

8TH EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Hosts clean sweep Pairs

The start of the week of University Bridge was given on Saturday night with the Open Pairs tournament.

Keeping up with tradition, the tournament was won by students, Jakub Kasprzak and Michal Nowosadski from the team of Gdansk. In total, 7 out of the top 10 places went to Polish pairs.

Meanwhile, the main event has also started, but with so many teams of the same countries meeting one another, it is still unclear who are having a dream start and who have had tough opposition.



Jakub really doesn't want to appear in the photograph, but that is the prize for playing well

Round 1		
Wrocław AZS	Wrocław P	20- 10
Gdansk	Wrocław U	14- 16
Warsaw 2	Warsaw 1	18- 14
Netherlands 2	Netherlands 1	13- 17
Poland	Lodz	25- 5
Belgium	Leuven	25- 4
Warwick	Antwerp	22- 8
Rome	Italy	9- 21
Prague E	Aalborg	22- 8
Prague K1	Prague K2	25- 2
Round 2		
Poland	Wrocław AZS	23- 7
Lodz	Netherlands 2	10- 20
Netherlands 1	Warsaw 2	7- 23

Results

Warsaw 1	Gdansk	20- 10
Wrocław U	Wrocław P	22- 8
Prague K1	Belgium	17- 13
Prague K2	Prague E	20- 10
Aalborg	Rome	17- 13
Italy	Warwick	7- 23
Antwerp	Leuven	6- 24
Round 3		
Wrocław AZS	Wrocław U	4- 25
Wrocław P	Warsaw 1	6- 24
Gdansk	Netherlands 1	22- 8
Warsaw 2	Lodz	16- 14
Netherlands 2	Poland	17- 13
Belgium	Antwerp	25- 5
Leuven	Italy	21- 9

Warwick	Aalborg	25- 0
Rome	Prague K2	22- 8
Prague E	Prague K1	14- 16
Round 4		
Netherlands 2	Wroclaw AZS	16- 14
Poland	Warsaw 2	25- 4
Lodz	Gdansk	13- 17
Netherlands 1	Wroclaw P	4- 25
Warsaw 1	Wroclaw U	22- 8
Prague E	Belgium	8- 22
Prague K1	Rome	16- 14
Prague K2	Warwick	9- 21
Aalborg	Leuven	25- 2
Italy	Antwerp	25- 5

Round 5		
Wroclaw AZS	Warsaw 1	8- 22
Wroclaw U	Netherlands 1	6- 24
Wroclaw P	Lodz	10- 20
Gdansk	Poland	14- 16
Warsaw 2	Netherlands 2	19- 11
Belgium	Italy	13- 17
Antwerp	Aalborg	4- 25
Leuven	Prague K2	4- 25
Warwick	Prague K1	7- 23
Rome	Prague E	16- 14

Ranking after round 5		
1	Poland	102.0
2	Warsaw 1	102.0
3	Warwick	98.0
4	Belgium	98.0
5	Prague K1	95.0
6	Italy	91.0
7	Warsaw 2	80.0
8	Wroclaw U	77.0
9	Netherlands 2	77.0
10	Gdansk	77.0
11	Aalborg	75.0
12	Rome	74.0
13	Prague E	70.0
14	Prague K2	64.0
15	Lodz	62.0
16	Netherlands 1	60.0
17	Wroclaw P	59.0
18	Wroclaw AZS	53.0
19	Leuven	43.0
20	Antwerp	28.0



Quote of the Day:

Computer programs are like Bridge
Partners - they never do what you want
them to.

Who's here?



At the start of these championships it is a good idea to see who we have amongst our players, in particular who has visited University Championships

before.

It turns out that there is one player here who was already present in 1999, in Weimar. The title of "Eternal Student 2003" goes to **Stefano Uccello** of Italy.

Stefano bid a fine slam in 1999:
Board 15. Dealer South.
N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefano</i>			Pass
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽²⁾	2♠
Dble ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- (1) strong
- (2) 4 controls
- (3) inverted (can be penalty)
- (4) asking for stopper or cue
- (5) cue, ♥ fit, confirms ♠ cue

His partner (Pompelmone) explained: Stefano knew I had a spade singleton, which meant that one of our possible heart

losers could disappear on the king of spades, so he put us in the correct slam.

