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Halfway There

During the second day of the Championships, a leading group of about seven teams has formed. Warsaw1, Prague K1 and Belgium have all held the lead at some stage, with Poland, Italy and Warwick never far behind. The Netherlands 2 have caught up with the leaders, but then there is a small gap.

Meanwhile in Belgium the newspapers have decided to publish only the first eighteen teams of the ranking.



The FISU flag has centre stage

The Opposition Trial Bid

By Christer Andersson

I have had many long discussions with partners about how to invite game after a sequence such as 1♠ - 2♠. Some have preferred long suit trials, others short suit trials or the Romex approach of using the relay bid to initiate one of these possibilities and using direct suit bids for the other possibility. A few prefer the no trial bid approach, they just bid the game.

Yesterday I came across a fifth variant of trial bids - the "Opposition Trial Bid" (which actually confirms the use of the no trial bid approach and makes the case for the short suit trial a bit stronger) - which I have never discussed in depth with any of my partners, surely because of its infrequent occurrence. This was the bidding in the match between Prague KI and Belgium:

Board 11. Dealer South.
None Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Macura</i>	<i>Amsel</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♦	1♠
Dble	All Pass		4♠

Milan Macura had a good third in hand 1♣ opening and a perfect raise of partners suit. This was surely a battle about the part score with North/South being favourites to come out winners, having the higher major. Game was unlikely to be reached. However, East changed the likelihood of North/South stopping in a partscore by introducing the opposition trial bid for their opponents. He bid 3♦, which allowed David Vozabal to re-evaluate his hand and bid game. West could show he was not happy but the Belgians were unable to set the game.

If you find any more opposition trial bids during the Championship, please report them to the Bulletin staff.



Alon prefers to make it to the bulletin when he does something good!

Meet the Czechs



Top row 1-6, Middle 7-11, sitting 12-16

There are three teams from the Czech Republic here, all from universities in Prague: one team from the **Vysoká Škola Ekonomická**, with **Jirka Bráza** (10), who studies Informatics, **Jirka Medlín** (2), studying International Trade, **Jakub Šlemr** (5) (does he bid the slams?) a future Bank Manager, and a guest from ČVUT, **Lad'a Beran** (16), who wants to become a Nuclear Engineer. Also on this team is a Maths student from Karlova University: **Miron Tegze** (11)

Then there are two teams from **Karlova University**. The first team consists mainly of former visitors to University Championships: **David Vozábal** (4) and **Petr Jelínek** (15) study Mathematics, **Milan Macura** (13) Informatics, **Jan Martynek** (3) Law. **Pavel Pěkný** (12) and **Petr Pulkrab** (6) are guests on this team, the former studying Economics at the University of South Bohemia, the latter Chemistry at VŠCHT.

The second team from Karlova consists of **Lucie Vondráčková** (8), who studies Maths, **Martin Sigmund** (7), Physics. They also have two guests on the team: **Miloslav Janeček** (1) who studies Economics at the Czech University of Agriculture, and **Věra Šídllová** (9) another future Nuclear Engineer from the Technical University.

They have also brought two captains, both called Zdeněk. **Zdeněk Frabša** (14) captains the first team from Karlova, **Zdeněk Pírek** (absent) the second team.

The mascot is called **Karel**.

Meet the Dutch



**Richard, Jannes, Monique, Jelmer, Hans,
Erwin, Jimmy, Martin, Marleen**

The Nederlandse Bridge Bond gathered students from around the country and formed two teams out of them:

The first team consists of three students from the Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen: **Marleen van Gelder**, who studies Biomedical Sciences, **Hans Broeksteeg** and **Jimmy Litjens**, both maths students. They are joined by **Monique van de Sande**, who studies tourism at the Internationale Hogeschool Breda.

The second team has three students from the Universiteit Utrecht: **Richard Ritmeijer**, studying social sciences, **Jannes van't Oever**, Pharmacy, and **Martin Bootsma**, Maths. Their fourth player, **Erwin Barendrecht** studies Information Technology at the Technische Hogeschool Delft.

