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Jeux Sans Frontières

It's a Knock Out



Action Stations in the Open Room

It's a Knockout, the British version of Jeux Sans Frontières is a team game that was started by none other than French première Charles de Gaulle. Originally based on a French TV show called Interville he wanted to bring together European countries and increase friendship between them. It was a show that captivated viewers across Europe for more than two decades (and still does in some countries).

We have our own version here in Menton and as the knockout stages of the Mixed Team Championship get under way we have an even bigger audience as our contest includes teams from all over the World.

Schedule of play

Today

- 10.00-14.15 Mixed Teams (KO PHASE Round of 32)
- 15.30-19.45 Mixed Teams (KO PHASE Round of 16)
- 10.00-11.30 Mixed Teams (Consolation Swiss Round 1)
- 11.50-13.20 Mixed Teams (Consolation Swiss Round 2)
- 14.45-16.15 Mixed Teams (Consolation Swiss Round 3)
- 16.30-18.00 Mixed Teams (Consolation Swiss Round 4)
- 18.20-19.50 Mixed Teams (Consolation Swiss Round 5)

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Rose's consolation

Rose Meltzer, the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl, will not return to the event to defend the championship she won in Paris in 2001, but she is able to keep things in perspective, and she has brought her team to Menton to try to win another prestigious title.

Going into the final round of the qualifying for the Mixed Teams, the Meltzer team was in first place in their group but was taking nothing for granted against the Almirall squad, which was in second place in the same group.

The Meltzer team made the most of their opportunity, defeating their opponents 41-6 to cruise into the Swiss teams segment of play on Sunday.

The Americans took the lead on the first board of the set.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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<p>West <i>Lanzarotti</i></p> <p>Pass Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Weichsel</i></p> <p>INT 3♥</p>	<p>East <i>Gianardi</i></p> <p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Sanborn</i></p> <p>1♥ 2♣</p>									

Kerri Sanborn had nothing in reserve, and even if she had known about the double fit in the majors, she likely would have declined Peter Weichsel's invitation to game.

Massimo Lanzarotti started with a low spade to the jack and ace, and Sanborn played a heart to the jack and queen at trick two. A spade came back to Sanborn's king and she pulled trumps, ending in her hand.

Next came the ♦8 to the queen and king, and East (Carla Gianardi) was endplayed. She tried the ♣K, but Sanborn ducked, then ruffed the ♦A and gave up a spade to West for plus 140.

At the other table, North-South were more ambitious.

<p>West <i>L. Stansby</i></p> <p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Ventin</i></p> <p>1♠ 3NT</p>	<p>East <i>J. Stansby</i></p> <p>INT Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Almirall</i></p> <p>1♥ 2♠ 4♠</p>
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The natural INT by Jo Anna Stansby did not slow down Ventin and Almirall, who reached the reasonable game that, on the lie of the cards, had no play.

Jo Anna started with the ♦K, switching to the ♣K, ducked, at trick two. She played a low spade at trick three, and declarer played low, losing to the queen. A club was returned to declarer's ace, and the ♦A was ruffed out for a club pitch, but there was no way to pick up the heart suit without a loser, so North was one off for minus 50 and a 5-IMP gain for Meltzer.

Two pushes followed, and then Meltzer won a part score battle for another gain.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 5 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ 5 3 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 9 ♥ 10 8 6 5 4 3 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ J 9</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 8 7 4</p>
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<p>West <i>L. Stansby</i></p> <p>Pass 2♠</p>	<p>North <i>Ventin</i></p> <p>2♥ All Pass</p>	<p>East <i>J. Stansby</i></p> <p>INT Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Almirall</i></p> <p>Pass Pass</p>									



Jo Anna Stansby, USA

The Stansbys play INT openers as 12-14, which made it slightly more difficult for North-South to compete. When 2♥ came back around to him, Lew Stansby took a chance that if the opponents had a fit, his side did, too.

North started with a low heart, ducked to South's king. A spade was returned to the jack, king and ace. Lew lost three clubs and a diamond from there, but he had plus 110 in 2♠.

her king, ducked by Lanzarotti. Sanborn then played the top two spades from her hand, claiming 12 tricks when the suit proved to be 3-3. She had six spades, five clubs and one heart.

There was a lot more bidding at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Gianardi</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
1♦	1♥	1♣	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			2♥

The interference was enough to cause Lanzarotti and Gianardi to lose their spade fit, which was unfortunate for them. INT was going down at least two tricks, so Sanborn did well to pull to her partner's suit.

East started with the ♦7, and Weichsel won the ace, following with the ♣J to the queen and ace. Weichsel at that point had four club tricks but he could not untie them, so he settled for cashing dummy's three winners, pitching a diamond, and throwing his third diamond on the losing ♣6.

East won and continued with the ♦4, ruffed by Weichsel. He then played a heart to the king and a second round, giving up two hearts, two spades and a club for plus 110 and a 6-IMP gain.

Sanborn and Weichsel missed a pretty good game on the next deal, but they ended up with a profit anyway, thanks to accurate defense by their teammates.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Gianardi</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All Pass			2♠

Lanzarotti started with the ♣A, switching to a low spade at trick two. Sanborn won in dummy's performance and played a heart to

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Stansby</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>J. Stansby</i>	<i>Almirall</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	3♦	2♣
4♦	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Lew started with the ♣A, as Lanzarotti did, but with more urgency to find an entry in partner's hand, continued at trick two with the ♥A. This was followed by the ♦8 to partner's ace, and Jo Anna had no difficulty putting a club on the table for a ruff and down one. That was 8 IMPs to the Meltzer team.

Good bidding at both tables helped the team to a 10-IMP gain on board 18.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Kerri Sanborn, USA

West <i>Lanzarotti</i>	North <i>Weichsel</i>	East <i>Gianardi</i>	South <i>Sanborn</i>
	Pass	Pass	
1♦	1♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Gianardi's 3♦ was weak. Sanborn's double indicated the black suits (or enough values to manage the auction). Weichsel appreciated the value of his hand on the bidding, so he gave his partner a choice of games. Sanborn had no trouble in 4♠, losing a diamond and two trump tricks for plus 620.

At the other table, North-South were never in the auction.

West <i>L. Stansby</i>	North <i>Ventin</i>	East <i>J. Stansby</i>	South <i>Almirall</i>
		3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

This contract was down three for minus 150 and a 10-IMP gain for Meltzer.