Stefano did not play in the championships of 2000 and 2001, but he did return to the team in Brugge. That leaves the distinction of having played in the most University Championships to a player who was on the teams in Maastricht, Rotterdam and Brugge, and he has already revealed himself yesterday: **Alon Amsel**.

Also present in 2000 was **Steven De Donder** of Belgium. Steven was honoured at Maastricht for the best deal by a student. (see next page)

One almost complete team was also there in 2000: Back then, **David Vozabal, Petr Jelinek, Jan Martynek, Petr Pulkrab** and **Pavel Pekny** played on the Czech national team, today there are representing the Karol University of Praha (first team). Petr, Petr, Pavel and Jan were also in Rotterdam.

Apart from the four Czechs and two Belgians, and one more Italian (**Matteo Sbarigia**), five Poles return from Rotterdam: **Krzysztof Buras** again plays for the official Polish team, **Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Krzysztof** and **Jakub Kotorowicz** play for Warsaw 1, and **Michal Wittenbeck** plays for Wroclaw P1. Add to that **Grzegorz Narkiewicz** (Poland) who was present in Brugge, and you see that the different Polish teams have brought a lot of experience here.

Let's also have a look at the World Junior Pairs Championships earlier this month in Hungary - these are the results of the players that are here (with the teams they are representing here):

- 6 KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof (WarsU1)
- KOTOROWICZ Jakub (Warsaw U1)
- 7 BREDE Lukasz (Poland)
- KAPALA Szymon (Poland)
- 8 ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad (Poland)
- WITTENBECK Pawel (Poland)
- 12 KALITA Jacek (Warsaw U1)

- 15 BURAS Krzysztof (Poland)
- 18 UCCELLO Stefano (Italy)
- 25 SBARIGIA Matteo (Italy)
- 32 DE DONDER Steve (Belgium 2)
- 42 JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw (W U1)
- 51 KROGSGAARD Mads (Denmark)
- 56 JELINEK Petr (Karol 1)
- MARTYNEK Jan (Karol 1)
- 57 DYBICZ Piotr (Warsaw U1)
- NAWROCKI Piotr (Warsaw U2)
- 59 VOZABAL David (Karol 1)
- 77 GELDER Marleen van (Neth 1)
- 89 BOLDRINI Andrea (Italy)
- SANGIORGIO Alberto (Italy)
- 92 PISANO Simone (Italy)
- 93 JANECEK Miloslav (Karol 2)

- MACURA Milan (Karol 1)
- 110 JENSEN Sejnr Andreas (Denm)
- 113 BARENDREGT Erwin (Neth 2)
- 128 APRILE Manuela (Rome)
- TANI Giorgia (Rome)
- 129 FERRARI Francesco (Italy)
- 139 GALAZKA Pawel (Warsaw U2)
- ZIELINSKI Piotr (Warsaw U2)
- 142 MARCHIS Francesca de (Rome)
- 147 DORABIALA Maciej (Wrocl P1)
- WOLANSKI Rafal (Wroclaw P1)
- 153 SIGMUND Martin (Karol 2)

Steven De
Donder with the
E-bridge Award
for the Best
Played Hand at
Maastricht 2000



distribution further by cashing his top
spades to leave these cards:

Immaterial

- | | |
|----------|---------|
| ♠ J | ♠ – |
| ♥ 9 | ♥ 10 |
| ♦ 6 5 2 | ♦ A Q 9 |
| ♣ – | ♣ 9 |
| ♠ – | |
| ♥ – | |
| ♦ K 10 3 | |
| ♣ Q J | |

Steven's declarer play at Maastricht:

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

Steven, in West, declared Six Hearts on the lead of the four of spades.

He won trick one cheaply, cashed the king of hearts, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club. Taking North's king at face value, declarer elected against playing for a dummy reversal. So he played a heart to the ace and a heart back to the queen, drawing trumps. He then uncovered the

When declarer ruffed his spade in dummy, South was squeezed. If he throws a club, then declarer has a choice of winning options -exit with a club, discard a diamond, or ruff his club and play a diamond to the nine.