They have also brought a captain: **Jelmer Hasper**, who wishes he were still a student.

Sunday Grand Slams

By Christer Andersson

Sunday's last round (No 6) was mainly a challenge for the bidders. Among the 10 boards, East/West, for example, had one very good grand slam, one 65% grand slam, and a very good sacrifice against their opponents' game.

The poorer grand slam was reached at no less than 8 of the 12 tables.

Board 19. Dealer South.
E/W Vulnerable.

<p>♠ 4 ♥ Q J 9 5 4 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ K J 6 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 8 7 6 ♠ K 5 2 ♥ K 7 ♥ A 6 ♦ 8 5 ♦ AK Q J 10 4 2 ♣ A 10 2 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ Q 10 3 ♥ 10 8 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 9 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 ♠ A 10 2 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 4 2 ♥ K ♦ K 8 3 2 ♦ A Q J 7 6 5 ♣ - ♣ K 9 4</p> <p>♠ K J 6 4 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 10 7 6</p>
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The problem of the hand was to manage the trump suit. No less than 6 of the declarers in the grand finessed for the queen and made their contract. Perhaps they read their opponents non-trump lead (which otherwise is standard against grand slams) as the opening leader having something interesting in trumps.

The excellent grand slam was bid at only five tables. Twelve tables stopped in a small and three tables stopped in game. This was the instructive bidding in the match between Warwick University (situated in the English Midlands, South of Birmingham) and the Economic University of Prague (Prague E):

Board 13. Dealer North.
All Vulnerable.

<p>♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ 10 9 ♣ A 8 5 3 2</p> <p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 4 2 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ K ♦ A Q J 7 6 5 ♣ K 9 4</p> <p>♠ K J 6 4 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 10 7 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Whitehead Braza</i>	<i>Cowling</i>	<i>Tegze</i>	
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

After East had shown a stronger type of hand with good playing strength, West made a slam try with 4♦. Cue bids revealed first round controls in both black suits and the king of hearts (only **high card** controls in partner's suit) in the East hand. West now had an easy task. Excellent!

The four other pairs who managed to bid this grand slam were Arkadiusz Gorzewski - Maciej Katek for Technical University of Gdansk, Jimmy Litjens - Monique Van De Sande for Netherlands I, Rasmus Koch - Mads Krogsgaard for Aalborg University in Denmark, and Matteo Sbarigia and Andrea Boldrini for the Italian FIGB team. Hhum, what did I say yesterday about their slam bidding?

Match of the Day: Prague K1 - Aalborg

Both teams start by wishing each other good luck. It is a sporting championship after all. On board 1, both teams defend with 4♠ over 4♥. In the closed room Jan Martynek, North for Prague Karlova 1, goes 2 down, while in the open room Sejr A Jensen for Aalborg fails by just one. 2 IMPs to the Danes.

Board 2 is an example of the Multi-2♦. In the open room, Milan Macura in East goes 4 down in 4♥X, while in the closed room Rasmus Koch goes 2 down in 2♦XX. 5 more IMPs to Aalborg.

Board 3. Dealer South.
E/W Vulnerable.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>David</i>	<i>Sejr</i>	<i>Milan</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Mads</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Rasmus</i>	<i>Petr J</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the open room, Milan leads the ♦7 against 3NT. The queen wins and David switches to the ♣5. A club is returned and declarer cannot reach the table any more and goes 4 down. Even if declarer puts the ♦K on the first trick, he is still doomed: 3 diamonds, 2 spades and a club trick.

In the closed room the contract is 4♥, and the lead is the ♣J to the ace. East switches to diamonds, and Petr Jelinek takes the correct decision; he takes the king, and plays ♣Q. After ♥A and ♥K he plays the ♣K on which the ♦9 disappears. Declarer comes back to hand by ruffing a diamond and he plays ♠3 to the jack. West can only make ♠AK. Well played and 12 IMPs to Prague.

