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# Mixed Final is Organiser's Dream



*Zia takes his son's advice*

Four days of play in the first European Open Mixed Team Championship have produced what many would call a perfect final, pitting Welland of the USA against Sweden's Bertheau. Remarkably both teams earned the right to compete in the knock out stages via the back door of Swiss B. The bronze medals go to the Transnational teams captained by Schaltz and Hauge.

Both semifinals were very close at half time, but then the winning teams moved away, Welland winning 91-57 and Bertheau 88-43.

## Schedule of play

*Today*

- 10.00-12.30 Mixed Teams (Final 1st Session)
- 14.15-19.00 Mixed Teams (Final 2nd and 3rd Sessions)
- 19.30 Mixed Teams Prize-giving Ceremony
- 10.00-13.30 Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A and B 1st Session)
- 15.00-18.30 Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A and B 2nd Session)

## Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize Giving Ceremony of the European Mixed Teams Championship will be held today in the Theatre (VuGraph), immediately after the end of play.

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MIXED TEAMS

Round of 16

One of those days

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to get out of bed. The Gabriel Chagas team might have been having thoughts along those lines after the first half of their match in the Mixed Teams Round of 16 against the French team led by Herve Mouiel. Chagas and team did not score an IMP in the first 14 boards, losing the set 52-0.

The avalanche of IMPs started on the third board of the set.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

| West   | North    | East    | South |
|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Mouiel | Chagas   | Willard | Pain  |
| 1♦     | Pass     | 1♥      | Dble  |
| Redbl  | 1♠       | 3♦      | Pass  |
| 3♠     | Pass     | 4♣      | Pass  |
| 4NT    | Pass     | 5♠      | Pass  |
| 6♦     | All Pass |         |       |



Anne Levy, France

The French did well to avoid the heart slam, which goes down on a normal diamond lead, whereas the diamond slam is unbreakable. At the other table, Zia Mahmood and Jill Meyers suffered from their lack of familiarity as partners.

| West | North | East              | South    |
|------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| Zia  | Levy  | Meyers            | Levy     |
| 1♦   | Pass  | 1♥                | Pass     |
| 2NT  | Pass  | 3♣ <sup>(1)</sup> | Pass     |
| 4♥   | Pass  | 5♦                | All Pass |

<sup>(1)</sup> Transfer to diamonds.

North-South were silent in the open room, so Zia was without the clues that Mouiel had in the closed room, with South showing the black suits. Even so, the Zia-Meyers auction did not produce a good result. That was 13 IMPs to Mouiel.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

More good bidding in the open room produced another swing for the French.

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zia  | Levy  | Meyers   | Levy  |
| 1♦   | 1♥    | Pass     | 1♠    |
| 2♦   | 4♠    | All Pass |       |

Anne Fred Levy's advance of 1♠ paid huge dividends as Alain raised her to a game that could not be defeated. Zia got off to a low trump lead, but it was to no avail as Anne Fred won and played another trump to her king. Zia won, the cashed the ♦K, then switched to a club to dummy's singleton ace. Declarer picked up trumps with a third round to her hand, pitched dummy's last diamond on the ♣K, then played the ♥A, ♥K and ruffed a heart, making dummy good. That was plus 650.

At the other table, Chagas had a tougher time of it.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Mouiel      | Chagas       | Willard     | Pain         |
| INT         | 2♥           | Pass        | Pass         |
| Pass        |              |             |              |

There wasn't much to the play. Chagas lost two diamonds, one heart and one spade for plus 140 - an 11-IMP loss. Board 8 is yet another reminder that if both sides play the same strain, one of them is probably wrong.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zia         | Levy         | Meyers      | Levy         |
| Pass        | Pass         | 1♠          | Dble         |
| 2♦          | Pass         | 3♣          | Pass         |
| 3♠          | All Pass     |             |              |

Zia's 2♦ bid was the last thing Meyers wanted to hear, and it served to propel the partnership to the three level. South started with the ♥A to the 3, 10 and 4, and she continued with a heart to the queen and king. Meyers continued with the ♠8 from hand, and after winning the king Anne Fred played a third round of hearts, ruffed by North. A diamond was returned, ruffed by Meyers, who then played a low club from hand. Anne Fred won the ♣K and played the ♥9, on which North played his ♣J. Now when Meyers played a club to dummy's queen, Alain ruffed. When the dust settled, Meyers was down two for minus 100.

The auction went poorly for the Chagas team in the closed room as well.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Mouiel      | Chagas       | Willard     | Pain         |
| Pass        | Pass         | 1♣          | INT          |
| Pass        | 2♥           | Pass        | 2♠           |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

Counting the singleton ♠K, Leda Pain had the values for a 1NT overcall but not the shape, and her decision on this deal was costly.

Mouiel started with a deceptive ♣2, taken by Sylvie Willard with the ace. Next on the table was the ♠A, and when the king dropped she cashed four more rounds of trumps as Pain discarded diamonds and hearts. Willard played a low club at trick seven, and Pain ducked to Mouiel's queen. A heart through the

Q-10 produced another trick for the defense, which still had a diamond coming. South took four tricks: two clubs and two red aces. That was down four, minus 200 and an 8-IMP loss.

Board 9 was a push because both North players failed in a game that probably should have been made.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zia         | Levy         | Meyers      | Levy         |
| Pass        | 1♥           | 1♠          | 2♦           |
| All Pass    | 2♥           | Pass        | 4♥           |

Meyers started with the ♠Q, and Alain ducked when Zia played the king. Alain won the spade return with the ace and played a heart to dummy's ace. Next came a club to Alain's king, which held, and a second trump to dummy. Alain discarded his spade loser on the ♦A and played another club from dummy. Apparently crediting Meyers with the ♣A for her overcall, Alain inserted the 10, losing to Meyers' jack and conceding down one. The bidding was different at the other table, giving Chagas a bit more of an advantage in the play. He did not profit it from it, however.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Mouiel      | Chagas       | Willard     | Pain         |
| Dble        | 1♥           | 2♠          | 3♠           |
| Pass        | Redbl        | Pass        | 4♦           |
|             | 4♥           | All Pass    |              |

Willard started with the ♠Q, and Chagas ducked, winning the spade continuation with the ace. He played a heart to dummy, noting East's 10, and ruffed a diamond low, following with his last spade, ruffed in dummy with the 8 and overruffed by Mouiel with the queen. Mouiel returned a heart, and Chagas had no choice but to play West for the ♣J. Chagas cashed the ♦A, pitching a club, then played a club to his 10.

It seems much better to lead a trump to dummy at trick three, followed by a low club. When the ♣K holds, another trump to dummy seems better, since if hearts are 2-2 the contract cannot be defeated. When the trump loser is revealed, the losing spade could go on the ♦A and another club played. Willard's weak jump overcall argues for the ♣A to be in her partner's hand. If West started with four clubs to the A-J, it will not help to play the 10, so the queen is the logical play. On this

deal, it would work.

Board 12 was another loss for Chagas, but it might have been a push except for a neat maneuver by Alain.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|   |                   |   |  |
|---|-------------------|---|--|
| ♠ A K 5 3<br>♥ A Q 8 4<br>♦ 3<br>♣ J 10 6 2 | N<br>W     E<br>S | ♠ 4<br>♥ K J 10 3<br>♦ A J 8 6 5<br>♣ A 9 4 | ♠ J 10 9 7 6<br>♥ 6<br>♦ K Q 10 9 7 2<br>♣ Q |
| ♠ Q 8 2<br>♥ 9 7 5 2<br>♦ 4<br>♣ K 8 7 5 3  |                   |   |  |
| <b>West</b>                                 | <b>North</b>      | <b>East</b>                                 | <b>South</b>                                 |
| Mouiel                                      | Chagas            | Willard                                     | Pain   |
| 1♣  | 1♦                | Pass  | Pass   |
| Dble  | All Pass          |   |  |

Chagas made four trump tricks with three spade ruffs and the trump ace, plus the ♣A, but that was down two for minus 500. At the other table, Alain managed to escape the guillotine.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zia         | Levy         | Meyers      | Levy         |
| 1♣          | 1♦           | Pass        | Pass         |
| Dble        | 1♥           | 2♦          | 2♥           |
| Pass        | Pass         | 2♠          | All Pass     |



Jill Meyers, USA

Alain's bid of 1♥ worked out spectacularly, particularly since Meyers was lurking over him with all those diamonds. 2♥ could have been defeated, but only by one trick unless declarer did very poorly, and most players are not anxious to make such close doubles in a team game.

Meyers had no difficulty making overtricks in her spade contract, but it was still an 8-IMP loss.

