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LAVAZZA ON THE RIGHT TRACK



Gianarrigo Rona WBF President (with the Lavazza team) during his visit in Turin

In the Yeh Online Bridge World Cup with two matches to play Lavazza team (Maria Teresa Lavazza, Norberto Bocchi, Emanuela Calandra, Benedicte Cronier, Giorgio Duboin, Agustin Madala, Sylvie Willard) is in commanding position. They have a 8 VPs advantage over CCBA (only one match to play) with YEH team 21 VPs behind.

Disappointing BBo team are about to finish in fourth position.

Today Gianarrigo Rona pays a visit in Turin at the Lavazza Innovation Center, showing how important this event is for the World Bridge Federation who promotes together with José Damiani "Bridge for Peace".

Media coverage goes on with reporting on the Italian National television channels RAI 3 and articles on the main newspapers in Italy and around the world.



TRIUMPH AND DISASTER

Mark Horton

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 And treat those two impostors just the same
 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
 And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!
 Rudyard Kipling

The final session of the match between BBO and Lavazza was a source of both pleasure and pain - depending on where you were sitting.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Hamman	Cronier	Meyers
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

4♠ Cue bid
 5♦ Cue bid
 5NT Pick a slam

Keeping things simple the Lavazza team are all employing the World Bridge Federations Standard Card: <http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/files/2016YehOnlineWorldCup/Lavazza%20Team/WBF%20Standard%20Card%202016%20-%20Lavazza%20team.pdf>

South led a club and declarer took North's queen with the ace, crossed to dummy with a heart, ruffed a diamond, went back to dummy with a heart and ruffed another diamond. She went to dummy for a third

time with a spade, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Duboin	Winestock	Willard
1♣*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1♣ Precision Club
 2♣ 5+♣, 12+
 4♦ Cue bid for hearts

West intended his 4♦ to be a cue bid agreeing hearts, but revealed that this was un discussed. It appeared to the commentators that there was some danger of 7♥ being reached, a contract that could not be made on this layout, but when East eventually selected 6NT it became clear that the message that 4♦ had intended to convey had not been received.

Declarer won the lead of the jack of spades with dummy's king, played a heart to the king and a club to the jack and king. He won the return and played a second club, settling for one off - no doubt hoping that there might have been an accident in the other room.

It cost BBO 17 IMPs.



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JILL MEYERS



Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠	K Q 9 4 2
♥	10 7 5 4
♦	10 2
♣	K 4

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Hamman	Cronier	Meyers
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble*	3♠
Dble*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Double Three card support, non-minimum or strong hand

When South led a spade declarer had no hope and was soon one down,

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Duboin	Winestock	Willard
—	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble*	2♠
Dble*	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

1♦ 2(1)+♦ 11-15, stiff honour possible

Dble Support Double

Dble Responsive Double

South led the three of spades and declarer won with the ace, played a diamond to the ace, and played a heart to the king. South won with the ace and returned the nine of hearts. Declarer can still get home from here, but short of time she allowed North to get in with the king of clubs and he returned a heart for South to ruff.

One winning line is to run the eight of clubs at trick two. Say North wins with the king and returns a spade. Declarer ruffs in dummy, draws trumps, runs the jack of clubs, eventually pitching a spade on the fourth club and gives up a heart.





A STAR IS BORN

Mark Horton

42nd Street is an American musical and its 2001 Broadway revival won the Tony for Best Revival. Based on the novel by Bradford Ropes and the subsequent 1933 Hollywood film adaptation, the show focuses on the efforts of famed dictatorial Great White Way Director Julian Marsh to mount a successful stage production of a musical extravaganza at the height of the Great Depression.