On board 4, both tables play 6♦; in the open room Aalborg manages an overtrick for a solitary IMP.

Board 5 is a failing 3NT, the Czechs by 2: 2 IMPs to Aalborg.

Board 6. Dealer East.
E/W Vulnerable.

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



Piotr, Monique, Marta and Jimmy

Olek showed great confidence (the 2♥ bid after the Polish club shows 19 points) and Patrycja needed North to have one of the minor suit honours. Monique was unlucky: not playing Polish clubs, she opened the East hand 1♥ and played there. 10 IMPs to Wroclaw AZS, who won the match 16-14 and can henceforth call themselves "University Mixed Teams Champions of Europe".

The Good and the Bad

By Jelmer Hasper

This is a story about our teammate Hans, who is not having his best tournament ever. Sometimes he is a good player, and sometimes a not so good player. Let me give you two examples. Both times the contract is 6♠.

Round 5 - Board 5. Dealer North.
N/S Vulnerable.

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

After a slightly optimistic bidding sequence, Hans played 6♠ from the West hand. He received a fortunate club lead and played a spade to the queen in trick 2. Next he ruffed a club, played spade to the ace and ruffed the ♣Q. He proceeded to cash his diamonds and of course South refused to ruff. However, this did not help as Hans exited with a spade and poor South had no more clubs and was forced to play into the heart tenace for a GOOD +980.

Round 8 - Board 13. Dealer North.
All Vulnerable.

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

Once again Hans stood at the helm of a 6♠ contract, this time from the South hand. He won the club lead in dummy, cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club (!) in hand. He proceeded to ruff a heart in dummy and cashed his trumps. He was in trouble now due to the 4-1 trump break and was forced to rely on the diamond finesse, which luckily for Hans was on and which gave him a very BAD +1460.

(We do not have room for a picture of Hans to go with either of these articles, but I promise to make it up to you, Hans - ed.)

Board 9. Dealer North.

E/W Vulnerable.

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

IBPA is here!

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) is an organization bringing together people devoted to bridge promotion from all over the world - journalists, editors and printers of bridge books and magazines, as well as managers of internet sites. The President of the organization is Henry Francis of the United States, and the three Vice Presidents are Jean-Paul Meyer of France, Per Jannersten of Sweden and Patrick Jourdain of Wales. Present here in Wrocław is the Treasurer, Christer Andersson of Sweden.

IBPA publishes a monthly bulletin. It contains up to date material from every corner of the world, free to be used by its members. Members also have exclusive accessibility to the press room at major tournaments, and are often invited to press conferences held by authorities within the bridge administrations. Clippings competitions are held annually with chances for members to win money prizes, when the articles mention the specific Championship or sponsor to be promoted.

IBPA also hands out five Awards annually - IBPA personality of the year, Best played hand of the year, Best defended hand of the year, Best bid hand of the year, and the IBPA junior award. If you do something good here in Wrocław and take care to mention this to the Bulletin staff you might be nominated for such a prize.

There are two types of membership in IBPA. Full membership is for those who make a living out of publishing bridge-related material, whereas others, like the treasurer, can become associate members. Since the beginning of this

year members can chose to receive the IBPA Bulletin by post or by E-mail. The former type of membership is more expensive than the latter.

Persons wishing to become members can contact the IBPA treasurer via the Bulletin staff. Those who register here in Wrocław have to pay 1½ year membership (to the end of 2004), which is 63 GBP (90 EUR, 400 PLZ) for the posted Bulletin and 42 GBP (60 EUR, 265 PLZ) for the E-mail version.