The final setback for the Chagas team came on the last board, when Anne Fred made an excellent decision in a competitive auction.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

|  |                   |   |   |
|--|-------------------|---|---|
| ♠ 9 8 3<br>♥ J 10 6<br>♦ Q 7 3<br>♣ K 10 9 3 | N<br>W     E<br>S | ♠ K Q J 6 4 2<br>♥ A 8 7<br>♦ K 6<br>♣ A 8  | ♠ 10<br>♥ K Q 9 5 4 3<br>♦ J 2<br>♣ J 7 6 4 |
|  |                   | ♠ A 7 5<br>♥ 2<br>♦ A 10 9 8 5 4<br>♣ Q 5 2 |   |
| <b>West</b>                                  | <b>North</b>      | <b>East</b>                                 | <b>South</b>                                |
| Mouiel                                       | Chagas            | Willard                                     | Pain  |
| 3♥   | 4♠                | 2♥  | Pass  |
|  |                   | All Pass                                    |   |

Mouiel's subtle 3♥ bid seemed to do the trick, although Chagas might have started with a double and Pain might have looked at her hand more optimistically after Chagas blasted into game. Chagas took all the tricks, winning the opening lead of the ♥K in hand, followed by the ♦K, a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff with the ♠J. When everyone followed to the ♠K, he claimed for plus 510.

At the other table, Zia tried to throw a monkey wrench into the North-South auction, but it did not slow down the Levys.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zia         | Levy         | Meyers      | Levy         |
| 2NT         | Dble         | 2♥          | Pass         |
| Pass        | 6♠           | 3♥          | 4♥           |
|             |              | All Pass    |              |

Zia's 2NT was an asking bid, and it was North-South who responded. Meyers' 3♥ showed a minimum with good trumps and Anne Fred, apparently working out Zia's shenanigans, showed her values with a cuebid. Alain played cautiously to take 12 tricks, good for a 10-IMP gain to complete the rout of the first half.

Chagas and company made up some of the lost IMPs in the second half, but not nearly enough as the French moved on to the round of eight.



**MIXED TEAMS****Round of 16****A Close Match or Two**

In the round of 16, many matches were decided at half time already, taking into account the IMP margins reached. Among them Soroldoni v. Quantin, maybe the biggest shock of the round as the Italo-American team with a distinct Sanmarinese flavour took a 60-IMP lead, and also Lévy v. Chagas where the score stood at 52-0 or so (see elsewhere in this issue). There were only two matches in which the margins at half time was by one figure only: Lemaitre v. Bertheau (23-28) and Canesi v. Barr (33-25). Statistically speaking, the toughest second half battles should occur here, so off we went to watch them.

After an easy game for a push on the first board, this was the second:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

|   |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| ♠ 4<br>♥ K J 10 6 5 3<br>♦ A 7 5 4<br>♣ 7 5 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 | ♠ A 9 3<br>♥ 8 2<br>♦ K 10 3<br>♣ A Q J 9 2 | ♠ Q 6<br>♥ Q 9 4<br>♦ Q 9 6 2<br>♣ K 10 4 3 |
| N   |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
| W   | E  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
|   | S  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |

**Open Room**

| West    | North  | East     | South    |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| Nyström | Counil | Bertheau | Naltet   |
| 3♠      | 4♥     | 4♠       | 5♥       |
| Pass    | Pass   | Dble     | All Pass |



Fredrik Nyström, Sweden

Normal bidding by all four players led to a normal result. Down two, 300 to Bertheau.

**Closed Room**

| West       | North     | East     | South   |
|------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Dechelette | Magnusson | Lemaitre | Midskog |
| Pass       | 2♥        | 3♣       | Pass    |
| 4♠         | All Pass  |          |         |

Here, the situation changed dramatically when Dechelette adopted different tactics. The 2♥ opening bid had not quite expressed the full attacking value of the hand and thus it was no surprise that West's 4♠ at his second attempt silenced everyone as South had not raised hearts earlier. On the lead of the ♦A and a diamond declarer made 11 tricks, Lemaitre +650 and 8 IMP's.

Strange things happened on board 19:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|   |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 7<br>♥ Q J 8 6 2<br>♦ 5 2<br>♣ Q J 10 5 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 | ♠ Q 6 5 4<br>♥ A<br>♦ A Q J 9 8 4 3<br>♣ 8 | ♠ K J 9 2<br>♥ K 9 7 5 3<br>♦ K 7<br>♣ A K |
| N   |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| W   | E  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | S  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |  |

|             |
|-------------|
| ♠ A 10 8 3  |
| ♥ 10 4      |
| ♦ 10 6      |
| ♣ 9 7 6 4 3 |

**Open Room**

| West    | North    | East     | South  |
|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Nyström | Counil   | Bertheau | Naltet |
| Pass    | 1♦       | Dble     | 1♠     |
| 2♥      | 4♥       | Dble     | Pass   |
| Pass    | 4♠       | Dble     | Pass   |
| 5♥      | All Pass |          |        |

Wouldn't you back East and rather be a defender here?

**Closed Room**

| West       | North     | East     | South    |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Dechelette | Magnusson | Lemaitre | Midskog  |
| Pass       | 1♦        | Dble     | Pass     |
| 3♥         | 4♦        | 4NT      | 5♦       |
| Pass       | Pass      | 5♥       | All Pass |

Here, the spades got out of sight completely, but we are still

wondering if West's Pass over 5♦ gave East any clue about his number of aces...

Needless to say, the board was a push.

Two boards later, the automatic extra chance proved decisive:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| ♠ 9 7 5 3<br>♥ Q 8 7 3<br>♦ K J 8<br>♣ J 4 | <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 |  | ♠ K Q 8<br>♥ J 5<br>♦ Q 3 2<br>♣ Q 10 6 5 3 | ♠ A 10 6 4<br>♥ A 6 4<br>♦ A 7<br>♣ A 9 8 2 |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

After an auction not worth mentioning both South's were playing INT. Holding 150 Aces they no doubt opened INT as quickly as they could. Both Wests led a low diamond, according to taste either the four or the five. As the ♦Q will stay at her original place anyway (unless you are playing against magicians) it does not cost to play dummy's eight first. This time it would cost you the contract if you would forget this simple truth, as they did at one table...so 5 IMP's to the good guys, whoever they are.

The next board was a more serious affair, however:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

|   |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 7 3<br>♥ 9 8 6 3<br>♦ 6<br>♣ A K 10 9 8 6 | <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 |  | ♠ K 9 6<br>♥ Q J 7<br>♦ A Q 9 7 2<br>♣ 5 3 | ♠ A 2<br>♥ A K 4 2<br>♦ 10 8 5 4<br>♣ Q J 4 |
|   | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W   |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

**Open Room**

| West     | North    | East     | South  |
|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Neuström | Counil   | Bertheau | Naltet |
| 3♠       | 4♠       | INT      | 2♠     |
| Dble     | All Pass | Pass     | Pass   |

Here, the 14-16 NT clarified the position for West beforehand, so whatever action South would take, West would know he could go on. For EW, 4♥ is easily on, so in theory, NS took a good save. It might have been a very good save had the defence been

less immaculate. West led a diamond won by dummy's ace. A low trump was called for, but East was quite awake. She rose with the ace and first played the ♣J on which partner contributed the 10. Next, she continued the ♦10 for her partner to ruff. The ♥9 came back now, so she knew that two hearts and one more club were there for the taking. Very well done, down three and 500 to Bertheau. Would it be enough?

**Closed Room**

| West       | North     | East     | South   |
|------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Dechelette | Magnusson | Lemaitre | Midskog |
| All Pass   |           | 1♦       | 2♠      |

As the range of the 1♦ opening is less defined than the NT-range at the other table, West was in some trouble after the weak jump. This time, his waiting tactics did not work, as he is still waiting... To make things worse, they did not find the perfect defence (see Open Room) needed to BEAT 2♠. So the contract made, in fact even with an overtrick, and Bertheau had gained an unexpected 12 IMP's to go clearly into the lead.

Board 27. Dealer South None Vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 3<br>♥ A 9 5<br>♦ Q J 7 6 5 3<br>♣ 8 6 3 | <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 |  | ♠ 6 4<br>♥ J 6 4<br>♦ A 8 2<br>♣ A K J 5 4 | ♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 5<br>♥ 10 7<br>♦ 10 9 4<br>♣ - |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

**Open Room**

| West     | North  | East     | South    |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Neuström | Counil | Bertheau | Naltet   |
| 2♦       | Pass   | 4♠       | All Pass |

It certainly was an advantage here to be able to open a weak two even in diamonds, as this silenced North for the time being. When East introduced her eight-card suit South could not really take any action on her own, so there it rested. Just made, Bertheau +420.