At the table, South did his best by pitching a diamond. Declarer therefore exited with a low diamond, ruffed the club return, and played a diamond to the ace, dropping the king.

Twelve tricks made.

Greetings from absent friends

By Christer Andersson

It is tough to get into any national teams, also the Swedish. And many players from cities around the country say it is even more difficult to get selected if you do not live in the capital. I do not know how much truth there is in that, but it is clear that you have to fight hard to earn your position on the team.

This year, the last phase of the team selection was a competition in February where six Swedish teams were lined up against two Polish teams, one Estonian team and one team from Finland. The trial was won by the team Daniel Sivelind - Kjell Ericsson and Per-Erik Malmström - Daniel Salomonsson. Second was the Polish 'Schools team' (Jan Sikora - Piotr Nawrocki, Filip Nizioł - Marcin Males) and third the Polish 'Junior team' (Jakub Kotorowicz - Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Konrad Araszkiwicz - Pawel Wittenbeck). Fourth was the team to be selected as the Swedish 'Schools team' and fifth the team which had the lowest odds before the competition (Per-Ola Cullin - Måns Berg, Patrik Johansson - Henrik Morin).

Before the non-playing captain nominated the team he combined the result of the team competition with the results of other tournaments held during the last year. His choice was both pairs from the winning team, and a pair from the team that finished fifth; Patrik Johansson - Henrik Morin. Half the team has some international experience. Daniel Sivelind - Kjell Ericsson played

in the Swedish Juniors team in Torquay 2002 and Daniel Salomonsson in the Swedish School team. The other three had only local experience. However, in June they won the Nordic Championship for juniors.

Being educated and trained at Uppsala University, I know there are some good bridge players both at our and at other universities. But for some reasons, and I am not going to present them here, there has never been any interest from Swedish bridge authorities to promote university teams. However, Per-Erik 'Pekka' Malmström, who is studying languages in Uppsala, had plans of forming a team for the competition here in Wroclaw, but when it turned out that this championship collides with the national championships in Sweden, it became difficult to put together a reasonably strong team and Pekka put his thoughts in the drawer.

Therefore, the greeting from absent friends is with a simple but instructive board played during the Swedish selection. Daniel Salomonsson - Per-Erik Malmström played an Estonian pair Lauri Naber - Margus Tuvikene.

Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Naber</i>	<i>Malmström</i>	<i>Tuvikene</i>	<i>Salomonsson</i>
			1♦
1♠	Dble	pass	1NT
pass	3NT	all pass	

North - South played a strong ♣-system combined with five-card majors, which explains the rather odd opening bid. The final contract, however, was perfectly normal. West attacked in South suit - the ♦4 went to East's ace. The ♦ continuation went to declarer's king, and prospects now looked poor for Daniel Salomonsson. He could count two red tricks and therefore required seven tricks from the black suits. The finesse in spades looks promising after West's spade bid but the club suit needs a very favourable lay-out to give four tricks. One possibility would be ♣QJ doubleton, but there is also a chance to play for the suit breaking 4-1 - H against Hxxx. Who is most likely to have the short club suit?

Of course, the solution to that question was given by the bidding and the opening lead. West has promised a spade suit and leads the fourth best diamond. As West leads South's suit, it could even be from a five-card suit. Thus, it looks probable that West is the one short in clubs.

Daniel played a club to West's jack and the ace on the table. He wisely continued with the nine from the table and finessed East for the queen. As the cards behaved well he had nine easy tricks, and when the defence got desperate, he got a tenth trick in the wash.

Sports News

As expected, Lance Armstrong has won the Tour de France, despite losing 15" to Jan Ullrich in the closing moments.

The last stage, a prestigious affair on the Champs Élysées, was won by Jean-Patrick Nazon.

Sadly, the team of Belgrade University could not make it to the championships. A last minute replacement player did get hold of a visa for Poland, but not for Slovakia, a country he needed to drive through. The good news is though, that this means there are yet again two rounds less to play and now your Tuesday afternoon will be completely free. See below.