Christer writing a piece for tomorrow's bulletin

Results

Round 6

Warsaw 2	Wroclaw AZS	10- 20
Netherlands 2	Gdansk	5- 25
Poland	Wroclaw P	11- 19
Lodz	Wroclaw U	18- 12
Netherlands 1	Warsaw 1	4- 25
Rome	Belgium	2- 25
Prague E	Warwick	4- 25
Prague K1	Leuven	22- 8
Prague K2	Antwerp	25- 0
Aalborg	Italy	16- 14

Round 7

Wroclaw AZS	Netherlands 1	16- 14
Warsaw 1	Lodz	16- 14
Wroclaw U	Poland	9- 21
Wroclaw P	Netherlands 2	2- 25
Gdansk	Warsaw 2	23- 7
Belgium	Aalborg	21- 9
Italy	Prague K2	22- 8
Antwerp	Prague K1	0- 25
Leuven	Prague E	0- 25
Warwick	Rome	13- 17

Round 8

Gdansk	Wroclaw AZS	25- 1
Warsaw 2	Wroclaw P	15- 15
Netherlands 2	Wroclaw U	15- 15
Poland	Warsaw 1	15- 15
Lodz	Netherlands 1	12- 18
Warwick	Belgium	16- 14
Rome	Leuven	18- 12
Prague E	Antwerp	25- 5
Prague K1	Italy	16- 14
Prague K2	Aalborg	12- 18

Round 9

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

Round 10

Wroclaw P	Leuven	25- 2
Wroclaw U	Antwerp	25- 3
Warsaw 1	Italy	7- 23
Netherlands 1	Aalborg	14- 16
Lodz	Prague K2	20- 10
Poland	Prague K1	21- 9
Netherlands 2	Prague E	25- 2
Warsaw 2	Rome	24- 6
Gdansk	Warwick	11- 19
Wroclaw AZS	Belgium	5- 25

Round 11

Antwerp	Wroclaw P	0- 25
Italy	Wroclaw U	23- 7
Aalborg	Warsaw 1	7- 23
Prague K2	Netherlands 1	21- 9
Prague K1	Lodz	17- 13
Prague E	Poland	6- 24
Rome	Netherlands 2	3- 25
Warwick	Warsaw 2	11- 19
Belgium	Gdansk	18- 12
Leuven	Wroclaw AZS	15- 15

Ranking after round 11

1	Belgium	224.0
2	Italy	212.0
3	Poland	210.0
4	Prague K1	209.0
5	Warwick	205.0
6	Warsaw 1	196.0
7	Netherlands 2	194.0
8	Gdansk	178.0
9	Wroclaw P	169.0
10	Warsaw 2	169.0
11	Lodz	162.0
12	Wroclaw U	161.0
13	Aalborg	148.0
14	Prague K2	147.0
15	Rome	144.0
16	Prague E	134.0
17	Netherlands 1	133.0
18	Wroclaw AZS	117.0
19	Leuven	81.0
20	Antwerp	42.0