**Closed Room**

| West       | North     | East     | South   |
|------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Dechelette | Magnusson | Lemaitre | Midskog |
| Pass       | INT       | 4♠       | Pass    |
| Pass       | 5♣        | Pass     | 4NT     |
| Dble       | All Pass  |          | 6♣ (!?) |

Here EW did not have any gadget available, so once again West went into the bushes first. North opened a slightly off-shape INT and, of course, East cleared the smoke. But now, South could show her two suiter easily so the good save was found. For reasons we cannot reveal (but would we like to?) South bid one more at her next turn, so West came forward out of the bushes to throw an axe. That was +300 to Lemaitre, but still another 3-IMP loss. They had gone out by 15.

Over now to the other close match. Though we have to skip all the boards they played in the second half, there still was work to do for them as they were the teams to follow the Laws of Statistics right till the bitter end. One would suspect that, with 24 matches on, at least one of them would end in an exact tie (as you will probably know, the chances are better than even that in a group of 25 people two will celebrate their birthdays on the same date).

According to the Tiebreak Regulations four more boards would be played, followed (if necessary) by all sorts of Silver and Golden Goals. Here is the first of those four boards from extra-time, and it set the tone:

Board 17. Dealer North None Vul.

|  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|--|---|
| ♠ 2<br>♥ 10 9 6<br>♦ A K 9 7<br>♣ A K J 4 3  | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ J 6 4 3<br>♥ Q J<br>♦ Q 8 6 4 3 2<br>♣ 6 | ♠ Q 10 8 7 5<br>♥ 8 7 4 3<br>♦ J 5<br>♣ 7 2 |
| N  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| W     E                                      |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| ♠ A K 9<br>♥ A K 5 2<br>♦ 10<br>♣ Q 10 9 8 5 |  |   |         |   |  |   |

**Open Room**

| West           | North         | East          | South               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <i>Cedolin</i> | <i>Jansma</i> | <i>Canesi</i> | <i>Van Ettinger</i> |
|                | Pass          | 3♦            | Dble                |
| 5♦             | Pass          | Pass          | Dble                |
| All Pass       |               |               |                     |

In second seat, 3♦ would not be everybody's choice, but had the EW hands fitted well, the contract would have been unbeatable. As it was, 5♦ went down one with no game on for NS, as their hands did not fit too well either, obviously. So first blood to Barr, +100.

**Closed Room**

| West          | North             | East        | South          |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Matricardi</i> | <i>Barr</i> | <i>Corchia</i> |
|               | Pass              | Pass        | 1♣             |
| Pass          | 1♦                | Pass        | 1♥             |
| 2♣            | All Pass          |             |                |

In this room, the 1♦ negative response to the multi-purpose 1♣ showed just less than 8 hcp, so everyone was in the dark. When North considered his hand not worth a raise to 2♥ it had to rest at 2♣. North's pass probably was justified, as he will end up as dummy in 4♥ if he bids. So far, so good.

Another matter is defending 2♣. As you can see, the 1♦ negative had had the distinct advantage of eating up the opponents' suit, but how to exploit it? The solution is to discard your two small hearts on the run of the diamonds. A heart was led to the king and South returned a trump won by Ilan Herbst with the jack. He cashed two more top trumps and started playing on diamonds. Now, if South keeps the third spade, declarer cannot establish his third heart and cash it too. At the table the contract was made, so Barr scored another +90 for a useful first 5 IMP's.

After a push on board 18 this was the third extra time exercise:

Board 19. Dealer South East-West Vul.

|   |  |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| ♠ K 10 9 7 6 4<br>♥ 5<br>♦ Q 7 3<br>♣ 8 7 4 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E                                      | S | ♠ Q 5<br>♥ Q J 8 4<br>♦ A J 10 6<br>♣ 6 5 3 | ♠ J 8 2<br>♥ A K 3<br>♦ 8 5 2<br>♣ A Q J 2 |
| N   |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| W     E                                     |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| S   |  |   |  |   |   |  |
|   |  |   | ♠ A 3<br>♥ 10 9 7 6 2<br>♦ K 9 4<br>♣ K 10 9 |   |   |  |

**Open Room**

| West           | North         | East          | South               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <i>Cedolin</i> | <i>Jansma</i> | <i>Canesi</i> | <i>Van Ettinger</i> |
|                |               |               | Pass                |
| 2♦             | Dble          | 2♠            | 3♥                  |
| All Pass       |               |               |                     |

Well, one might say that NS missed a game here. With the hearts 3-2 and the ♦A right it would have been an easy make. Elisabeth van Ettinger must have felt very, very relieved seeing the real distribution, but with all the opponents' noise around, this was not really a surprise any more, one might say... Barr +140.

**Closed Room**

| West          | North             | East        | South          |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Matricardi</i> | <i>Barr</i> | <i>Corchia</i> |
|               |                   |             | Pass           |
| Pass          | INT               | Pass        | 2♦             |
| Pass          | 2♥                | Pass        | 3NT            |
| All Pass      |                   |             |                |

With no opposing bidding NS sort of automatically ended up in game. Please note that 3NT is even worse than 4♥: both contracts need a 3-2 heart break and the ♦A right, but 3NT also needs short diamonds with the long hearts (or with West's ♥Q, for that matter). So this adventure got what it deserved, looking at the statistical odds: one down. Barr +50 and another 5 IMP's

And so it went on. On the last board, Barr played a partscore on a combined holding of 25 hcp and Canesi were in 3NT. Needless to say that the defender with the established suit also held the essential ace declarer was missing...


So the extra time produced a score of 20-0 to Barr, who thus emerged a little lucky winners. Bridge is a cruel game...

# Defensive Manoeuvres

Mark Horton


This deal, reported to me by Martin Schifko, offered a fascinating possibility for the defenders, as it happens one that could be countered by declarer.

Dealer North. Love All

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

|   |
|---|
| ♠ A 10 7<br>♥ A 9 6 5 4 2<br>♦ 9 8<br>♣ J 7 |
|---|

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
|  | ♠ Q<br>♥ Q 10<br>♦ 3<br>♣ - |
|---|-----------------------------|


  

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| ♠ 10 7<br>♥ A 9<br>♦ -<br>♣ - |
|-------------------------------|

| West | North    | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass     | 1♣*  | 2♥    |
| Pass | Pass     | 3♦   | Pass  |
| 3NT  | All Pass |      |       |

Let us say as North you find the lead of the nine of clubs, your systemic card from this holding, (you might prefer a low one, but that is a matter for debate). The appearance of the dummy appears to make your choice a good one, at any rate offering more prospects than the jack of hearts.

Dummy's queen holds the trick, partner playing the jack, and declarer settles down to the diamonds, partner proving to have the nine and eight. After five rounds of the suit this position has been reached:

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

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| ♠ A 10 7<br>♥ A 9 6<br>♦ -<br>♣ 7 |
|-----------------------------------|


If declarer now plays a heart to the king followed by a spade to the king, South wins and returns a club. Dummy can safely part with a spade on this trick, but when the ace of clubs is cashed we have reached one of those rare positions when the defenders execute a squeeze:

If Dummy pitches a diamond South discards a heart and North plays a spade. A heart is immediately fatal and if declarer throws away the spade queen he makes no more tricks.

However, if we go back to the second diagram if declarer simply cashes dummy's last diamond then it is South who is squeezed, the main point being that a spade discard allows declarer to simply play a top spade.

The situation where a defender is repeatedly endplayed is a common one, but provided you keep your head you may sometimes escape your intended fate.

Dealer West. All Vul

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

|   |
|---|
| ♠ A J 10<br>♥ K Q 10 8 7 2<br>♦ 10 4<br>♣ Q 9 |
|---|

| West | North   | East | South    |
|------|---------|------|----------|
| Pass | Holland | INT  | Brunner  |
| 3♣*  | Pass    | 3♦   | 2♥       |
|      | Pass    |      | All Pass |

South led the king of hearts and declarer won and returned a heart. South had to win and was already faced with a problem. She decided to exit with a trump, which was covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer played a trump to dummy's jack and finessed the jack of clubs. South was on lead once more and this time exited with the jack of spades. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with a trump and played a club. When North produced the ten declarer ignored the restricted choice implications and uncertain about the location of the two black aces decided to play South for the ace of clubs by ducking in hand one down.

**Mixed Pairs**

Approximately 120 pairs will qualify for Swiss A (played on 1st floor) + 10 pairs dropping in from the teams event. Other pairs will play in Swiss B.



# Redemption Song

by Eric Kokish

Adversity lurks at every turn. Even an optimist like you knows that there are deals that go badly from the start and get progressively worse. On the best of your bad days you can still recover, but only if you maintain your focus. When the heat is beating you down and even your spectacles are perspiring this can be a daunting assignment, but let's see whether you can rise to the occasion on this deal from the second match of the first Mixed Teams qualifying round.