The last board of the set produced another setback for Almirall.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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	♦ 9 2										
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West <i>L. Stansby</i>	North <i>Ventin</i>	East <i>J. Stansby</i>	South <i>Almirall</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

Almirall started with the ♦A, switching brilliantly at trick two to the ♠9. Jo Anna was taken in, inserting dummy's 10 and losing to the jack. Back came the ♦9, and the defense had the first six tricks. That was it, however, and Jo Anna scored up plus 90.

At the other table, East-West bid too much and Sanborn made them pay.

West <i>Lanzarotti</i>	North <i>Weichsel</i>	East <i>Gianardi</i>	South <i>Sanborn</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Weichsel duly led the ♦9 and it was over quickly as Sanborn won three diamonds and two spades for plus 200 and a 7-IMP gain.

Mixed Teams

We play the KO-32 and -16, both containing 28 boards in 2 sessions of 14. The first named team sits NS in the open room throughout. In the KO-32 the first named team sits around its opponents in the first session which reverses in the second session.

From the KO-16 on there will be a line-up, the first to line up 20 minutes in advance and the second 15 minutes. The line-up desk is situated on the second floor.

There will be no carryover in any of the KO-matches.

Play will be on the second floor.

The other teams will continue the Sunday-Swiss and the 13 teams coming from the Swiss A are placed between the teams 6 and 7, 7 and 8 and so on, with the average of VP of those 2 teams. The same will be done with the teams dropping out of the KO-32 stage. They may enter the consolation Swiss in round 3 today which starts at 14.45h. Their position will be between 1 and 2, 2 and 3 and so on, with the average of VP of those 2 teams. The team involved in the match between 1 and 32 and dropping out (A1 and B5) gets the highest position and so on. Thus the team losing the match between 16 and 17 ranked in the Swiss-A will be placed between the teams ranked 16 and 17 in the Swiss consolation after round 2 today. If teams dropped out in the KO-32 do not play in the consolation the positions will be accordingly higher.

It is possible that teams playing each other yesterday will meet again today.

Teams that dropped out of the KO and are not going to play in the Swiss consolation in round 3 today are kindly requested to inform the TD.

Ton Kooijman

Luggages of Mr/Mrs Karlsson, Krogulska and Bagniewski finally arrived at hospitality desk.

Championship Diary

Yesterday the highlight of the Championships was the arrival of the President of the World Federation, José Damiani.

On Saturday Ron Tacchi made a shrewd investment (no, not one of the Editor's racing tips), purchasing what is believed to be the last fan in Menton. There is no truth in the rumour that it is for sale to the highest bidder.

Our proof readers spotted a few errors on the preprinted Bulletin masthead. From now on Brent Mainley will report Manley on the bridge, while Marc Horton intends to make his Mark.

Guido Ferraro is one of the first gentlemen of Bridge. Sharing a coffee he revealed that he is Sicilian. Henceforth he will be known as Guido Corleone, and beware when meeting him at the table not least because he may make you an offer you can't refuse.

MIXED TEAMS**Qualifying, Round 3****Chagas v Svindahl**

For the third round of the afternoon, the editors decided to have a look at two of the most famous non-Europeans playing here: Zia Mahmood and Gabriel Chagas. As they are teaming up here, they both could be seen at work in one match, in which they met the Svindahl team from Norway.

In the previous round, Zia's team had lost heavily to Rand, thus destroying the advantage they got from their maximum start, whereas Svindahl had scored two 19's. So Chagas had to win to stay in the hunt.

On the first board, it looked almost too easy.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 3 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ K 8 7 6 ♣ J 10 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ J 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 9 ♣ A K 6</p>	<p>♠ A 10 6 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 4 2 ♣ Q 9 8</p>
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	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ 7 5 3 2</p>								

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Fodstad	Meyers	Anjer
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On this auction, North, Anders Fodstad, elected to take a look at dummy first by leading the ♣A. After collecting a count signal, he cashed the ♠K as well before leading a spade, which went to the six, queen and king. When Zia next guessed the diamonds, he had nine tricks.

In the other room, Chagas did not have any clues for his lead:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svindahl	Chagas	Blågestad	Pain
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

So Chagas led the ♠4, his fifth best, and Pain, after taking her time to look deeply into the position, covered dummy's six with the eight, forcing the king. At this point, declarer's task had suddenly become almost impossible. You would have to guess both red suits to succeed. When Svindahl misguessed the diamonds by

taking the second-round finesse into North who had his spades established, he was down four. He could have saved an IMP by ducking the ♠Q return by South after losing to her ♦A. As it was, CHAGAS chalked up 12 IMP's, a heavy first blow.

Things got worse for the Norwegians when they had a systemic misunderstanding in the Open Room, thus losing a vulnerable game swing and another 13 IMPs. The score stood at 25-0 now.

On the next board, the Scandinavians recouped 5 IMPs when they were allowed to make a partscore in hearts on an even more favourable lead than they had managed at the other table.

Then, after a push on 24, an interesting board came up, which might have caused a big swing to Norway which, in the end, did not quite come off:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 6 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A K 9 7 ♣ A 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ A J 5 4 2 ♥ Q 7 3 2 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ – ♥ A K 10 8 6 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K Q J 7 5</p>
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Fodstad	Meyers	Anjer
	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♠	3♣	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Holding an unpleasant surprise for declarer in her discouraging 1 NT-reply, Maja Anjer was quick to double. Down two, 500 to Svindahl. This looked a very good result, so a big swing was odds-on...let's move quickly to watch proceedings in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svindahl	Chagas	Blågestad	Pain
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	4♣	Pass	5♣

Here, a well-known gadget (reversing the meanings of the 1♠ and 1NT replies over 1♥) made it difficult for West to enter the auction immediately. When South failed to raise to 3♣ West

could easily balance in spades after all, but now Chagas launched an aggressive 4♣ call. Blågestad did not fall into the trap, however, and Pain raised to 5♣ which was definitely too high. East led a club to West's ace, Chagas unblocking an honour, and next, West put the ♦K on the table, on which Chagas followed smoothly with the Jack. Now West had a real problem, as East had not supported spades and could do no more than show and odd count now.