It contains the lines *'keep your feet on the ground and your head on those shoulders of yours and go out, and Sawyer, you're going out a youngster but you've got to come back a star!'*

In the match between Yeh and Lavazza, it fell to the least well known member of the team to make a brilliant play.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



In the Closed Room Giorgio Duboin and Sylvie Willard had bid and made 4♥ - South had opened 1NT and bid 4♥ over North's 4♣. After a club lead to the ace and a diamond switch declarer had gone up with the ace, pitched a diamond on the king of clubs and played on cross ruff lines.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	Calandra	Zhang Ya-lan
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With what looked like a robust holding in the unbid suit South did not bother investigate the possibility of

a 5-3 heart fit, settling for the nine-trick game.

If West leads a club East can win and return the suit. Then all West needs to do is go up with the ace of spades and play a third club, establishing five winners for the defence.

However, West went with the four of spades and declarer won with dummy's king and ran the ten of diamonds, repeating the finesse when it held. West won and switched to the queen of hearts. Declarer won in hand with the king and cashed her diamonds, throwing two spades and a club from dummy, while the defenders parted with clubs.

Seeing no danger, declarer ran the nine of hearts to East's queen to leave this position:

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

The rest of team Lavazza were gathered in the beautiful auditorium of the Lavazza Hall della Innovation, following the play. They realised that East now had the opportunity to make a special play, but they could only hold their collective breaths as she searched for a solution.

Eventually she played a card. It was the ace of clubs, which executed the rare feat of the defenders squeezing declarer.

If declarer threw a heart from dummy East would be able to exit in that suit and West would take the last two tricks, so declarer threw a spade, hoping that East had started with only one spade. Now the jack of spade gave West three tricks in the suit and the contract was two down.

When the ace of clubs appeared on the screen there was an explosion of joy from the rest of the Lavazza squad - Emanuela had come back a star!



THE BRICK WALL OF CHINA

Mark Horton

When Lavazza faced off against CCBA they found themselves banging their heads against a brick wall.

Board 1. Dealer North. None.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
—	1♣*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ Precision Club, 16+
1NT 8-13/16+

West led the ten of hearts and the defenders played three rounds of the suit, declarer winning with the queen, crossing to the ace of diamonds and running the jack of clubs, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the two of hearts and East put in the nine allowing declarer to win with the jack. That turned out to be a very astute move, as declarer now played the jack of clubs and when East followed impassively with the seven he went up with the king - and down went the contract.

Don't look away now, as we come to what Zia Mahmood described as the best hand of the tournament so far:

Board 4 Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

Unwilling to open a red suit East started with the ten of spades and declarer won with the jack, cashed the ace of clubs and played a club to the jack and king, East pitching the six of hearts. West returned the seven of spades and declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade (West pitching the two of hearts) and cashed the queen of clubs pitching a diamond as West followed with the ten and East threw the nine of spades.

Now declarer did something very subtle - he played a heart to the ten, creating the impression that he had started with the ♠AJ10. East won with the queen and played the king of diamonds, collecting the four from partner.

In the cold light of day you could argue that West's ten of clubs must have shown a preference for hearts over diamonds, but that is easy to overlook and declarer's deception was rewarded when East continued with the six of diamonds. That got declarer up to nine tricks and when East pitched a diamond on the ace of spades declarer had an overtrick.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	1♦	All Pass	

Zia was a big supporter of North's choice of opening bid, but when South was unwilling to dredge up a 1NT response he was left to play there. From memory he took ten tricks.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
—	1♠	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

3♦ Invitational with four card support



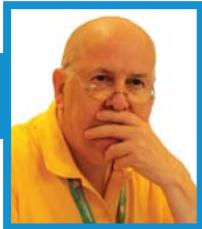
East led the seven of hearts and West took the ace, cashed the king of diamonds and the ace of clubs and played a second club. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a spade to the queen, drew trumps via the marked finesse and was home, +730.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	1♠	Pass	3♣*
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and attempted to cash the top diamonds. North ruffed and forced declarer with a spade. When a club to the jack held declarer ruffed a third spade and played the ace of clubs and a club. North won and switched to the king of hearts so the contract was three down - still a swing to CCBA who had dominated the first half of the match.