With only your side vulnerable, you are East.

| West | North             | East | South    |
|------|-------------------|------|----------|
|      |                   |      | 2♣(1)    |
| 2♥   | 2♠ <sup>(2)</sup> | 4♥   | All Pass |

<sup>(1)</sup> Precision-style

<sup>(2)</sup> Non-forcing but constructive

North leads the ace of clubs and this is what you see:

|   |   |         |   |  |
|---|---|---------|---|--|
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| N   |   |         |   |  |
| W     E   |   |         |   |  |
| S   |   |         |   |  |
| ♠ 8 2<br>♥ 7<br>♦ A K 8 7<br>♣ Q J 9 7 3 2  |   |         |   |  |

If you were Italian you could suggest a diamond switch by following by the ♣2, even cards discouraging and sending a suit preference message. Alas, you are from a country that does not support the Euro and you are limited to encouraging or discouraging. Which club do you play to the first trick?

The main issue is what will happen if you discourage a club continuation. Looking at this dummy North is more likely to play a spade than a diamond, so if you want to prevent that from happening, perhaps you should suggest that a club continuation would be best, now that the damage has already been done in that suit.

You are thinking impure thoughts, however, and you follow low, declarer contributing the six. It doesn't take long for you to regret this decision for North switches briskly to the ♠3, lowest from an odd number of cards. Declarer runs the spade to his nine, draws three rounds of trumps (North following four-nine-two), cashes dummy's ♠A, crosses to the ♣K (five from North) and leads the ♦5. North follows with the nine and you take dummy's ten with the king. It's been a nightmare for your side so far and it looks as if declarer is about to make a contract that was due to fail by at three tricks. Or can you still recover?

If you haven't succumbed to the heat and your own special miseries, you can redeem yourself at this, the eleventh hour.

Return one of your "low" diamonds. This leaves you with a major tenace and declarer will have to lose a diamond and a spade for one down.

If you lose your cool and cash the ♦A or exit with a club declarer's spade loser disappears and he makes his pushy game.

This is the full deal:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

|   |   |   |         |   |  |
|---|---|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ K J 10 4 3<br>♥ 9 4 2<br>♦ 9 2<br>♣ A 5 4 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ A 7 6<br>♥ K 8 6 5<br>♦ Q J 10 4<br>♣ 10 8 |
| N   |   |   |         |   |  |
| W     E                                     |   |   |         |   |  |
| S   |   |   |         |   |  |
| ♠ Q 9 5<br>♥ A Q J 10 3<br>♦ 6 5 3<br>♣ K 6 | ♠ 8 2<br>♥ 7<br>♦ A K 8 7<br>♣ Q J 9 7 3 2  |   |         |   |  |

Cool is your middle name.

## Championship Diary

With a commentary team led by Zia Mahmood and Eric Kokish we confidently predict record attendances when the VuGraph starts next week - by the way, the theatre is air conditioned.

Old friends Vitold Brushtunov & Irina Zarubenko are here in Menton. Their immaculately completed convention card includes the following: **Psychics**. *Up to this tournament there happens not one psychic bid. But who knows the future? Only the Lord.*

The misspelling on the masthead gave rise to the following comment by the Editor: **The Brent in Spain stays Mainly on the Plain. Aagh!**

Donna Compton's eight year old daughter Morgon was playing bridge with her father Chris in one of the late night games in Philadelphia. When they both picked up powerful hands a Grand Slam was in the air and eventually Chris simply jumped to seven. The defender on lead cashed an ace, whereupon Morgon told her Dad 'Even an eight year old knows the answers to Blackwood.'

This is not a Bols Bridge Tip, but here in Menton it might win a prize. If by any chance you are feeling hot and bothered just put your wrists under the cold water tap for a couple of minutes. We promise it will stop you sweating and cool you down.

## Join ACBL

If you are not a member of the American Contract Bridge League, you may join during the 1st European Open Bridge Championship. See Gary Blaiss at the ACBL booth on the second floor of the Palais de L'Europe. You will get an instant membership number, a copy of The Bridge Bulletin and, if you finish in the overall of any event, you will receive ACBL masterpoints for your efforts. You may also see Brent Manley, editor of The Bridge Bulletin, who is working at the tournament on the Daily Bulletin.

# The Time Machine

Mark Horton

Good wine improves with age and so too does the bridge expert. Part of the reason is the accumulation of knowledge over the years. On this deal from the Mixed Teams Round of 32 Austria's Sascha Wernle searched into the past to find the way to defeat an apparently impregnable game.

trumps he could cash the king of diamonds and give South a second diamond ruff.

What Sascha had recalled was this deal from the European Open Pairs Championship in The Hague in 1997:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

|               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| ♠ 7 6 3 2     |  |  |
| ♥ 8 6 4       |  |  |
| ♦ -           |  |  |
| ♣ J 7 6 4 3 2 |  |  |

Dealer North. All Vul

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

|                |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| ♠ Q            |  |  |
| ♥ K J 10 5 3 2 |  |  |
| ♦ K J          |  |  |
| ♣ J 10 4 3     |  |  |

| West      | North  | East       | South    |
|-----------|--------|------------|----------|
| van Cleef | Wernle | Smederevac | Bak      |
| 1♠        | 2♥     | 1♦         | Pass     |
| 4♦        | Pass   | 3♥*        | Pass     |
|           |        | 4♠         | All Pass |

| West   | North     | East  | South    |
|--------|-----------|-------|----------|
| Wernle | Lindkvist | Simon | Fredin   |
| Pass   | 2♣        | Pass  | 2♥       |
| Pass   | 2♠        | 3♦    | 3♥       |
| Pass   | 4♥        | Dble  | All Pass |

It seemed to North that in order to defeat Four Spades some miracle would be required, so he decided to lead the eight of diamonds! Fearing a ruff by North declarer put up dummy's ace so he was sort of half right. When North came in with the ace of

Sascha had led the nine of clubs. Declarer, fearing a ruff by West put up the ace so he was sort of half right. In due course the defenders made three more tricks.

Sascha can hardly wait to see what 2009 has in store, but my guess is it may involve the seven of hearts.



## EBL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Delegates from 32 countries gathered in the Vugraph auditorium on Tuesday morning to attend the General Assembly of the European Bridge League. Present were also WBF President José Damiani, WBF Vice Presidents Joan Gerard (USA) and George Retek (Canada), as well as ACBL President Al Levy and WBF Past President Ernesto d'Orsi (Brazil).

The meeting started with the Extraordinary General Assembly, convened by the EBL Executive Committee to discuss amendments to the EBL Statutes. The main change concerned the increase of the members of the Executive Committee from 10 to 12. All proposed amendments were approved unanimously.

The Ordinary General Assembly followed. The outgoing President Gianarrigo Rona of Italy presented a detailed report on the activities of his administration, and referred to plans for the next four years. It was announced that EBL Vice President José Oliveira of Portugal was retiring after eight years of service. At the proposal of the President, the Assembly named Mr Oliveira Honorary Vice President. An election for the position of EBL President followed, in which Gianarrigo Rona - the only candidate - was comfortably reelected.

Elections for all 12 places of the EBL Executive Committee also took place. Four new persons entered the board: David Harris (England), Yves Aubry (France), Sevinc Atay (Turkey) and Goran Mattsson (Germany). The other eight elected were members of the outgoing administration: Radoslaw Kielbasinski (Poland), Micke Melander (Sweden), Marc de Pauw (Belgium), Anna Maria Torlontano (Italy), Panos Gerontopoulos (Greece), Jens Auken (Denmark), Marijke Blanken-Burgers (The Netherlands) and Jean-Claude Beineix (France).

While the votes were counted, WBF President José Damiani briefed the meeting on recent developments and prospects regarding the position of bridge in the Olympic world, where certain positive possibilities appear in the horizon.

The General Assembly will continue with the second session on Thursday morning, at 10 am, in the Vugraph auditorium in Palais de l'Europe, with mainly financial matters on the agenda.

(Reports of President Rona's presentation to the General Assembly appear elsewhere in the Bulletin and President Damiani's presentation will be published tomorrow).

## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE



## EXCERPTS OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT



TO EBL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MENTON, FRANCE, 17th JUNE 2003

After his welcome and remembering those players who have recently passed away, the President proceeded to examine the past, the present and the future of the EBL.

We report hereunder some excerpts.

### Concerning the activity of the legislature:

"The legislature which ends today has been characterised by its truly remarkable operational fervour and I can sincerely say that the results achieved, in my opinion, are satisfactory, even if there is still some work to be done to complete the tasks we set ourselves. We will now deal with each work sector one by one."