He continued a low spade and Chagas seized his chance. He ruffed high, crossed in trumps and presented the ♥J. West did not cover, so Chagas, being Zia's teammate, had no option but to follow Zia's rule: "When they don't cover, they don't have it." He thus went on to cash the AK and run the ♥10. Just made, 400 to his team but an unexpected (at least by him) loss of 3 IMP's

On the next board, Chagas handed back the points he won (?) on the previous one:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 5 ♥ A Q J 8 7 4 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ A	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 4 ♥ K ♦ A J 10 8 ♣ Q 10 6 4 2	♠ A K Q 6 3 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 4 3 ♣ J 9 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svindahl	Chagas	Blågestad	Pain
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♥

He won the club lead and played the ♥Q. This looks a logical card, trying to stay in control of the trumps to prevent the run of the diamonds, but it did not work out well this time. Down two he went, losing a trump and four diamonds. West had to ruff one of dummy's winning spades, so his trump stopper disappeared, but declarer could no longer dispose of any diamonds on the spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Fodstad	Meyers	Anjer
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass		All Pass	

A peaceful partscore here and no problems for this declarer who managed 10 tricks when she won the club lead and first cashed the Ace of Hearts! When the King appears, you can unblock the nine and make all the tricks, but this was not found at every table. It did not matter too much, as Svindahl still won 9 IMP's back. Playing 4♠ would be a different story, however. If North is the

declarer, after a Multi, East would lead a club and thus remove the entry to the hearts. If you try to ruff clubs in dummy now, you would go down, except if you adopt the line our Norwegian declarer just showed: cashing the ♥A first (and unblock the nine, please, for a maximum result).

If South is declarer, West might lead a diamond to East's eight, and now a club continuation is both obvious and killing. If East, for any reason, makes a different return, try to win the lead as soon as possible, draw trumps and play a heart to the ACE! This only loses to K10xx on your left and thus is the superior percentage play to establish this combination for one loser while the ♣A is still there as the side entry.

On the next board, a misdefence cost the Zia team another 10 IMP's so Svindahl took over the lead as the scored stood at 27-25 to them now. They were to lose it on the very next board, however:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q J ♥ A Q 7 5 4 3 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 8 6 4 2 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ A Q J ♣ K 2	♠ 9 7 3 ♥ K J 9 ♦ 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ A 10
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svindahl	Chagas	Blågestad	Pain
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

In the Open Room, South accepted the consequences of her bidding and quite rightly took out 3NT. When West hit upon the winning lead, a diamond, even this contract proved too high. Down one, 100 to Svindahl.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Fodstad	Meyers	Anjer
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The aggressive 3♥-rebid put the Norwegians overboard in the Closed Room. Anjer did her best, but there was no way left to play the hand in clubs below game level. There was no double, as trumps were behaving quite well, but Fodstad still had to go down three, -300 and 5 IMP's back to Chagas, who eventually won the match 31-27. An important win for Chagas, as it proved at the end of the Round Robin.

MIXED TEAMS

Swiss A, Round 2

Zimmermann v Meltzer

Two teams that had done well on Saturday were scheduled to meet in the second round of Sunday's Swiss. The Zimmermann team from France were to play Meltzer from the USA. A good and tight match could be expected and so it proved. Half the boards were pushes and there were only two sizeable swings. We have selected three boards to look closer at

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

On what looked no more than a simple partscore hand, we saw two quite contrasting bidding sequences.

<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ K 8 5 2 ♦ Q 10 8 2 ♣ K 8 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 5 4 3 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ K J 3 ♣ 10 9 6</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 2 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ Q J 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsen	Saporta	Meltzer	Moretti
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	INT	All Pass

South made a normal enough opening bid in third position, passing her partner's response. West then balanced and East's INT became the logical final contract.

With her normal enough opening lead of the ♠Q South was just unlucky to give away the show. It cost a vital tempo and it



Rose Meltzer, USA

also clarified the spade position for declarer. The ♠Q held and so did the switch to the ♣Q. Now, a diamond went to the queen and king, but declarer was in control. A spade went to the 10 and ace and the ♥10 ran to the queen. Back came a low club won in dummy and the next heart went to the jack in declarer's hand. Time now to cash out with the help of the marked spade finesse: three spades, two hearts when the king did not drop, a diamond and a club. Meltzer +90.

In the other room, an off-shape third-hand opening did not work out well:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Weichsel	Bessis	Sanborn
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Well, this auction too looks fair enough, but with the cards and the intermediates lying well for the defence, Weichsel could never avoid down two after the good lead of the ♣10 by Véronique Bessis, as the defence now was a tempo ahead when Michel ducked his ace. Zimmermann + 200 and 3 IMPs to them.

There was more to come for them when we saw quite different hand evaluations in either room:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q J 9 7 ♥ A ♦ A Q 9 8 5 ♣ 10 9 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 8 5 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ K 4</p>	<p>♠ A 6 4 2 ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ - ♣ A 7 6 5 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsen	Saporta	Meltzer	Moretti
1♥	Dble	2♣	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ was a diamond transfer, duly alerted. Moretti's 4♠ definitely has the advantage of simplicity and saw her at the helm in a very good contract. She won the ♦J lead with the ace and immediately went after the side suit, clubs. When East unblocked her king it was West who won the second round of the suit and returned a heart. Another club went to the queen and the heart return was ruffed in dummy. The ♠Q went to the king and yet another heart was ruffed by dummy's nine which held. When everybody followed to the ♠J the hand was over. Zimmermann +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Weichsel	Bessis	Sanborn
1♥	Dble	2♦	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Though Kerri Sanborn apologised for a possible underbid when putting down her hand, we will never know what might have happened if she had raised her partner to game. The lead may well have made the difference again: Bessis led the ♥Q, her partner's suit. Looking at his good diamond intermediates and no doubt realising he was playing only 2♠, Peter Weichsel went after the diamonds, playing the ace and queen, covered by the king, ruffed in dummy and drawing the jack. East returned a spade, but Weichsel could ruff out the ♦10 and settle for a solid enough nine tricks. Meltzer +140 but still another 7-IMP loss.

Three overtricks had brought their deficit back to 10-3 when the last board came up.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsen	Saporta	Meltzer	Moretti
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Though 2♦ might not have been a tremendous success it definitely made the opponents' life difficult. When Saporta elected to bid one more, his side were overboard. One down, Meltzer +100. Well done by East.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Weichsel	Bessis	Sanborn
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Here, East did not show the same aggression as her American counterpart. She sold out peacefully to 2♣ which might have been defeated as well on perfect defence. When East switched to a diamond after cashing two top hearts, dummy's ♦10 suddenly held and the eighth trick was born. On a spade switch and diamond return, East can exit with the ♥Q as dummy is dead and the contract has to go down. As it was, Weichsel scored 90 and his team another 5 IMPs to make it 10-8 to Zimmermann or 16-14 V.P. They both had consolidated their positions.