Butler after 10 rounds

1	D VOZABAL	PR1	1,60	60		M NOWOSADZKI	GDA	0,22	100
	M MACURA	PR1	1,60	60	51	R WOLANSKI	WRP	0,21	90
3	A BOLDRINI	ITA	1,59	80	52	V BERAN	PRE	0,19	80
	M SBARIGIA	ITA	1,59	80	53	P ZIELINSKI	UW2	0,18	80
5	D CROPPER	WAR	1,53	100		W KARLOWICZ	UW2	0,18	80
	L CHAPMAN	WAR	1,53	100	55	M KROGSGAARD	AAL	0,01	100
	A AMSEL	BEL	1,53	100		R KOCH	AAL	0,01	100
	S DE DONDER	BEL	1,53	100	57	A KOZIKOWSKI	LOD	0,00	100
9	L BREDE	POL	1,26	90		K RUSZKIEWICZ	LOD	0,00	100
	S KAPALA	POL	1,26	90		P DYBICZ	UW1	0,00	30
11	M WITTENBECK	WRP	1,24	50	60	P WITTENBECK	POL	-0,10	20
12	P PEKNY	PR1	1,11	70		K ARASZKIEWICZ	POL	-0,10	20
	P PULKRAB	PR1	1,11	70	62	S A JENSEN	AAL	-0,11	100
14	J MARTYNEK	PR1	0,84	70		T SCHONFELDT	AAL	-0,11	100
	P JELINEK	PR1	0,84	70	64	M BAJ	WRA	-0,14	70
16	J KOTOROWICZ	UW1	0,77	100	65	J LITJENS	NL1	-0,16	100
	K KOTOROWICZ	UW1	0,77	100		M VAN DE SANDE	NL1	-0,16	100
18	M DORABIALA	WRP	0,76	100	67	M FECHNER	WRU	-0,29	70
19	B COWLING	WAR	0,68	100		S ZEBERSKI	WRU	-0,29	70
	S WHITEHEAD	WAR	0,68	100	69	G TANI	ROM	-0,33	80
21	E BARENDREGT	NL2	0,65	100		M APRILE	ROM	-0,33	80
	R RITMEIJER	NL2	0,65	100	71	P RYDZEWSKI	WRA	-0,35	100
23	J FASTENAKELS	BEL	0,64	100	72	R RUTA	LOD	-0,40	100
	T DOBBELS	BEL	0,64	100		T SPODENKIEWICZ	LOD	-0,40	100
25	M WEBER	WRU	0,60	60	74	J MEDLIN	PRE	-0,61	70
	W GAWEL	WRU	0,60	60	75	P GALAZKA	UW2	-0,65	60
27	F NIZIOL	UW2	0,58	60		P NAWROCKI	UW2	-0,65	60
	M MALESA	UW2	0,58	60	77	M KOZLOWSKA	WRA	-0,80	50
29	A GORZEWSKI	GDA	0,54	100	78	L VONDRACKOVA	PR2	-0,81	100
	M KATEK	GDA	0,54	100		V SIDLOVA	PR2	-0,81	100
31	S PISANO	ITA	0,53	80	80	J SLEMR	PRE	-0,86	80
	S UCCELLO	ITA	0,53	80	81	M ROBAK	WRP	-0,88	90
33	A SANGIORGIO	ITA	0,45	40	82	H BROEKSTEEG	NL1	-0,89	100
	F FERRARI	ITA	0,45	40		M VAN GELDER	NL1	-0,89	100
35	G NARKIEWICZ	POL	0,42	90	84	F DE MARCHIS	ROM	-1,03	30
	K BURAS	POL	0,42	90		M ROMEI	ROM	-1,03	30
37	M TEGZE	PRE	0,40	80	86	M ELMER	WRP	-1,43	70
38	P JANISZEWSKI	UW1	0,34	70	87	T KOZLOWSKI	WRA	-1,45	40
39	J VAN'T OEVER	NL2	0,32	100	88	A FRAN CZAK	WRA	-1,50	60
	M BOOTSMA	NL2	0,32	100	89	P KORKUS	WRA	-1,66	80
41	M JANECEK	PR2	0,29	100	90	G DE BORGER	LEU	-1,68	100
	M SIGMUND	PR2	0,29	100		J VERACHTEN	LEU	-1,68	100
43	J BRAZA	PRE	0,28	90	92	D DE HERTOOG	LEU	-1,89	100
	A ROSATI	ROM	0,28	90		G VAN DEN BERGHE	LEU	-1,89	100
	F ASSENZO	ROM	0,28	90	94	E LIEKENS	ANT	-2,54	100
46	M JARZEBOWICZ	WRU	0,27	70		N VAN EETVELDE	ANT	-2,54	100
	P LOPUSIEWICZ	WRU	0,27	70	96	G VERSWYVEL	ANT	-2,61	100
48	J KALITA	UW1	0,24	100		K DE CNODDER	ANT	-2,61	100
49	J KASPRZAK	GDA	0,22	100					