Tuesday 15:00
Excursion to the Panorama Raclawicka, a very famous panoramic picture.

Tuesday 17:00 - 20:00
Soccer Tournament
Entries by Monday 17:00 to Bubus.

Grand Prix Praha

3-session Pairs Tournament
October 17-18, 2003
Entry Fee 50€ per player (jrs. 35€)
Rooms from 44€ single, 65€ double
Registration mv@eurosoft.cz
More info on www.bridgecz.cz

Zdenek tells us that cheap accommodation is available for juniors

Result of the Pairs Tournament

1	JAKUB KASPRZAK	MICHAL NOWOSADZKI	POL	GDAN	64.88
2	ARTUR GAWRON	MAREK MARKOWSKI	POL		64.41
3	FILIP NIZIOL	MARCIN MALESA	POL	WAR2	63.28
4	ANDREA BOLDRINI	MATTEO SBARIGIA	ITA	ITAL	59.01
5	ANDRZEJ KOZIKOWSKI	KAROL RUSZKIEWICZ	POL		58.88
6	ANDRZEJ ALENOWICZ	BOGUSLAW CHMIELEWSKI	POL		58.71
7	MACIEJ DORABIALA	RAFAL WOLANSKI	POL	WROP	57.64
8	PIOTR DYBICZ	JACEK KALITA	POL	WAR1	57.58
9	JAKUS SLEMR	VLADA BERAN	CZE	PRAE	57.35
10	ALON AMSEL	STEVEN DE DONDER	BEL	BELG	57.21
11	MILAN MACURA	DAVID VOZABAL	CZE	PRK1	56.69
12	JELMER HASPER	NED CHRISTER ANDERSSON	SWE	cpt/pr	55.78
13	LUKASZ BREDE	STANISLAW GOLEBIEWSKI	POL	PL/org	55.53
14	HANS BROEKSTEEG	MARLEEN VAN GELDER	NED	NED1	55.44
15	JAKUB KOTOROWICZ	KRZYSZTOF KOTOROWICZ	POL	WAR1	55.39
16	MADS KROGSGAARD	RASMUS KOCH	DEN	DENM	55.29
17	PAWEL LITWINSKI	MAREK KOZLOWSKI	POL		55.17
18	RICHARD RITMEIJER	ERWIN BARENDREGT	NED	NED2	55.08
19	WALENTY BACZYK	EDWARD MASLOWSKI	POL		54.55
20	MATEUSZ JARZEBOWICZ	PIOTR LOWUSIEWICZ	POL	WROU	54.19
21	MARTIN BOOTSMA	JANNES VAN'T OEVER	NED	NED2	53.61
22	FEDERICO ASSENZO	ANTONIO ROSATI	ITA	ROME	52.60
23	LEIGH CHAPMAN	DAVE CROPPER	ENG	WARW	52.39
24	MARCIN BAJ	WITOLD WASAK	POL	WA/org	52.00
25	DIRK DE HERTOEG	GERT VAN DEN BERGHE	BEL	LEU	51.49
26	HERMAN DE WAEL	BEL OLGIERD RODZIEWICZ	POL	bull	50.85
27	JIRI MEDLIN	ZDENEK FRABSA	CZE	PE/cpt	50.40
28	MICHAL ROBAK	MARCIN ELMER	POL		49.97
29	MONIKA WEBER	WOJCIECH GAWEL	POL	WROU	49.03
30	ALBERTO SANGIORGIO	FRANCESCO FERRARI	ITA	ITAL	48.72
31	MONIQUE VAN DE SANDE	JIMMY LITJENS	NED	NED1	48.26
32	ARKADIUSZ GORZEWSKI	MACIEJ KATEK	POL	GDAN	48.17
33	BOGDAN MAZUR	LECH WAREZAK	POL		47.70
34	JORIS VERACHTEN	GUY DE BORGER	BEL	LEUV	47.35
35	JIRKA BRAZA	MORON TEGZE	CZE	PRAE	46.94
36	PAUL MAGERMAN	GEERT MAGERMAN	BEL	org	46.88
37	MANUELA APRILE	GIORGIA TANI	ITA	ROME	46.86
38	SARAH WHITEHEAD	BEN COWLING	ENG	WARW	46.48
39	TINE DOBBELS	JOHAN FASTENAKELS	BEL	BELG	46.40
40	MIROSLAW FECHNER	SZYMON ZEBERSKI	POL	WROU	45.39
41	MARCO ROMEI	ENRICO GUERRA	ITA	ROME	44.95
42	MALGORZATA TURSKA	ADAM MARCINKOWSKI	POL		44.79
43	JERZY NETER	RYSZARD ROLKA	POL		44.38
44	SIMONE PISANO	STEFANO UCCELLO	ITA	ITAL	43.40
45	ROBERT KSIEZOPOLSKI	JANUSZ PAWLICKI	POL		42.41
46	DARIUSZ MARCZAK	WLODZIMIERZ BLUDNIK	POL		41.46
47	MICHAL WITTENBECK	PAWEL WITTENBECK	POL	WRP/PL	40.58
48	TERESA WITTENBECK	WLODZIMIERZ WITTENBECK	POL		40.43
49	PATRYCJA KORKUS	TOMASZ KOZLOWSKI	POL	WROA	40.39
50	PIOTR KLUBINSKI	ALEKSY ILUKIEWICZ	POL		38.51
51	THOMAS SCHONFELDT	SEJR A JENSEN	DEN	DENM	38.34
52	ALEKSANDER FRANCZAK	PIOTR RYDZEWSKI	POL	WROA	38.08
53	ERWIN LIEKENS	NIELS VAN EETVELDE	BEL	ANTW	36.92
54	KRISTOF DE CNODDER	GERT VERSWYVEL	BEL	ANTW	32.44