TOO DIFFICULT BY HALF

Mark Horton

Some deals are very tough - and you can be sure that determined opponents will do their best to make sure you can't reach the optimum spot.

Board 4. Dealer West All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	Calandra	Zhang-Ya-lan
1♣*	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ 3+♣, 11-21

Facing what might be a three-card suit East was not in a position to raise the ante, but NS never found their diamond fit -and the twelve tricks that would have gone with it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen Dawei	Duboin	Sun Ming	Willard
2♣*	2NT	4♣	4♥
All Pass			

2♣ Precision, 11-15, 5+♣

Here East was able to take away a whole round of bidding - and that left South with no real alternative to 4♥ - it would have been quite something to have tried 5♣.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	Calandra	Zhang-Ya-lan
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

If South had bid 3♦ would North be worth a jump to 4♥?

You will observe that if you do play a slam on the NS cards you should be in spades as opposed to diamonds. Do you see why?

It's because a spade lead (easier from the West hand) threatening a ruff is too difficult to cope with.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen Dawei	Duboin	Sun Ming	Willard
—	Pass	2♣*	2♠
4♣	4♠	5♣	Dble*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

2♣ Precision Club, 11-15, 5+♣

Dble Good hand, inviting partner to bid on

Could North have bid 5♥? Would it have been enough to persuade South to bid 6♠? I doubt it.



A GAME OF TWO HALVES

Mark Horton

At the half way mark in the match between the CCBA and Lavazza things were looking bleak for the team from Turin. However, as any self respecting pundit will tell you, Bridge is a game of two halves.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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



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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

South did not see the double of 1♥ so her 2♣ was Drury. That left her awkwardly placed and when she decided against punting 4♥ the game was missed, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Dble	2NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2NT Limit raise or better

East led her heart, so declarer drew trumps and claimed. Rest assured that after East's double he would always have taken ten tricks. It was 10 IMPs to Lavazza on the comeback trail.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

1NT 6-12,semi-forcing

West led the jack of diamonds and East overtook with the ace and returned the queen, the defenders taking the first seven tricks, three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	1NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

East led....(drum roll please) the four of spades, +660 and another big swing hand gone to the trailing team.





Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



♠	A Q 10 7 3 2
♥	Q 7
♦	9 4
♣	K Q 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Lin Rongqiang	Calandra	Gu Ling
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1NT 13-15

2NT Transfer to diamonds

3♣ Fit for diamonds

South led the king of diamonds and North was content to follow with the eight. South coped with that, switching to the two of hearts, one down, -100.