Make them Guess

Mark Horton

England's Paul Hackett found a thoughtful defence on this deal from Round 3 of yesterday's Swiss.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Hackett	De Botton	
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Dble
3NT	Pass	5♦	Pass

The opening lead of the jack of clubs was covered by the queen, ace and ruffed by declarer, who drew two rounds of trumps. Now she cashed a club, discarding a spade, ruffed a club, and having completed the partial elimination played ace and another spade.

Paul Hackett was careful to overtake his partner's queen of spades with his king, even though it established a spade trick for declarer.

He exited with his trump, leaving declarer to divine the heart position, a task that proved to be a bridge too far.



Paul Hackett, England

Defend this Hand with Me

by *Entrée ce Seer*

Wellington's defeat of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo was in no small measure due to the last minute arrival of Blucher's Prussian forces. This deal might be said to echo that.

Dealer West, North/South Vul

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 5 4 3 2

My partner is a solid enough performer, but the rubber is going badly when I pick up a hand of a type that both I and my Bank Manager are all too familiar. In the hope of creating a diversion I decide to open Three Hearts. This appears to give North a problem, but eventually he doubles. When partner redoubles, I have to announce a convention. His bid shows heart support, but suggests there is no future in leading the suit. I suspect that Three Hearts redoubled may be a trifle expensive, but South is from the old school and he trots out Blackwood. After discovering North has two aces and a king he bids 7NT.

This is the full auction:

West	North	East	South
3♥	Dble	Redbl	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

Prospects are poor, but in any event I must clearly try and find a lead to pressurise the declarer. As partner did not double Six Diamonds it is a choice of black suits and eventually I decide on a slightly deceptive four of spades.

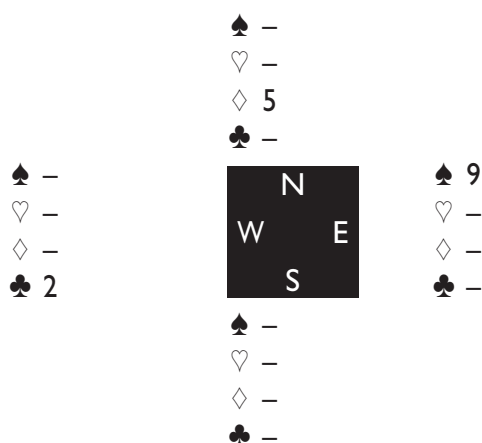
♠ K J 10
♥ J 6 5
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A Q 6

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 5 4 3 2



South does not appear discomfited and he proceeds to cash three top spades, partner showing an even number, followed by three top hearts, partner again revealing four. It occurs to me that Three Hearts redoubled would not have been a picnic.

Now declarer takes the ace, queen and king of diamonds, partner producing the jack and ten, followed by the ace, queen, and king of clubs. I have to follow all the way, but in the hope of causing some confusion I play the three, five and four. For once it is appropriate to show the one card ending:



South, who is busy entering the score, receives a rude awakening when his partner points out that he has not yet played to trick thirteen. Despite a thorough search there is no sign of the missing card and in accordance with Law 79 I find myself on lead for the second time. My goodness! I am going to take a trick with the two of clubs.

This was the full deal:

♠ K J 10
♥ J 6 5
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A Q 6

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 5 4 3 2

♠ 9 8 6 5
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 10
♣ 10 9 8

♠ A Q 7
♥ A K Q
♦ K 9 8 (7)
♣ K J 7

Partner remarks that he remembered the convention but this is lost on South, who has just realised that he would have won trick thirteen with the seven of diamonds, especially useful when Dom Perignon is the order of the day.

Prize Time

The Bulletin offers a prize for the best article to appear during the Championships, kindly donated by Bridge Magazine.

Limerick Time

We request you to submit your finest prose in pursuit of the prize we offer for the Limerick contest. This year your first line is:

There was a young lady from France.

Entries to Ron Tacchi in the Daily Bulletin.

La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

Pour parler de la pluie et du beau temps

Un temps de chien ! C'est avec ces mots quelque peu inattendus - sous la canicule - que le député-maire de Menton, Jean-Claude Guibal a entamé son discours d'ouverture. Cette expression sur le temps et l'animal n'est pas si décalée qu'il y paraît. En effet, comme l'édile nous l'a expliqué, si l'on remonte à la genèse du " temps de chien ", on se retrouve en Chine, 5 siècles avant J.C., dans une période de cataclysmes, au beau milieu de l'année astrale du Chien. Mais le temps de chien des uns n'est pas forcément celui des autres. Pour le bédouin du désert, un jour de pluie est une bénédiction du ciel, tandis que sous un soleil brûlant, il fait un temps à ne pas mettre un chien dehors. Bien entendu, pour un Belge ou un Irlandais, c'est l'inverse.

Les amateurs d'anagrammes auront apprécié le chien hors sa niche venant de Chine...

Du soleil plein les yeux

Authentique (match Israël-Autriche). Entendu après un match, cette explication donnée à un contrat de 3 SA chuté : " L'adversaire était si belle que je n'ai pas pensé qu'elle puisse laisser passer, lorsque j'ai joué Carreau pour la Dame du mort ".

Chaud devant

Pas besoin d'avoir à attendre pour trouver une donne à swing, dans ce championnat. Pas même le temps de s'échauffer (si tant est qu'il était nécessaire de le faire, compte tenu de la température ambiante), on fut servi dès la toute première donne de la première séance.

Don. Nord. Personne Vul.

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Trois séquences parmi d'autres:

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Van der Neut</i>		<i>Mme Bello</i>	
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Passe
2 ♥	Passe	3 ♣	Passe
4 ♥	(Fin)		

ou bien,

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Boulicaut</i>		<i>Mme Aubonnet</i>	
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Passe
2 ♥	Passe	3 ♣	X
4 ♥	(Fin)		

ou encore,

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Chikhi</i>		<i>Mme Lejuste</i>	
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Passe
4 ♥	(Fin)		

Il s'en est passé de bien belles, sur la donne !

