three of spades and declarer continued with a club to North's ten. A spade to South's queen was followed by the five of hearts and when the queen lost to the king South's king of spades was the setting trick.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	E. Lavazza	Z. Ya-lan
—	—	1♠	2♠*
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ Hearts and a minor

I confess that once partner has volunteered 5♣ I might not be able to resist the temptation to bid 6♣ with the South hand. If your partner is a Rabbi you can be confident he will not lose a trump trick!

There were three aces to lose, one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shih Juei Yu Duboin	Wang Ping Willard		
—	—	1♠	2♠*
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ Hearts and a minor

Five Diamonds was designed to help partner if the opponents bid on to 6♣.

There was no swing.



WANG PING



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

king and continued with the ace, which declarer ruffed with the ten of spades. He fatally played the jack of diamonds to dummy's ace and South ruffed and exited with a spade. Declarer could pick up the trumps, but had to lose a heart for one down.

If declarer crosses to dummy with a heart he can then run the eight (or queen) of spades and has the eleven tricks he needs.

Here is something for you to consider as North.

Should you have led a diamond at trick one?

I'm sure you would have done that if partner had doubled 5♠, wouldn't you?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Chen Yeh</i>	<i>E. Lavazza</i>	<i>Z. Ya-lan</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT	4♣
4♦	5♣	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shih Juei Yu</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang Ping</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣*	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

North led the four of clubs and South won with the

West led the king of diamonds and declarer ruffed and cross ruffed spades and diamond s before playing a heart to the king for +550.



GIORGIO DUBOIN




PREEMPTIVE STRIKES

Mark Horton

Everyone knows that a preempt is capable of causing havoc at the bridge table - to both sides. (If you want to find out more about this fascinating topic I can recommend *Step-by-Step Pre-Empts* by Alan Mould.) At the start of the second half of the match between Yeh and Lavazza the preempts came thick and fast.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Chen Yeh	Cronier	Zhang Ya-lan
—	3♦	Dble	All Pass

There was not much wrong with North's 3♦, but it was harshly dealt with. East started with her top clubs and declarer ruffed the third round and played a heart. East took the ace and returned a heart, West (who had pitched a heart on the third club) ruffing and returning a spade. East won with the queen and gave her partner another heart ruff. He exited with a spade and was sure to score two more trump tricks, +800.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Shih Juei Yu Duboin		Wang Ping Willard	
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 1♣ Precision Club
- 4♥ Cue bid

South led the six of hearts and declarer allowed

North's king to hold, finishing two down to give Lavazza 14 IMPs. Lovers of Opera will know the soprano was warming up.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Chen Yeh	Cronier	Zhang Ya-lan
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the king of clubs and having won with dummy's ace declarer cashed the ace of spades, West pitching the jack of hearts and continued with the queen. East won with the king and returned the four of clubs (she had carefully followed to the first trick with the nine) and West took his tricks for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shih Juei Yu Duboin		Wang Ping Willard	
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

- 5♣ Cue bid
- 5♦ Cue bid

West led the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace. Declarer played dummy's queen of



spades and East won with the king, West's discard of the eight of clubs revealing the break. She returned a spade and declarer won with dummy's ten, played three rounds of diamonds, East ruffing with the eight of spades, declarer overruffing with the jack, ruffing a club, ruffing a diamond and exiting with a trump - two down, -200.

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a diamond and played the ten of spades. West won with the jack and when East discarded the seven of clubs he switched to the four of hearts. East won with the king and returned a heart and declarer was hopelessly placed finishing three down, -500.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Chen Yeh</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Zhang Ya-lan</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♣	2♥
Dble*	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shih Juei Yu</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang Ping</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	—	—	3♠
3NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

There may have been some confusion about the meaning of East's 4♥.

North led the five of spades and declarer won with the queen, pitching the three of hearts from dummy and played off his top clubs. South ruffed and could now have played a heart to ensure four down, but her actual choice of the ten of spades was still good enough for a big penalty - North ruffed with the four of diamonds and declarer overruffed with dummy's eight and pitched a heart on the ace of clubs, but there was no way to avoid three down and -800.

The Soprano was already in full voice as Lavazza marched towards the title.



WANG PING