"We began, therefore, to realise the political part of our programme regarding the institutionalisation of a biennial meeting with the NBOs at a sort of permanent school where it was possible to discuss problems openly, frankly and in depth, without the formal constraints of the General Assembly where time is limited and there is a rigid Agenda. I believe that this has been the greatest and most gratifying objective, both for the NBOs and the EBL Officers, as it finally brought about a unity of intent and an amalgam of thought. These are the prime aims of a supranational League where the interest to pursue and safeguard is one which is for all in general and not specific to anyone in particular, where the principle of mutual and reciprocal assistance prevails and not that of autarchic selfishness - obviously while defending and reinforcing the individual historical and cultural particulars - where all feel they belong irrespective of size and power, and where the integrated and misfits do not exist. It is clear that each one, bearing in mind what the unit has metabolised, and with his own enthusiasm, capacity and willingness, can then increase his own resources and develop his own movement appropriate to the qualitative and quantitative possibilities offered by his own territory."

"We cultivated relations with the EOC and the European Community, where now we are received and treated the same as all other supranational organisations, and where we are setting up a support project for all NBOs for the promotion of the discipline of bridge, through the introduction of bridge to young people and in schools."

"The first edition of the Champions Cup, organised in Warsaw with eight teams who had won their own National Championships, selected from the top eight countries in the European Team Championships in Salsomaggiore, was a great success. This was thanks also to the contribution of the Polish Federation and the sponsor, CA~IB. It is an event of the highest technical level, which could boost bridge's image if supported by the appropriate promotion. In Warsaw the event was given significant media coverage. This year the second edition will take place in Rome, hosted by one of Europe's most prestigious sports clubs, Tennis

Club Parioli, and I am sure that once again it will be highly successful."

"Here in Menton the European Open Championship is taking place for the first time. The front page of the first edition of the Daily Bulletin carried the headline, "A Star is Born", and I sincerely believe that no other headline could be more appropriate for this great event. I have already mentioned, and it might seem superfluous and repetitive to do so again, the numbers and the quality of participation here; they are absolutely outstanding and far beyond any optimistic prediction. Once and for all the popular myth that a bridge event cannot be successful without money prizes and low entry fees has been proved wrong. In fact the contrary is true and Menton provides the evidence; what really matters is the quality of the service which one wants, and which sometimes, unfortunately, one fails to offer participants. I must emphasise that the service we have tried to offer here should be considered on a par with the best which can be provided today. I am strongly convinced that even the most hardcore player, completely immersed in the distribution and squeeze problems, cannot fail to realise what has gone on and is going on behind the scenes to make it possible for him to concentrate on their solution. More than one hundred professionals began work here 4 days before the start of the event and they will keep working from 15 to 20 hours per day till the end so that everything runs smoothly. Organising an international championship of this size requires an incredible human and economic effort and I believe that we should all be proud of managing to do so, especially considering that if previously sponsors were scarce, due to the current world economic situation they have completely disappeared. I read somewhere that the entry fees for Menton were too high and would therefore put people off. I do not know in fact if this is true or not, in view of the duration and technical standard of the event, but in my personal opinion the only applicable parameter for comparison is that of quality of service, with the greatest attention paid to every technical detail, from the setting up, to the duplication of all boards, the registration and publication of results and rankings, the convenience of free water and beverages, the services of the press room, the printing and distributing of the Daily Bulletin, written by an impressive and highly qualified staff, and finally the technical value of the championship format, its running and management."

"Unfortunately accidental mishaps can happen in the best of families and they conflict with the best of intentions; "errare humanum est", but it is always necessary to intervene immediately with the correct remedy since, obviously, "perseverare est diabolicum".

### Concerning Bridge as a Sport:

"That bridge is a sport is now beyond doubt. This is not because Samaranch declared so authoritatively at the Museum of

Sport in Lausanne, not because the ancients advocated the principle "mens sana in corpore sano", not because the head is an integral part of the body, and not because José Damiani, Gianarri-go Rona and others have written countless pages, advocating and proving this. This is true because a bridge competition has all the characteristics and aims of a sports competition, because in purely physical and muscular sports the athlete's body does not finish at his shoulders and because in these sports it is the head which distinguishes the champion, the star from the second leading athlete. When one wants to emphasise the quality of a champion one says, "He uses his head"! Why therefore in bridge, where the head is an integral but not exclusive part, should the head be a discriminating element? Entering into detail, the specific components of the discipline are the same as for all sports: timing, attacking and defending, strategy, tactics, game plan. What distinguishes the great playmaker in football, basketball, volleyball, for example, is the capacity to predict the counter-defence of the opponents: and what is perfect technique in bridge if not this? I could cite thousands of other analogies, but I think it is unnecessary."

"Also in this respect it would be foolish to go against the flow, to protest the uselessness of initiatives in this direction, to predict their failure. We are considered very highly by the EOC, and therefore by the IOC, and we cannot, and certainly do not wish, to render useless all the sacrifices we have made. Only four years ago we were recognised by the IOC and already we have surpassed other sports organisations, with far longer sporting histories and greater recognition, in terms of image of solidity, organisational capacity, and potential. Those who consider it a failure the fact that we have not yet become an Olympic medal sport should reflect calmly on this. The important thing is to be part of the Olympic family, to be able consequently to make use of all the resulting benefits, both moral and economic. Participating in the Olympic Games simply represents the final consequence, certainly extremely important, which can be achieved in the appropriate time and way, bearing in mind the youth of bridge compared to other disciplines which have been on the waiting list for decades and also that it is necessary to follow the right road, step by step and at the appropriate time, and not to think of risky giant leaps. José Damiani, who is carrying out most efficacious linking work with the IOC and the other international sports organisations, and to whom, firstly, goes the credit for our successes, has already told us and will update us here on the latest very important progress towards reaching the final goal. Clearly we must all believe in this project and do our best in our own countries with the National Olympic Committees to obtain recognition for our National Federation. This is the true goal to pursue."

"In a very short time we have made excellent progress and we should be proud of this. Just one year ago at the IOC Trophy event in Salt Lake City, Mario Pescante, the EOC President and a most influential Member of the IOC and the Italian Ministry of Sport, confided to me that the progress of bridge in such a short time was amazing. So you see, my friends, how strange the world is, since in our own world there are those who complain about this road! What is important, however, is that we go ahead, proudly, with heads held high and flags flying."

### **Concerning Relations with the WBF and Other Zones:**

"My hope is to be able to have a radical change in a short time.

If it is true that the zones must have the guarantee of being represented in the Executive Council, it is also true that the NBOs' Congress must acquire the sovereignty, which it expects as its right, to appoint and verify the work of the administrators (the Executive Council), expressing consensus or dissent through the vote. As President Damiani rightly said, the NBOs represent the body of the WBF and it is not possible to involve them and make them feel part of this body if they are, as today, detached, having no possibility to intervene."

"As proposed by José Damiani, the Restructuring Committee was instituted to study the new rules to give the WBF a modern, democratic, flexible structure appropriate to the norms of the Olympic Charter and to the regulations of the IOC. José is working very hard in this area. As you can well understand, the work is neither easy nor simple since the fundamental point is always that of guaranteeing the right balance and offering all Zones equal opportunities, and one must also consider that the passage from old to new must, wherever possible, take place without causing trauma or upset. The WBF is the highest body in the world of bridge. It is the body which dictates the laws and rules which must be followed to the letter by all affiliates. The Zones were created to permit better organisation, based on the perfect knowledge of the requirements of the territory, through specific autonomy in the legislative and regulatory fields. In any case, the WBF is a Federation of National Federations which constitute its assembly base. The Members of the Executive Council of the WBF must, therefore, act in the global and general interest of the entire movement and not only in the interest of their own territory. To this end, there exist the Leagues of the various Zones."

"With the other Zones, and with the ACBL in particular, relations are excellent, characterised by a spirit of friendship, collaboration, reciprocal loyalty, with, however, due respect for each one's requirements, but nevertheless aimed only and exclusively at an ever greater popularity and strength of bridge."

"The ACBL and EBL together represent the two most significant Zones quantitatively and qualitatively, and therefore they must work together and cooperate towards a common goal, with shared objectives and not only because both are parts of the WBF. The exchange of ideas, experiences, programmes, people and means, must constitute a constant and continuing element, and not an occasional or accidental one. There cannot and must not be conflict or antagonism, irrespective of the healthy, strong and sacrosanct competitiveness in sporting events, which is not only right, and right that it is thus, but which represents the flywheel of all sports and is the only spring which provokes the emotion, interest, curiosity, and image which make a sport great. After these official meetings, we had informal meetings with the officials. Simply by talking sincerely and frankly, we eliminated a whole series of misunderstandings which previously had seemed to have created a sort of wall between our two realities and then we discovered ... the obvious: we all work on the same wavelength, for the same ends and objectives. Most importantly, we discovered that we were, and want to be, true friends and this, believe me, was the best result obtained. The presence here in Menton today of the top officials of the ACBL, the Past President of the WBF and President of the South American Zone, over one hundred players, including all the champions, is the best proof of what I have said."