Some fun from the Pairs

By Christer Andersson Saturday evening saw 54 pairs fight for the marvellous Rector of Wroclaw Technical University Trophy. There were seven Polish pairs among the top eight, only the Italians Andrea Boldrini and Matteo Sbarigia sneaking in in fourth.

Knowing it would be fruitless to ask the players for interesting boards I withdrew to the bar, where it usually is easy to find players licking their wounds. The bar was surprisingly nearly empty. However, I found Paul Magerman complaining that he had had a poor game. However, he had taken full advantage of a slight mistake by the opponents.

Board 22 (turned 180°). Dealer West
E/W Vulnerable.

<p>♠ K Q 9 4 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ 7 5 2 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ A 6 4 3 ♣ 10 5</p> <p>♠ A J 10 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ J 10 8 5 ♣ A Q 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ K Q 9 7 ♣ J 9 6 3</p>
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Paul got to be declarer in 3♠ as South; our opponents reached the same contract. We lead a high heart as West and now the defence had no chance any more. Paul's opponents found a much better lead - a low spade. Paul won in hand and correctly played a heart to the table. West went in with the ♥K and continued spades. Paul won in hand again and repeated the heart play. West won with his second honour and played his last spade. Declarer won and played

a diamond. When the opponents made the mistake of winning this trick with the ♦A, East was left to protect both minors, and Paul had the tempo for a squeeze. Now Paul could ruff a diamond in dummy and play queen and ruff a heart, in the meantime squeezing East in the minors.

Being the only Swede here in Wroclaw, I hooked up with the non-playing captain of the Dutch teams, Jelmer Hasper. Our most interesting board was a horror in defence:

Board 17 (turned 180°). Dealer South.
None Vulnerable.

<p>♠ A Q 9 7 5 ♥ 10 7 6 4 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ K</p> <p>♠ K J 6 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ Q 8 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K Q J 10 4 ♣ A 4</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ J 10 9 7 6 5 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Poland</i>	<i>Hasper</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>Andersson</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♣
2NT	Pass	3NT	4♣
Dble	All Pass		

Partner lead ♥K and I could have made the defence easy by taking over with the ace and returning my lower heart. I did not do that. Instead, realising too late that partner might read me for heart length after my take-out double, I contributed the nine. He followed with the queen to my bare ace. I now tried my solid diamond, starting with the ten going upwards. Declarer ruffed the second diamond and played a club to the

king on the table. Not having the best control of declarer's distribution, I followed with my small club, hoping to promote two trump tricks in partner's hand, were he to hold four trumps. Declarer however ruffed dummy's last diamond and put the ♣J on the table. You probably guessed right, partner happily played the queen and I sadly had to contribute my ace. This double trick-elimination play took the contract two down and gave us close to zero. The early stamina of our play was gone and we fell out of reach of the prestigious trophies.