Après l'entame à ♦, pour la Dame et l'As, il paraît assez logique d'imaginer que Nord détienne un honneur à ♣, dans son ouverture. Dès lors, il est tentant de poursuivre par le Roi de ♥, en tablant sur une répartition normale des atouts. On prévoit de perdre l'As de ♥, un ♦ et un ♣. Mais la suite est dangereusement compromise lorsque, après l'As de ♥, le Roi de ♦, un retour à ♦ coupé, puis la Dame de ♥, on découvre quatre atouts en Nord. Dès lors, on présente la Dame de ♠, en priant pour que Nord couvre. S'il couvre, c'est gagné : comme Jaap Van der Neut, vous coupez ensuite un ♠, puis vous jouez Valet de ♥ et ♥, abandonnant son atout à Nord, et la reprise au mort de l'As de ♣ permet d'aller exploiter les ♠. Et si Nord ne couvre pas à ♠, il faut se résoudre à chuter.

Moussa Chikhi, lui, a gagné ainsi : après l'entame à ♦ prise de l'As, il a présenté la Dame de ♠ ; quand Nord a refusé de couvrir, il a poursuivi par un petit ♣ ; si Nord coupait, c'en était fini des chances de la défense de faire chuter. Mais s'il ne coupait pas, également ! Le déclarant poursuit, en effet, par l'As de ♠ (en défaussant un ♣), puis par ♠ coupé, et il ressort à ♦. Nord n'apprécie guère : il ne peut que rejouer ♦, dans coupe et défausse, ou atout, mais dans ce cas il ne peut prétendre qu'à une seule levée de ♥.



Isabelle Bello, France

Certes, une ligne voisine, plus simple, était gagnante: As de \diamond et Dame de \spadesuit , non couverte, mais prise de l'As, puis Valet de \spadesuit , en défaussant la perdante à \diamond . Nord prend du Roi, et compte-tenu qu'il ne peut jouer \clubsuit , la défense sera limitée à ses deux levées d'atout. Si le pouvait, rien ne serait définitivement perdu, en prenant de l'As, puis en encaissant 10 et 9 de \spadesuit , en écartant deux \clubsuit .

Le palier suprême

On en connaît qui n'ont pas atteint le grand chelem, sur la donne 10 de la première séance.

Donneur Est, tous vuln.

\spadesuit 9 3		\spadesuit 7 6 5 4 2									
\heartsuit V 7 2		\heartsuit D 10 8 5									
\diamond D 6 5		\diamond 9									
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\heartsuit -											
\diamond 10 8 7 4 3											
\clubsuit D 6 5 3											

La séquence très sobre de Claude Blouquit, dite Mamie, en face de Jean-Paul Kremer:

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Kremer		Mme Blouquit	
2 \diamond ⁽¹⁾	Passe	2 \heartsuit ⁽²⁾	Passe
3 \heartsuit	Passe	5 \heartsuit ⁽³⁾	Passe
7 \heartsuit			

⁽¹⁾ forcing de manche.

⁽²⁾ négatif.

⁽³⁾ au poids.

Egalité avec l'autre salle. Pas de chance: il y a eu des égalités à 6 \heartsuit égal, dans d'autres matches.



Claude Blouquit, France

La puce à l'oreille

Tour 2, donne 11. S/T

\spadesuit R D 3		\spadesuit 10 7 6									
\heartsuit D 7 3		\heartsuit R 4									
\diamond 10 5 4 2		\diamond A R D 9 3									
\clubsuit 9 4 2		\clubsuit A R 6									
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\diamond V 8											
\clubsuit 10 8 7											

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
1 \spadesuit	Passe	2 \diamond	Passe
2 \spadesuit	Passe	3 \spadesuit	Passe
4 \heartsuit	Passe	5 \spadesuit	Passe
6 \spadesuit	X	Passe	Passe
6SA	(fin)		

Par le contre inquiété, l'Ouest avisé rectifia le tir à 6SA. Après l'entame du 3 de \heartsuit , le déclarant compta 12 levées sur un partage 3-3 des \diamond . L'arrivée du 8, puis du Valet de \diamond , éveilla ses sens et il décida d'abandonner provisoirement l'exploitation de la couleur. Avec une quasi certitude, après l'entame en pair-impair, d'une répartition 6-3 des \heartsuit (si Nord possède 5 \heartsuit , il n'a alors que 2 Carreaux et on ne peut plus gagner), doublée de l'assurance du grand mariage à Pique en Nord, le déclarant décida de déshabiller son adversaire. Sitôt dit, sitôt fait : 4 tours de \clubsuit , petit \heartsuit pour le Roi du mort, et impasse à \spadesuit . C'est beau : Nord, en main à la Dame de \spadesuit , est obligé de livrer l'impasse à \diamond , ou l'impasse à \spadesuit , pour 12 le-vées. Un grand exercice de divination !

CHAMPIONNAT MIXTE PAR EQUIPES

Les 1/16 et 1/8èmes de finales sont jouées aujourd'hui en 28 donnes avec mi temps A partir des huitièmes de finale, les line-up doivent être fournis respectivement 20 et 15 minutes en avance. Le bureau des line-up est au deuxième étage, de même que les salles de jeu. Les autres équipes continuent en suisse, les 13 équipes éliminées du suisse A seront classées entre la 6ème et la 7ème place, puis entre la huitième et la neuvième, etc...avec la moyenne de ces deux équipes en points de victoire. Il en ira de même pour les équipes battues en huitième de finale. C'est l'équipe battue du match 1 contre 32 qui obtiendra le meilleur score et ainsi de suite. Ainsi, l'équipe battue dans le match entre le 16ème et le 17ème sera placée entre le 16ème et le 17ème du suisse. Les équipes éliminées dans le KO et qui ne désirent pas jouer la consolation doivent informer le directeur du tournoi

Ton Kooijman

Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

Dite la verità, è quasi con un sospiro di sollievo che tirate su queste carte:

♠ J 5 3
♥ Q 8 7 6
♦ 9 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

No, non è che vi piaccia particolarmente assistere in balia degli avversari piuttosto che agire sguainando la spada (spade=picche?), ma la situazione tattica richiede un basso profilo. State giocando l'ultima mano di una giornata abbastanza impegnativa. Il vostro score è buono e, sorprese a parte, dovrete passare alla fase successiva. Ecco, proprio per evitare sorprese accogliete a braccia aperte quegli undici biglietti del tram con una Dama e un Fante. Ora c'è da superare solo il piccolo stress della licita sperando che il compagno sia in bianco (magari non troppo, se no chiamano il grande. Non si sa mai, anche loro si stanno giocando la qualificazione...). Il carrello vi arriva con Ovest che, primo di mano in zona, alla vostra destra apre di 1♣ (squadra francese, standard francese). Passate impassibili e, dopo 1♦ di risposta dell'avversaria a sinistra, trasmettete il carrello dall'altra parte. Ci mette poco a tornare con il passo della vostra compagna (evviva! Non c'impicciamo, non paghiamo, speriamo solo che non esagerino, tesi al recupero come sono) e 1♠ a destra, su cui, dopo aver assunto a fatica un'espressione partecipe, mettete un altro verde. La signora a sinistra riflette un attimo e piazza un bel 3♦ (andiamo pianino, per cortesia, pensate lanciando il carrello dall'altra parte). Uno splendido passo della vostra compagna è seguito dal 3SA straconclusivo di Ovest. Piazzate il passo d'obbligo, assistete al minimo di esitazione dell'avversaria che, comunque, si arrende fermandosi e frulante allegramente il carrello dall'altra parte rilassandovi e pensando "è finita, olè!". Vi avventate sulla penna e segnate 3SA nello spazio riservato all'ultima mano. Ma il carrello non torna....("starà chiedendo qualcosa...ma che gliene frega". Pensate così maleducatamente perchè siete Ferraro che pensa male, parla male, agisce male). State comunque per segnare l'attacco che farete, avete scelto cuori, quando finalmente il carrello torna. Finalmente per niente! Siete stanchi ma ancora percepite i colori. C'è un rosso, un terribile rosso, un inaspettato e fastidioso rosso nella linea dei cartellini della vostra compagna, lì proprio all'ultimo posto. Ha contratto 3SA, non ci si crede! Ma porca miseria! (ricordatevi che siete Ferraro. Potete colorire un po' quest'ultima espressione...). Vi schematizzo la licita, non per girare il coltello nella piaga, ma solo per avere la situazione sott'occhio:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Le Poder	Ferraro	Curetti	Erhart
1♣	passo	1♦	passo
1♠	passo	3♦	passo
3SA	passo	passo	contro

tutti passano (uno con profonda tristezza)

Ma vi pare giusto che ora dovette pure attaccare? Uno non ha niente e si trova messo in mezzo. Brutto gioco il bridge...Rimettete velocemente a posto la cuori preparata mentalmente (il compagno, sicuramente non vuole l'attacco naturale ad orecchio) e cominciate a tormentarvi escludendo i colori per arrivare ad una carta dignitosa. Avete deciso? Ecco il totale:

Board 20, Dich. Ovest, Tutti in zona

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

Ferraro ha intavolato il 6 di fiori, accolto con cauta approvazione dalla sua parte del sipario e con un disgusto totale e assoluto dall'altra (brutto gioco il bridge, molto elastico). Le Poder si è fermato a pensare mentre Ferraro avrebbe voluto sotterrarsi sotto una colata di cemento. Ci sarebbero otto levée prendendo la cuori. Il dichiarante ha lasciato in presa il Re di fiori del morto e ha giocato picche per il 9 tranquillo della Erhart (avete mai visto un 9 agitato?) e...il 10 della mano. Tombola, 3SAx-2 pari a 500 punti per quello che non azzecca un attacco nemmeno sotto tortura. Per la cronaca anche la squadra francese (Curetti), nonostante questo colpo, è passata alla fase successiva. Mantenete un attimo ancora questa mano spostandovi al tavolo di Benito Garozzo dove la licita è andata così:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Garozzo		du Pont
1♣	passo	1♦	passo
1♠	passo	2SA	passo
3SA	tutti passano	(una con una certa preoccupazione mista a speranza)	

Lea du Pont si è affacciata con l'Asso di quadri e, con estrema nonchalance, ha proseguito 9 di picche. La dichiarante ha passato il 10 del morto e si è ripetuta la scena precedente. Bel gioco il bridge...

Rimaniamo dalle parti di Garozzo che, in coppia con Lea du Pont, gioca per San Marino con Soroldoni/Vanosi e De Falco/Olivieri. Squadra composta da tre italiani e mezzo (il mezzo è dovuto a Massimo Soroldoni: cuore italiano e carte a San Marino), un italoamericano (Garozzo) e un'americana (du Pont). Come dicevamo, transnazionale. Nel match contro la forte formazione statunitense Meltzer, Benito ha dovuto trattare una 8/4 (brutte bestie le 8/4)

Grande successo ha riscosso la formula nel passaggio dai gironcini allo swiss, specialmente nella parte riguardante la mancanza di carry over e nel calendario incontri a scendere per classifica. Gli italiani del girone A si sono divisi in due partiti: i moderati che hanno chiamato gli avvocati per portare in tribunale gli organizzatori, e gli integralisti che, richiedendo un sacrificio umano, hanno strappato 11 Fanti di Fiori (la fante-ria) in effigie. Sto scherzando, ne hanno strappati solo 10.

Board 3, Dich. Sud, E/O in zona

♠ A K J 10 6 5 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ J

♠ Q 8
 ♥ A Q 8 6 3
 ♦ A Q 8
 ♣ K 10 2

♠ 9
 ♥ K J 9 7 5
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 7 2
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A Q 8 5 3

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
L. Stansby	Garozzo	J. Stanby	du Pont
1♥	4♠	5♥	passo
passo	5♠	contro	tutti passano

Benito sul 5♥ di Jo Anna Stansby, ci ha pensato qualche secondo per dovere d'ufficio ma poi ha naturalmente deciso di salire a 5♠. Minimo della pena, un down, ma a 5♥ si cadeva. Nell'altra sala la licita si è fermata a 4♠. Questi punti persi sono rientrati poche mani dopo:

Board 8, Dich. Ovest, Tutti in prima

♠ K Q
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ A K Q 10 8 4
 ♣ 10 5

♠ A 5
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ J 9 6 3 2
 ♣ J 6

♠ J 7 6 4
 ♥ J 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A K Q 8 7 3

♠ 10 9 8 3 2
 ♥ A 5 4 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 9 4 2

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
L. Stansby	Garozzo	J. Stanby	du Pont
ISA*	contro	passo	2♠
passo	passo	3SA	tutti passano

*Debole

Garozzo, credetemi, in attacco si stava leccando i baffi che non ha quando ha intavolato il Re di quadri, ma sul successivo Asso, per lo scarto del 10 di picche della compagna, è rimasto un po' deluso. Poco male, Re di picche sul tavolo e il dichiarante è andato down lo stesso. Anche De Falco, nell'altra sala impegnato nello stesso contratto con lo stesso attacco (e vedi un po'!) si stava preparando al down quando Weichsel ha virato a cuori cercando l'Asso dalla compagna (c'è) e un'altra quadri per il sotto (non c'è). 3SA+1.