### **Concerning the EBL Today and Tomorrow:**

"I believe that in the past four years not only have the pro-



grammes we set ourselves been achieved, but much more besides and very good results have been obtained. What gives me greatest satisfaction is the fact that we managed to ensure that all the affiliated Federations, with some rare exceptions, which nevertheless confirm the rule, now feel part of the League, not only in a general and formal sense but in a concrete and participative sense. The meetings, seminars, congresses held with officials and technicians have enabled everyone to touch "the EBL reality", to get to know it, to feel an integral part of it; they have enabled everyone to get to know each other, to exchange ideas and recount their own experiences. Participation in the fundamental and constructive sense and therefore no longer formal and marginal. In a word, the EBL has represented what it should be institutionally: a source of educational, social, cultural and sporting enrichment for all its affiliates."

"But we must not get too carried away by easy enthusiasm and we should keep our feet well on the ground. We all know that we have gone through times of suffering, we have had times of tension, not everything has gone smoothly, some areas are unsatisfactory, others will soon be obsolete, others must still be improved and developed, there are still problems to be resolved, not only financial ones. Let's remember that financial health is not measured by the acquisition of greater resources, but by the strict control of expenditure. The resources must be focused on investments aimed at development and improvement, undoubtedly without neglecting image and representation, but cutting out resolutely what is superfluous and not indulging in expenses which, although may be useful in theory, are not strictly necessary. As our not so distant past teaches us, in the euphoria of the presence of resources (i.e. sponsorship) it is easy to lose the sense of measure."

"The next four-year term must be that of the definitive consolidation of the League, of its structure and organisation; it must be that of the realisation of a platform with solid and rock-steady foundations which allows for planning calmly and without suffering for the future."

"For this reason I believe that each Member of the Executive Committee must be given responsibilities and have a certain appointment, and not more than one, in order to be able to dedicate himself completely to it. One must consider that sometimes being out of date and obsolete is the result of excessive adherence to habits and ideas which, even though supported by enthusiasm, necessitate review either because they are no longer productive or because they are no longer appropriate to future projections."

"This simply signifies, by an improved, more rational and efficient distribution of energy, a precise willingness to renew and invigorate, which are the fruits of a new policy and of new programmes of the League, which must always and only look to the future, with continual renewal, although in the continuity of the experience and results gained. And these are principles from which I personally will never turn away."

### Concerning his Final Considerations:

"Before closing, please allow me, dear friends, to thank affectionately and applaud all my collaborators. I have always maintained openly, and I continue to be convinced most sincerely, that ours has been a great team, which has worked excellently with competence, dedication, loyalty and with self-sacrifice. I repeat once again that I am proud to have been its coordinator and I reaffirm, asking you to believe that this is not meant as electoral

propaganda, that I trust in its reconfirmation to lead the League for the next four-year mandate."

"I have purposely left José Manuel de Oliveira to last, not because I had forgotten him, but I wish to dedicate a special paragraph to him. José entered the Executive Committee in 1995 in Vilamoura, where he masterminded the organisation of that extraordinary and unforgettable European Championship, and since then he has served with passion, self-denial, and true love of the League, of which he was appointed Vice-President two years ago. He has dedicated himself in particular to relations with the NBOs and has carried out truly notable work, setting down the basis for all its future developments. A loyal friend, a gentleman of the old school, the needle on the scale in moments of tension, who, may I say, is a survivor of a endangered species, who has given and taught us so much, enriching all of us with a humanity which will always guide us throughout our lives. José has decided to leave but has promised to remain always close to us to continue with us the work he began, to continue to teach and comfort us. For these reasons I am honoured and moved to propose to you his nomination as Honorary Vice-President of the EBL, which I am certain you will wish to ratify, not with applause but an ovation."

"I cannot and do not wish to forget our excellent collaborators of the Championship staff, led by Ton Kooijman and Federico Ferrari, and those from the Milan office: Christina MacEachen, Andrea Pagani, Federica Zorzoli; from Athens, George Georgopoulos, and from Ghent, Dirk De Clercq; there is just one word to describe them - fantastic!"

"In these past four years we have always operated together in perfect harmony, step after step, also with a healthy exchange of opinions. All our activity and work has been gratified by the approval of the Assemblies and Congresses year after year. Together we have lived through good times and not so good times, times of crisis and times of wellbeing, and now we are facing a new episode in the life of the League and I am sure that, as always, we will be convinced right to the end to work together to smooth out the problems, improve progressively the consistency, reach the objectives we set ourselves, and then also to give force, credibility, image and resources to our Federations, which are the flywheel of our entire movement."

"The economic junction we are crossing at this historic time is not favourable and certainly does not help us, but we have survived worse and have been successful and I remain fundamentally optimistic. I am sure that one can predict a great future for us also since the foundations laid down, and on which the League rests, are solid and unshakeable. Men pass but institutions remain and our League more than others. We have made the history of bridge and we will keep on making it. We must be proudly aware of this because we know that always, in the end, we are ready to answer "present" to every call."

"Dear friends, now I am really at the end and I hope not to have bored you, but allow me to thank all the European bridge-players, who by their participation, make possible the realisation of our programmes. Finally, I once again wish to thank all of you, not only for what you do for our discipline, but also for the friendship, affection, esteem and cordiality, which you have always shown me and for which I am most proud."

"About one thing, however, you must be aware: that you, all of you, from the first to the last, are the European Bridge League and as long as the administrators can count on you, no goal is unreachable. We are all equals, there are no children of a lesser god: this is my belief, from which I will never deviate for any reason."

# La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

## Quatre à quatre

A y regarder de plus près, il apparaît que, sur les huit équipes quart-de-finalistes du mixte, la moitié est passée par l'issue de secours, c'est-à-dire le Suisse B, lequel, faut-il le rappeler, n'ouvrirait l'accès à la phase à 32 qu'à 5 repêchés. Peut-on alors parler d'exploit ? Ou se montrer circonspect sur la formule par poule ? A vous de juger.

Et comme tout va par quatre dans ces quarts de finale, observons que sur les huit équipes, quatre, soit encore la moitié, sont des associations transnationales. Les quatre équipes nationales : Danemark, USA, Suède et France. Les quatre formations transnationales : Italie/USA, Ecosse/Norvège, USA/Suède et Israël/Pays-Bas. Avantage global, à ce stade, aux joueurs américains, qui, comme on l'a déjà remarqué, n'ont pas fait le déplacement pour des prunes au pays des citrons.

Les demi-finales allaient-elles confirmer ou infirmer ces tendances ?

Voyons. Sur le plan de la suprématie des rescapés du Suisse B, c'est une confirmation, avec trois qualifiés sur quatre. En revanche, il y avait en demi-finale trois équipes nationales (Danemark, USA, Suède) pour une seule transnationale (Ecosse/Norvège). Avec une nouvelle tendance : l'émergence de trois pays nordiques dans le bon wagon.

## Coup de trois

L'équipe suédoise Bertheau (un nom français qui doit sans doute remonter au temps de Bernadotte) a battu successivement, lors des phases par K.O, trois équipes françaises : Kaplan en 1/16 de finale, Lemaître en 1/8 et Mouiel en 1/4. Pourra-t-elle continuer sur sa lancée maintenant qu'il n'y a plus d'équipe française en lice ?

## Les pensées du chien Mazette

Lorsque mon partenaire a une chance sur deux de gagner, neuf fois sur dix il passe la mauvaise.

## L'appel des six reines

Philippe Toffier, membre de l'équipe de France sortante (et, malheureusement pour lui, sorti de la sélection pour la prochaine), a réussi à dénicher onze levées sur cette donne, dans la rencontre contre Goded (Espagne). Prenez sa place, en Sud : Tour 14 du Suisse, donne 19 (N/E-O)

♠ 5 4 3  
♥ 4  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ A R V 7 5 3

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| O |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 9 6  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ A D V 10 7 3  
♣ 10 2

| Ouest | Nord               | Est | Sud     |
|-------|--------------------|-----|---------|
|       | Mme Van Poperinghe |     | Toffier |
| X     | 2 ♣                | 2 ♥ | 1 ♦     |
| 3 ♥   | 4 ♦                | 4 ♥ | 3 ♦     |
| X     | (Fin)              |     | 5 ♦     |

Ouest entame de la Dame de ♥ (le 6 en Est). Vous prenez de l'As, coupez un ♥, et comme vous avez du nez, poursuivez par ♦ pour... l'As. Splat ! Le Roi tombe en Ouest. **Ensuite ?**

N'allez pas gâcher vos chances, après ce bon départ. Comme Toffier, refusez l'appel des sirènes, qui vous invitent à couper un autre ♥. Vous ne pourriez plus gagner ! Vous ressortiriez du mort à ♠ ; Ouest prendrait pour contre-attaquer de la Dame de ♣ (pour vous bloquer au mort), et après un nouveau tour de ♠, Ouest donnerait une coupe à ♣ à son partenaire.

