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Miracles do happen



The hard-working journalists in the Press Room

Trailing by 14 IMPs with four boards to go in the Venice Cup against a strong team from the Netherlands, USA2 had their work cut out for them.

They came through in dramatic fashion, scoring 30 IMPs on the next three boards and a push on the last to turn a 165-151 deficit into a 181-165 victory. The comeback started with a doubled contract that was redoubled and defeated for a 7-IMP swing, followed by a doubled slam that went down for 11 IMPs and a misdefended 3NT for another 12. The victory earned USA2 a date with England, easy winners over China, in the final.

There was less drama in the Bermuda Bowl, where Poland withdrew after four sets, down 201-79 to Italy, and Monaco took the measure of USA1 241.7-160. The Americans seemed to be mounting a rally midway through the sixth and final set, but Monaco pulled away.

In the d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Germany defeated France 222-195 to remove the last of the defenders from the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships. In the final, the Germans will face USA2, 241-178 winners over Poland.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, the semi-final match-ups are White House versus Gordon, PD Times versus SAIC VW. In the only close quarter-final match, Gordon rallied from 33 down with a set to go, winning the final set 63-20.



Bridge star in the making

By the end of the most prestigious event of these championships, the Nusa Dua Bali Pairs, a crowd gathered around one of the tables, all taking photos of the mysterious player. I went to see if Obama had arrived early to try his luck at the bridge table. Sitting on one side of the screen was Anders, eight years old (and a half), playing with his father, Boye Brogeland, and in this moment declaring a no-trump contract against an Indonesian Senior pair.

Anders won the first three tricks but the defense took the following seven. As the 11th card was played, Anders confidently showed his cards, claiming the last three tricks. *(Christina Lund-Madsen's article continues on Page 3)*



Today's Schedule

Finals

Start Times

Segment 1	11.00
Segment 2	14.30
Segment 3	17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
Italy	Monaco	6	0

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
USA 2	England	0	2.3

d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
USA 2	Germany	1	0

Transnationals

Start Times

Semi-final segment 1	11.00
Semi-final segment 2	14.30
Semi-final Segment 3	17.20

Transnational Semi-final

Line-ups

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
White House	Gordon	0	0
P D Times	SAIC VW	0	0

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After the picture taking and autograph writing was over (Boye Brogeland spelled his name two times to an Indonesian lady, eventually realizing she was not asking for the former World Champion's name, rather his son's), Anders climbed up on a chair. While hugging his son, Boye explained to Anders that, had he not taken the first heart but played a low, he would have gotten 11 tricks in his contract instead of six.

Anders attended one of his father's bridge classes one year ago without having played bridge before, but he has played other card games and, according to his father, knows how to take tricks. This summer, he attended a junior camp in Norway, playing 69 boards a day, then switching to other card games.

In his first international event, he finished at 48.24 %, beating a number of better-known players, which we have promised Daily Bulletin super star Brian Senior not to mention.

With about five rounds to go, the father and son were at more than 60%. In one round, they played this year's Spingold champions Jacek Kalita – Michal Nowosadzki. To put it in Kalita's words: "They are killing us. Boye's son beat us!"

Not an exact description, since he accidentally let through 7♥ on the first board, however on the second board the Polish stars doubled 4♠, perhaps after some somewhat shaky bidding, only to see Brogeland senior confidently land the contract.

Interview with Anders Brogeland (8)

"How is your dad playing?"

Bra ("good" in Norwegian)

Is he yelling at you while playing?

(Eager nodding, his father using the classic phrase "I am just trying to teach you something")

Is your mother yelling at you? (Tonje Brogeland of the Norwegian women's team, slightly more edgy than her mild-natured husband)

(Heavy nodding, his father eagerly supporting his son's "Yes, mommy surely yells more than I do")

Do you want to be a bridge player?

With a big smile, Anders nodded.