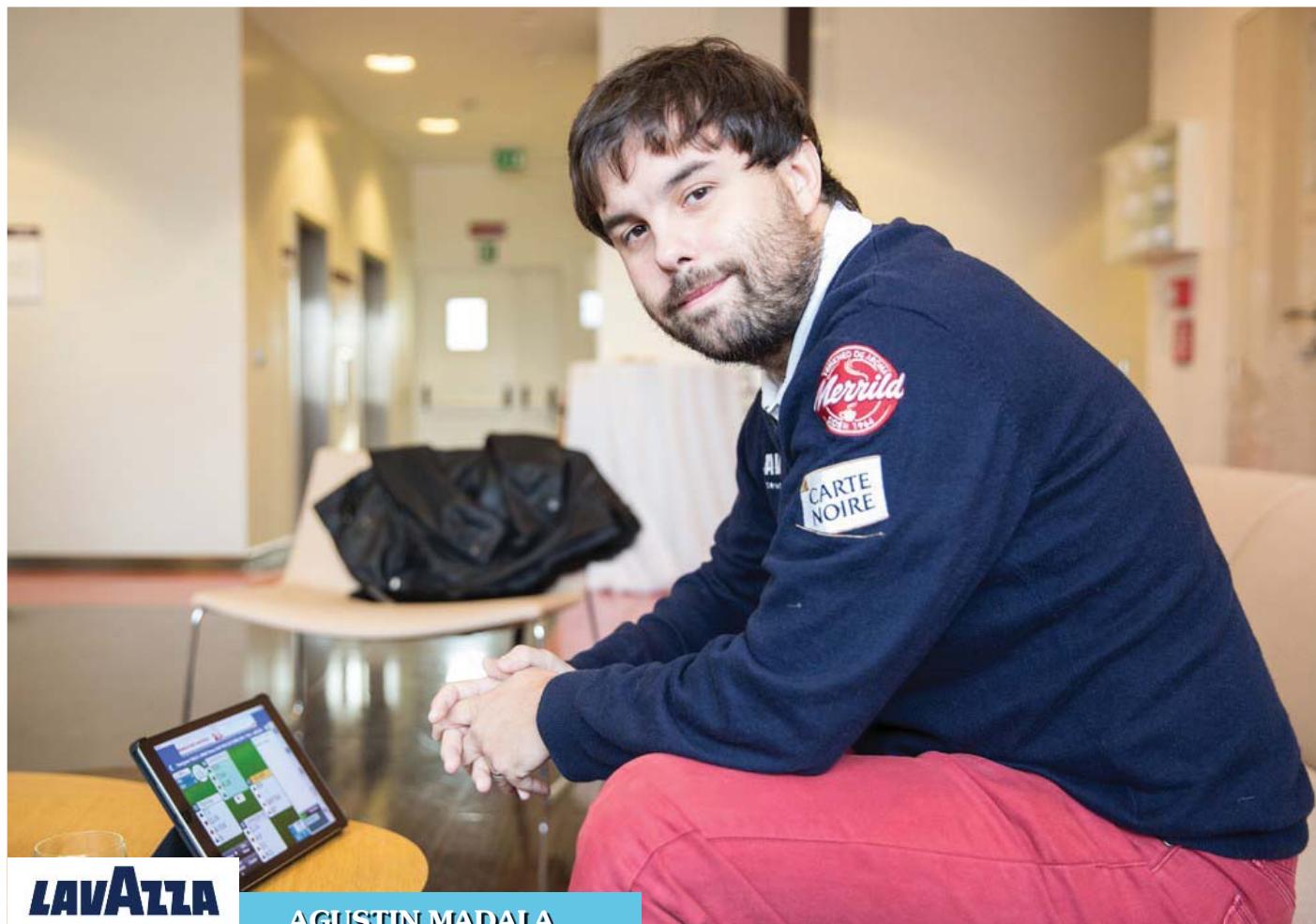
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z. Banggxiang	Madala	Lu Yan	Cronier
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
3♣*	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

3♣ Fit non jump

It was not easy for EW to double 5♦, but 5♠ was down in double quick time, the defenders cashing a diamond (here North overtook the king) and switching to a heart, +500.

It was not quite enough to save the match, but Lavazza had avoided a catastrophe.



AGUSTIN MADALA



Board 7 Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8 7 3
 ♥ K Q 10
 ♦ K 9 3 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ J 6 4 2
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ A
 ♣ K 10 8 5 4

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♠ K Q
 ♥ J 8 5 2
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ A Q J 7

♠ A 10 9 5
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ Q J 7 6 5
 ♣ 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Chen Yeh	Calandra	Zhang-Ya-lan
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

West cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to the six of spades, East winning with the ace and returning the queen of diamonds, on which West pitched a club (strictly speaking West has to ruff and switch to a club,

setting up the defensive cross ruff). Declarer won with dummy's king and played the king of hearts. When that held she played a club to the queen and West won with the king and returned a club, the defensive cross ruff plus the ace of hearts meaning the contract was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen Dawei	Duboin	Sun Ming	Willard
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

East led the ten of spades and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a heart to the king. When that held he took a club finesse; West won and made the fine (but not strictly necessary) play of cashing the ace of diamonds before returning a spade. East won with the ace and it should have been clear to play the queen of diamonds, establishing a seventh trick for the defence. However, East played a third spade and that put declarer in control as there was no longer diamond trick to be had.