Après l'As de ♦, confirmant au passage la distribution 4-4-4-1 d'Ouest, Tof-Tof a pris soin d'encaisser un tour de ♣ (pour le cas où le singleton d'Est aurait été la Dame), puis il a éliminé les atouts et réussi l'impasse à la Dame de ♣. Rideau. + 550. Ajoutés aux 620 de l'autre salle (4 ♥ fait), le coup s'est ainsi soldé à 15 imp.

Main d'Est : ♠ DVI08 ♥ R9876 ♦ 964 ♣ 4

Main d'Ouest : ♠ AR72 ♥ DVI05 ♦ R ♣ D986

## Méfiez-vous des intermédiaires

Cette donne technique, que l'on aurait pu intituler " la carte juste " n'a pas échappé à l'œil attentif d'Alain Lévy :

1116 de finale - donne 18 (E/P)

♠ D  
♥ 7 5  
♦ R D 10 3  
♣ A 9 6 5 4 2

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|   | N |   |
| O |   | E |
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♠ R V 10  
♥ D V 6 3 2  
♦ A V  
♣ R 10 3

| Ouest | Nord | Est   | Sud       |
|-------|------|-------|-----------|
|       |      | Passe | 1 ♥       |
| Passe | 2 ♣  | Passe | 2SA       |
| Passe | 3 ♦  | Passe | 3SA (Fin) |

Le déclarant reçoit l'entame neutre du 9 de ♦. **Comment doit-il jouer pour assurer son contrat ?**

Cinq levées de ♣ et quatre de ♦ suffisent. Encore faut-il se méfier de la fragilité des intermédiaires à ♥ et de la possibilité d'y perdre trois levées. Pour assurer la garde dans la couleur, il faut partir du 3 de ♣ de la main, et adapter son jeu à la carte fournie par Ouest :

- si la Dame apparaît, on appelle un petit du mort. Si Ouest attaque alors les ♥, Sud y disposera d'un arrêt.

- si Ouest fournit petit (ou le Valet), on prend de l'As du mort et on rejoue ♣ pour le 10. Un joli jeu de sécurité.

... Et un beau coup de défense à réaliser si le déclarant ne couvre pas le Valet d'Ouest de l'As : Est en profite pour prendre ce Valet de la Dame et présenter le 10 de ♥, le flanc mortel (10, Valet, Roi, retour à ♠ pour l'As, et re-♥, pour deux autres levées).

Main d'Est : ♠ A8762 ♥ 104 ♦ 652 ♣ V87

Main d'Ouest : ♠ 9543 ♥ AR98 ♦ V1062 ♣ D

**Le coût du lapin**

Voici un coup cher qui est arrivé à l'équipe Quantin :

1/8 de finale - donne 14 (OIP)

♠ A 7 5  
♥ 2  
♦ A 10 9 8 5 4  
♣ D 5 2



♠ R DV 6 4 2  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ R 6  
♣ A 8

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| <b>Ouest</b> | <b>Nord</b> | <b>Est</b> | <b>Sud</b> |
| 2♥           | 3♦          | 3♥         | X          |
| Passe        | 4♦          | Passe      | 4SA        |
| Passe        | 5♥          | Passe      | 7SA        |

L'enchère de 3 ♦ n'est pas... obligatoire ! Ne pouvant guère imaginer l'absence de la Dame de ♦ dans l'intervention de Nord, Sud se compte treize levées. Mais la Dame n'est pas au rendez-vous. Un lapin qui coûte cher. Moins trois !

Toutefois, que se serait-il passé au contrat de 7♣, sur l'entame du Roi de ♥ ?

Il faut résister à la tentation de couper un ♥, mais affranchir les ♦. La bonne ligne : As de ♥, Roi et Dame de ♠, Roi et As de ♦, ♦ coupé maître, ♠ pour l'As et trois défausses sur les ♦ affranchis.

Main d'Est : ♠ 983 ♥ V106 ♦ D73 ♣ R1093

Main d'Ouest : ♠ 10 ♥ RD9543 ♦ V2 ♣ V764

**Prize Giving Ceremony**

The Prize Giving Ceremony of the European Mixed Pairs Championship will be held on Thursday 19 June in the Theatre (VuGraph), after the end of play.

After the ceremony everyone is invited to a cocktail buffet at the Casino.

**MIXED TEAMS**

The last eight survivors were yesterday morning :

- SCHALTZ D.AUKEN S.AUKEN J. L BLAKSET **Denmark**
- O'ROURKE, L. ROGERS, B. MECKSTROTH, J.EYTHORS-
- DOTTIR,FREDIN P.,CHEEEK C **Usa/Sweden**
- BARR R HERBST I VAN ETTINGER E. JANSMA J.
- **Netherlands/Israël**
- BERTHEAU K, NYSTROM F MAGNUSSON M. MIDSKOG
- K. **Sweden**
- SOROLDINO M.VANOSI G. OLIVIERI G. DE FALCO D
- DU PONT L GAROZZO B. **Usa/Italy**
- HAUGE R . LESLIE P. COHEN S. SVENDSEN J. MALI-
- NOWSKI A.THORENSEN S. **Scotland/Norway**
- MOUIEL H.WILLARD S. LEVY A. LEVY AF . **France**
- WELLAND R. HENNER WC LEVIN R. LEVIN J ROSEN-
- BERG M. ROSENBERG D. **Usa**

Note that four of the five teams qualified from Swiss B survived till round of eight

**Flags at the Palais de l'Europe**

*Herman De Wael, resident vexillologist*

Spread out over two locations, the flags of all the participating nations are put on view at the Palais. We've spotted a number of idiosyncracies.

First of all, the countries are in alphabetical order, from Argentina to Wales. But then there is a strange thing, when we see Switzerland ahead of Sweden. An Internet search tells us that in most European languages, Sweden actually precedes Switzerland. I've discovered six languages in which this is not true (including Swedish!). But the EBL is using the English version of the country's name, as the case of Germany (between France and Greece) confirms. Actually, there is an additional flag between Switzerland and Sweden, and visitors to the European Championships of 2001 may have recognised it.

A second remark is that all the flags are correct, except one. That one is also the one that has been hung upside-down originally. It has been corrected now, but try and guess which of the 55 flags you would least expect to be inverted. I'll give you a hint - it's the only one which has letters on it. We notice that the flags from the non-European countries are on loan from the WBF, with the consequence that they are not necessarily of the same size. The biggest flag of them all is from the second smallest country here: Bermuda.

**Monaco 2003**

Anna Gudge (anna@ecats.co.uk) will be setting up an information mailing list for Monaco, just as she did for Montreal and Menton, and if players or officials would like to be added to this list to receive general information about the event as it becomes available, they should either email me and request to be added to the list, or go to www.ecats-bridge.com and follow the link that will be in the Championships section of the site relating to Monaco. After the ceremony everyone is invited to a cocktail buffet at the Casino.

# Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

Torniamo un momento allo scontro fratricida dei 16i di KO, Canesi contro Lavazza. Erano le ultime due formazioni battenti bandiera italiana ancora in gara nello squadre miste ed è finito 54 a 51 per Canesi (Cedolin, Corchia, Matricardi, Donatelli, Malaguti). Oltre a quelle riportate nella puntata di ieri, ci sono altre due mani che meritano un approfondimento, non per il risultato quanto per lo svolgimento del gioco.

## Piccola con l'onore

L'importante nella vita è comunicare. Figuriamoci nel bridge...

Board 9, Dich. Nord, E/O in zona

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| Ovest      | Nord    | Est     | Sud           |
|------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Matricardi | Ferraro | Corchia | Erhart        |
|            | passo   | 1♣      | 1♦*           |
| 1♠         | passo   | 2SA     | passo         |
| 3♠         | passo   | 4♠      | tutti passano |

Attenzione, attenzione: sembra tutto quasi normale ma c'è bisogno di qualche spiegazione. L'intervento di 1♦ della Erhart mostra le cuori, eventualmente in corto/lungo. Il che vuol dire che, nella fattispecie, ci può essere un colore più lungo a lato. 1♠ di Matricardi non è forzante. Ferraro ha attaccato con il Fante di cuori, ed è un buon inizio perché l'attacco fiori regalerebbe questa manche che si batte con qualsiasi altro attacco ("E perché mai dovrebbe attaccare fiori?", vi state giustamente chiedendo. Va be', non fate i fiscali, era tanto per parlare del più e del meno...). Matricardi ha catturato il Fante di cuori con l'Asso della mano e ha anticipato fiori. Sud è entrata con l'Asso su un onore del morto e ha rotto a quadri intavolando la Dama per l'Asso del morto (filare è inutile in quanto Sud tornerebbe cuori per poi dare il taglio nel colore al compagno una volta in presa con l'Asso d'atout). Il gioco è proseguito con Dama di fiori, fiori taglio e picche per l'Asso di Maria Erhart che, questo è il momento, è tornata piccola quadri per "telecomandare" il ritorno cuori dal compagno. Prontamente effettuata. 4♠-1. Nell'altra sala 3♠+1.