Nel secondo turno dello swiss, al tavolo I, la squadra Canesi

(Canesi/Cedolin, Corchia/Matricardi, Donatelli/Malaguti) ha incontrato la squadra americana Sprung.

L'incontro è finito 44 a 11 per gli italiani, pari a 24 a 6 in VP. Due belle botte firmate tricolore.

Board 12, Dich. Ovest, N/S in zona

♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ K J 6 5
 ♣ K J 2

♠ 7 5
 ♥ A 8 7 5 2
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ A 10 7

♠ K 10 3 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ 8 6 5 4 3

♠ A Q J 4
 ♥ K Q 9 4
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ Q 9

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Cedolin	P. Lewis	Canesi	L. Lewis
1♥	passo	1♠	passo
ISA	tutti passano		

Paul Lewis ha attaccato con il 5 di quadri e Cedolin è stato velocissimo ad incassare i suoi tre assi dopo aver provato a fare una presa con il Re di picche. Quattro down. Poco male in quanto Corchia/Matricardi in chiusa (sulla licita iniziata 1♥, passo, passo) hanno chiamato 3SA e realizzato 10 prese.

Board 18, Dich. Est, N/S in zona

♠ J 7 5 3
 ♥ A J 6 3
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ A K 10

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


♠ 2
 ♥ 9 8 4
 ♦ K J 9 7 6
 ♣ 9 5 3 2

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ Q 10 7 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 6 4

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Cedolin	P. Lewis	Canesi	L. Lewis
2♠	2SA	passo	passo
tutti passano		passo	3SA

Nord, dopo l'attacco fiori, ha realizzato 12 prese per 3SA + 3. Nell'altra sala Corchia/Matricardi hanno chiamato e realizzato lo slam a colore.

MIXED TEAMS*(Standings after 5 rounds)***SWISS A**

1	QUANTIN	106.00		21	ALBERTI	73.00
2	KAPLAN	90.00		22	LAVAZZA	72.00
3	DUGUET	90.00		23	CHAGAS	71.00
4	ROMBAUT	90.00		24	HOLT	71.00
5	MELTZER	88.00		25	RAND	70.00
6	BRUNNER	88.00		26	KREFELD	69.00
7	MOUIEL	88.00		27	BARR	69.00
8	SCHALTZ	87.00		28	CURETTI	68.00
9	BROGELAND	86.00		29	POLLACK	67.00
10	GROMOVA	86.00		30	SAESSELI	66.00
11	CANESI	84.00		31	RUSSO	65.00
12	GRAMBERG	83.00		32	CERSANIT	65.00
13	BARRETT	82.00		33	ZAGAJSEK	65.00
14	ZWILLINGER	80.00		34	FORNACIARI	64.00
15	LEMAITRE	79.00		35	TELTSCHER	63.00
16	SPRUNG	79.00		36	LISS	61.00
17	SOROLDONI	78.00		37	THUILLEZ	61.00
18	SVEDLUND	76.00		38	ZIMMERMANN	60.00
19	BAK	75.00		39	PRIDAY	56.00
20	OUTRED	74.00		40	GROMANN	40.00

SWISS B

1	WELLAND	98.00		27	SOLARI	83.00		53	SELCHUK	68.00
2	O'ROURKE	97.00		28	GODET	83.00		54	SJOBORG	68.00
3	HAUGE	97.00		29	KORDOV	82.00		55	BONORI	68.00
4	BERTHEAU	96.00		30	VRIEND	82.00		56	ROMANO	67.00
5	DE BOTTON	95.00		31	CHAMAA	81.00		57	WAKSMAN	67.00
6	SANDERS	94.00		32	ALLIX	80.00		58	VIVES	67.00
7	HIRCHWALD	92.00		33	MISZEWSKA	79.00		59	RAHELT	66.00
8	BEAUMIER	90.00		34	BELLO	76.00		60	GOTARD	66.00
9	GODFREY	90.00		35	ARTMER	76.00		61	LORENZ	66.00
10	SVINDAHL	89.00		36	EVANS	76.00		62	GRAIZER	66.00
11	BANASZKIEWICZ	89.00		37	COLOMBARO	76.00		63	AVON	65.00
12	PENFOLD	89.00		38	TEDESCHI	74.00		64	GERAND	65.00
13	LEON	88.00		39	SEUTET	74.00		65	BICACO	62.00
14	WEIR	88.00		40	BERTILI	73.00		66	LAWSON	62.00
15	RYMAN	87.00		41	DUONG	73.00		67	RYNNING	62.00
16	LABAERE	87.00		42	WILLS	73.00		68	JACKSON	59.00
17	VARENNE	86.00		43	CARMIL	72.00		69	LJUNG	57.00
18	BROWNSTEIN	86.00		44	MARTIN	71.00		70	COMPTON	57.00
19	DACKWORTH	86.00		45	LEVY	71.00		71	CARGEN	57.00
20	GOLDBERG	85.00		46	MOKHBAT	71.00		72	HETZ	56.00
21	SAVOLAINEN	84.00		47	ALMIRALL	70.00		73	KREMER	56.00
22	NAFTALY	83.00		48	BUONOCORE	70.00		74	COHEN	51.00
23	ABOUSLEIMAN	83.00		49	HARRISON	70.00		75	DE CRESCENZO	49.00
24	VANPOPERINGHE	83.00		50	SAGIV	69.00		76	STEEN	48.00
25	LEENHARDT	83.00		51	EASLANLI	69.00		77	GOLAY	44.00
26	UIISK	83.00		52	DITETOVA	69.00		78	DIX	40.00



World Bridge Olympiad



Istanbul Turkey



23 October - 6 November 2004



Istanbul - a fabulous city where East meets West, the bridge between Europe and Asia, a thriving metropolis of 12 million people - exotic yet distinctly western.

Istanbul has been the seat of three great empires - Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman and a meeting place for peoples of many religions and cultures who came together and learned to live in peace and harmony. Ultra-modern amenities, the splendours of the Ottoman past and the honoured traditions of Turkish hospitality combine to make Istanbul a fascinating city, one that will impress all visitors with treasured and lasting memories. Istanbul will reward you with the comfort of home while offering sights, sounds and smells that carry you swiftly to another culture, another time.