There were only two transnational pairs, but they did play each other

A Villamoura Hand

By Herman De Wael

At the European Championships in Villamoura, Portugal, in 1995, I noticed that the coat of arms of that city was flanked by six hearts either side. In the Daily Bulletin, I proposed to call a deal on which a side held a six-six fit in hearts a "Villamoura hand". It took me more than two years to see one, and then it was only a semi-Villamoura, as the fit was in spades. Over the years, I have seen a few more, and yesterday there was another one - a real one:

Board .19 Dealer South.
E/W Vulnerable.

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

In order not to strain Belgo-Polish friendships, I shall not reveal by what combination of guesswork and sheer luck we reached 6♥. And I cannot really say anything good about the play either - I claimed after the opening lead. It did bring us 80%.

A Nervous Affair

By Jelmer Hasper, NPC Netherlands 1

The first round is always a nervous affair, especially when two teams from the same country meet. Board 5 of the match between the two Dutch sides showed that it is important to be alert from the very beginning.

Board 5. Dealer North.
N/S Vulnerable.

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

At both tables the contract was 4♥ by East. Declarer for Netherlands 1 was Jimmy Litjens, for Netherlands 2 it was Martin Bootsma.

Martin won the ♣2 lead with the ace, for the queen and three. Next he played a diamond from dummy and North went up with the ace to play the ♣J. This was overtaken by the king, and South switched to a small spade which Martin won in hand with the 10. He continued with a heart to the ace and a heart to the queen. Unfortunately he did not have the 3 entries he needed in dummy to perform the trump coup so he had to go one off.

Where Jimmy was declarer things were really exciting. He also received a club lead, which he won with the ace, to lead another club. South won the king and returned the ♦6 for king and North's ace. North returned a diamond which Jimmy ruffed. He now continued with a heart to the ace and a heart to the queen. He was still in control however and he took the spade finesse to ruff another diamond. Next he played a spade to the king, cashed the ♦J to pitch a spade, and continued with another diamond on which North pitched his remaining spade. Of course Jimmy should have pitched his ♠A, but for some obscure reason, which will never become clear, he ruffed!!

-50 and a strange wash.

Catastrofe Classica!

By Christer Andersson

Grand slams are the icing on the cake. But bidding seven without a vital trump honour makes the cake uneatable. This is what happened in the Open room of the Round 1 match between the two Italian teams.

Board 2. Dealer East.
N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sbarigia Tani</i>		<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Aprile</i>
		1♠	4♥
4NT	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

As West you have a marvellous hand after your partner's 1♠ opening and South's pre-empt. What would you bid? Myself, I would directly accept spades as trumps and chose a straightforward simple jump to 5♠ - telling partner that he does not have to bother about the side suits (they are taken care of by me), instead focusing on trumps. With at most one of the three trump honours he is supposed to pass, with two bid 6♠, with all three bid the grand slam and with AK and length in trump bid the invitational 5NT and you can decide the final contract.

The Italians had a more sophisticated system which unluckily brought them too high.

The bidding on this board was rather characteristic for the match, but as the results sometimes were the reverse, the Italian FIGB team can feel lucky they won the derby with 21-9.

Meet the Belgians

The numbers below are not their respective ages, nor their average exam scores, but refer to their places in the picture. (top row 1-9, sitting 10-12)

Three teams from Belgium compete in these championships: The team from the **Universiteit Antwerpen** has the honour of being presented first (after all, they still are a major sponsor for these championships). **Erwin Liekens** (10) and **Niels Van Eetvelde** (3) both study computer sciences. **Kristof De Cnodder** (11) does Economics and **Gert Verswyvel** (12) Commercial Engineering.