This vibrant, exciting city is readily accessible from all part of the world, served by more than 50 airlines. Every major European Airport is 2-3 hours away. There are frequent non stop or direct flight to Istanbul from most European cities, and all the important cities in the world.

Istanbul is a treasure trove of sight seeing possibilities, and has many wonderful places that should not be missed - for example Tokapi Palace; the residence of the Sultan for 4 centuries, a city within the city; the Blue Mosque; St Sophia; the Basilica Cistern; the spice market; Rumeli Castle and many other historic monuments - followed, of course, by a shopping expedition to the Grand Bazaar.

The World Bridge Olympiad will be held in Istanbul at the

Grand Cevahir Hotel and Convention Centre

which is a truly luxurious deluxe hotel. It combines a state of the art convention centre with an extremely comfortable hotel, ideal for such a prestigious Championship. Accommodation will also be available in hotels nearby which will include 2 and 3 star hotels as well as the more expensive 4 and 5 star hotels, so that as wide a range of rates as possible can be offered to players coming to the Championships.

Five major Championships will be staged during the course of the two weeks, with the most important being the 12th Open and Women's World Team Olympiad. The 2nd Senior International Cup will be held during the first week as will the 2nd World University Teams Bridge Cup. The 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship will be held during the second week, enabling players eliminated from the Olympiad as well as participants from the Seniors and University teams to participate in this enjoyable and challenging event. Details of these events are as follows:



12th World Team Olympiad Open and Women's Series

Please note that it is extremely important for each NBO to send a team to enhance our Olympic image and also to ensure that all NBOs will be eligible to qualify for the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

- Entry fees: US \$3,000 per team.
- It is anticipated that the Round Robin stage will initially be organized with different groups and NBOs are requested to confirm their participation as early as possible but in any case no later than 15 May 2004 in order that the draw can be made early, which will be of advantage to all participants.
- Names of the players will be needed by 01 July 2004 in order that the programme can be prepared.
- The Round Robin stage will be played from Sunday 24 October to Saturday 30 October.
- Players eliminated from the World Team Olympiad may play free of charge in the 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship.

2nd Senior International Cup

- Entry fees: US\$ 3,000 per team (includes the entry fee to the World Transnational Mixed Teams held during the second week.)
- This event is for national teams who will compete in a Round Robin to be played from Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 October (i.e. during the first week of the Olympiad.)
- Each WBF Member NBO is entitled to send one national team to compete in the Senior International Cup.
- Players competing in the Senior International Cup must be at least 55 years of age on the first day of this competition.
- NBOs are requested to confirm that they will be sending a team to participate in the Senior International Cup by 15 May 2004 and names of the players must be submitted to the WBF no later than 01 July 2004.
- Players who participated in the Senior International Cup may play free of charge in the 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship.

3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championships

This event has been a successful and exciting Championship since its inception in Rhodes when 86 teams competed. We feel sure that many players would enjoy participating in this challenging event, which gives them the opportunity of pitting their bridge skills against some of the greatest players in the World as well as having the chance to watch the exciting final stages of the World Team Olympiad on the expert View-Graph presentation.

● Entry fees:

- > free for the eliminated players
- > US \$800 for a new team.

If a team is composed of players eliminated from the Olympiad, or players from the Senior or the University championships together with players who have not competed in these events, the players who have not competed will be charged US \$50 per head if it is a team of six, or \$200 per head if it is a team of four.

● Teams must consist of at least two women and two men from any country, playing in Mixed partnerships.

● The Transnational Mixed Teams will be played during the second week of the Championships starting on either Monday 01 or Tuesday 02 November. The exact dates will be announced as soon as they are known. The knock out phase will start on either Thursday 04 or Friday 05 and finish on Saturday 06 November.

● Teams wishing to enter this event should contact their NBO as soon as possible to request nomination. In any event entries should be made before 15th August 2004, although late entries may be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue.

2nd World University Teams Bridge Cup

There may be a change of venue as this has not yet been finalized.

It is very important that each of the main NBOs should make every effort to send a team to this tournament as the staging of this event is an important part of the WBF strategy in support of its IOC policy and its aim to obtain Government and Olympic Committee recognition for bridge as a sport in as many countries as possible.

● Played under the auspices of the FISU (Fédération Internationale des Sports Universitaires.)

● Entry to World University Teams Bridge Cup is free.

● This event is for University teams who will compete in a Round Robin to be played from Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 October (i.e. during the first week of the Olympiad.)

● Minimum age 17, maximum 28.

● **Accommodation:** very inexpensive accommodation will be arranged for this event.

● NBOs are requested to confirm that they will be sending a team to participate in the World University Teams Bridge Cup by 15 May 2004 and names of the players must be submitted to the WBF no later than 01 July 2004.



Please assist us by ensuring that you respect the deadlines for entries, team names and payments of entry fees which are as follows:

Entry of Teams for the Olympiad Open and Women's Series	15 May 2004
Players names for the Open and Women's Series	01 July 2004
Entry of Teams for the Senior International Cup	15 May 2004
Players' names for the Senior International Cup	01 July 2004
Entry of Teams for the World University Teams Bridge Cup	15 May 2004
Players' names for the World University Teams Bridge Cup	01 July 2004
Entry of Teams for the World Transnational Mixed Teams (including registration of players names) (late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue)	01 September 2004
Payment of entry fees for the Team Olympiad and Senior International Cup	01 August 2004
Payment of entry fees for the World Transnational Mixed Teams	01 September 2004

All NBOs are reminded that national teams should be selected in accordance with the WBF Eligibility Regulations published in the WBF Directory, on the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org and on www.ecatsbridge.com. Both these Websites will carry updated information about the Olympiad as it becomes available.

Entries for all events must be made through the National Bridge Federations and sent to:
Mr José Damiani
President, World Bridge Federation
40, rue François I^{er} - 75008 Paris - France

Or by fax to: +33 1 40 70 14 52

Or email to: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

Payment of entry fees should be made by bank transfer to:
Banque de Baccque Beau - 30088 - Ag 00001 - 1, rue des Mathurins - 75009 Paris - France
Account No. : 03201 09065

If bank transfer is not possible, please contact Mrs Christine Francis at the WBF office, who will discuss possible alternative arrangements for payment.

A full list of hotels, together with details of how to make reservations, will be published on the WBF Website and any other associated websites in due course.