Next we have a team from the **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**: **Joris Verachten** (7) and **Guy De Borger** (8) are also Commercial Engineers, while **Dirk De Hertog** (6) studies Germanic Languages and **Gert Van den Berghe** (9) Communication Sciences.

Last but not least is the combined team simply called **Belgium**. **Tine Dobbels** (4) studies to be a Civil Engineer, and her partner **Johan Fastenakels** (1), does Maths. Both do so at the University of Leuven. **Steven De Donder** (5) studies Computer Science in Gent, and **Alon Amsel** (2) does the same in Antwerp.

Captains, there are seven flags on the dividing wall between open and closed room, but there are only three bulletins left in which to present the teams.

Meet the Danes

Mads, Sejr, Rasmus, Thomas

The Danish team represents Aalborg University but only two team members study at that University: **Mads Krogsgaard** (Engineering) and **Rasmus Koch** (Business Law).

Sejr A Jensen studies Business and Law at the Handelshøjskolen CBS and **Thomas Schønfeldt** is in his last year of engineering studies at DTU.

The Danish team wish to thank the Danish Bridge Federation and the Aalborg University for the support to make this trip doable.

Tojmand is a shop that sells gentleman's clothing in Denmark and they have sponsored the uniforms.

Match of the Day: Netherlands 2 – Poland

We have been following the Open room, with the Dutch North/South.

On the first 3 boards, Richard Ritmeijer in North for the Netherlands started strong by making 3 games, while two of them could have been beaten.

Board 1. Dealer North.
None Vulnerable.

<p>♠ J 8 6 5 4 ♥ K ♦ K Q J 9 6 ♣ 5 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 ♥ A 10 8 6 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K J 8 7</p> <p>♠ A Q 10 3 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A Q 9 6</p>	<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ 9 7 5 2 ♦ A 10 7 3 ♣ 10 4 2</p>
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After a heart lead by east in board 1, the 4♠ contract was safe, while a club lead would have beaten the contract.

Board 2. Dealer East.
N/S Vulnerable.

<p>♠ A K 5 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ 9 8 7 3 ♣ J 10 5</p> <p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ Q J 5 2 ♣ Q 9 4</p> <p>♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ A 7 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ K Q J 7 6 5 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 8 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
		1♥	Dble
2♦	4♠	All Pass	

In board 2, the Netherlands reached the game in 1 round of bidding, despite an 1♥-opening of the Poles:

2♦ meant: 3 Hearts with 3-6 or GF, not promising any diamonds.

Diamond lead to the ace, 2 rounds of trump, Richard played the ♦9 discovering the lead of a singleton.

He leaves this for West's queen and the switch is the 9 of clubs, for the 10, king and ace.

With the clubs 3-3, the diamond loser is

thrown on the fourth club and the contract is made.



Richard started strong...

Board 4. Dealer West.
All Vulnerable.

<p>♠ A 4 2 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ K J 9 ♣ J 10 8 7</p> <p>♠ 10 5 3 ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ K 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A 9 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 7 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ A 7 5 3 2 ♣ Q 2</p>
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East went down in 1NT after a spade lead and 3 rounds of spades. The same

result was booked in the closed room, despite a club lead, presenting declarer with some opportunities.

4♥ goes 2 down for 500, while 5♦ is lay down. A pass on 4♦ would of course have been nicer for the Netherlands.

Board 5. Dealer North.
N/S Vulnerable.

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

On board 5, the opening of 3♣ in North was passed out. 2 down was a nice swing for the Netherlands after making the 3 NT game in the closed room.

Board 8. Dealer West.
None Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♥	Dble
2♠	3♥	Dble	All Pass

After the leadoff the ♦K, East played clubs for the jack, king and ace. West switched to the ♠Q, making declarer's life easier; the contract goes 2 down, 300 for Poland, while no game can be made in this board. Without this ♠Q switch, declarer can play spades to the jack for only one spade loser.

All in all, it was a low-scoring match, 13 IMPs to 6, for a 17-13 for the second team of the Netherlands, who are currently outpacing their higher numbered countrymen.

Board 7. Dealer South.
All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾: invitation to 4H

⁽²⁾: take out