## Ti sfido nel tuo colore

Le prese ci sono o ci sarebbero?

Board 18, Dealer East, N/S Vul.

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| <p>♠ K J 10<br/>♥ Q J 6 3 2<br/>♦ A J<br/>♣ K 10 3</p> |  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |  |   |   |

| Ovest         | Nord   | Est     | Sud       |
|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Matricardi    | Bocchi | Corchia | De Lucchi |
| passo         | 2♣     | passo   | 1SA       |
| passo         | 3♣     | passo   | 2♥        |
| passo         | 3♠     | passo   | 3♦        |
| tutti passano |        |         |           |

2♣ chiede, 2♥ è la quinta, 3♣ naturale, 3♦ fit, 3♠ richiesta di fermo (o cue-bid, se riapre), avendo il fermo fermiamoci (lo dice la parola stessa).

Matricardi ha attaccato 9 di quadri che la De Lucchi ha preso di Asso in mano per intavolare il Re di fiori (ne parliamo dopo) e il 10 di fiori a girare. Est è entrata con il Fante e...ha tirato l'Asso di picche. Fine. Per la cronaca dopo il ritorno nel colore la dichiarante ha scoperto allineando undici prese contro le nove dell'altra sala. Il ping pong per battere era Fante di fiori, 10 di cuori, picche per l'Asso e cuori ancora (tre cuori, una picche e una fiori). Tutto ciò poteva essere evitato giocando fiori per l'Asso del morto e fiori verso il 10 della mano, proprio per proteggersi da questa situazione. Anche se prende Ovest (Dama e Fante secchi) il colore si sblocca lanciando il Re di fiori sulla terza quadri, per nove prese (cinque fiori e quattro quadri, evviva i minori!). Però si perde con la 4/0 di fiori in Ovest.

La squadra Canesi, come dicevamo, ha proseguito il cammino ma solo per un altro KO in quanto ha successivamente perso contro gli israelolandes di Barr (I. Herbst, Van Ettinger, Jansma) in modo, peraltro, abbastanza rocambolesco. Dopo i 28 board previsti le due formazioni si sono trovate in perfetta parità (43 a 43) e, come da regolamento sono scattati quattro board di spareggio smazzati al tavolo. Due di queste quattro mani (le dispari) le abbiamo pubblicate, in inglese, in altra parte del bollettino. Essendo storia che riguarda strettamente casa Italia, le altre due (le pari) si sono fatte spazio di prepotenza in queste pagine.



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

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

Questa è l'unica mano pari dello spareggio (scusate il bisticcio).

## Sala aperta

| Ovest         | Nord   | Est    | Sud          |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Cedolin       | Jansma | Canesi | Van Ettinger |
|               |        | passo  | 1♠           |
| 2♣            | passo  | passo  | contro       |
| surcontro     | passo  | 2♦     | passo        |
| passo         | contro | passo  | 2♠           |
| tutti passano |        |        |              |

Per battere di due prese le 2♦ contrate di Marinella Canesi bisogna fare un controgioco galattico che inizia con Re di cuori, cuori per l'Asso, picche per la Dama, piccola picche tagliata, cuori per la Dama e Asso di picche. Mica male. In caso contrario, o anche leggermente differente, la dichiarante se la può cavare con un down. Comunque questa divagazione c'entra poco in quanto la Van Ettinger ha deciso di non mettere alla prova il controgioco della propria coppia dichiarando 2♠. Cedolin ha attaccato Asso di fiori, si è sparato l'Asso di quadri, il Re di fiori e ha pro-



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seguito quadri. La Van Ettinger ha proseguito Asso e piccola picche pagando due atout.

## Sala Chiusa

| Ovest         | Nord       | Est   | Sud     |
|---------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Herbst        | Matricardi | Barr  | Corchia |
|               |            | passo | 1♠      |
| 2♣            | passo      | passo | 2♠      |
| tutti passano |            |       |         |

Herbst ha attaccato Asso di fiori e ha virato a cuori. La Corchia ha preso al morto con l'Asso ed ha giocato picche per la Dama, pagando una picche sola ma due quadri. Mano pari.

## Board 20, Dich. Ovest, Tutti in zona

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

## Sala aperta

| Ovest   | Nord   | Est    | Sud           |
|---------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Cedolin | Jansma | Canesi | Van Ettinger  |
| passo   | passo  | 1SA    | passo         |
| 2♣      | passo  | 2♦     | passo         |
| 2SA     | passo  | 3SA    | tutti passano |

Sud ha attaccato con il 4 di cuori per l'Asso del compagno che è tornato in conto nel colore. Conto o meno la Van Ettinger si è fatta pochi problemi entrando con il Re e rigiocando cuori, in dolce attesa con d'incassare il down entrando con l'Asso di quadri. In fin dei conti i punti sulla linea E/O sono 25, dovrebbe essere mano pari. Manco per niente (come si dice negli ambienti fini):

## Sala Chiusa

| Ovest  | Nord          | Est  | Sud     |
|--------|---------------|------|---------|
| Herbst | Matricardi    | Barr | Corchia |
| passo  | passo         | 1SA  | passo   |
| 2♣     | passo         | 2♦   | passo   |
| 2♠     | tutti passano |      |         |

Herbst azzecca mica male stoppando al parziale con la 4/3 e un punteggio corposo, ma quando gira bene c'è poco da fare. Nord attacca con il 10 di quadri e il dichiarante realizza dieci prese. 170 per E/O.

Lo spareggio finisce 17 a 0 per Barr, arrotondati a 20 (!) per una penalità da squillo di cellulare di quel gaggio di Cedolin.

# MIXED TEAMS

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

|                              | 1st   | 2nd   | total |                               |       |       |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 LANGER - GWINNER           | 62.26 | 63.30 | 62.83 | 66 LARSSON - WIKNER           | 55.60 | 54.17 | 54.83 |
| 2 SCHRECKENBERGER - MAYBACH  | 55.12 | 68.38 | 61.77 | 67 PONOMAREVA - KRASNOSSELSKI | 54.91 | 51.71 | 54.70 |
| 3 SCHNITZER - TERRANEO       | 66.66 | 56.03 | 61.29 | 68 ARTMER - BABSCH            | 56.42 | 52.93 | 54.62 |
| 4 PASMÁN - NIEMEIJER         | 62.81 | 57.78 | 60.34 | 69 PASTERNAK - ARASZKIEWICZ   | 51.35 | 57.83 | 54.53 |
| 5 REESS - ROMBAUT            | 55.49 | 64.24 | 59.92 | 70 CHATARD - HIRCHWALD        | 59.81 | 49.04 | 54.48 |
| 6 BIZON - MISZEWSKA          | 58.16 | 61.17 | 59.61 | 71 TRITTO - CONTE             | 53.64 | 55.13 | 54.42 |
| 7 FREY - OURSEL              | 60.91 | 58.19 | 59.50 | 72 SANDERS - LEVENKO          | 53.70 | 55.06 | 54.33 |
| 8 VIOLA - GODED              | 56.61 | 61.52 | 59.07 | 73 COLADONATO - COLADONATO    | 60.69 | 47.72 | 54.26 |
| 9 ALLIX - RACZYNSKA          | 52.51 | 65.12 | 58.76 | 74 SMITH - ARMSTRONG          | 50.94 | 57.67 | 54.25 |
| 10 MANARA - ATTANASIO        | 54.97 | 62.00 | 58.42 | 75 BACK - BARCLAY             | 60.07 | 48.42 | 54.20 |
| 11 FUGLESTAD - SAELENSMINDE  | 55.74 | 61.17 | 58.42 | 76 LONCAR - FILJAR            | 59.28 | 49.00 | 54.20 |
| 12 TOMESCU - TOMESCU         | 59.65 | 56.83 | 58.19 | 77 TER LAARE - TER LAARE      | 57.32 | 51.19 | 54.19 |
| 13 LORMANT - LORMANT         | 61.78 | 54.60 | 58.17 | 78 MEYERS - MAHMOOD           | 57.09 | 48.11 | 54.18 |
| 14 POIZAT - POIZAT           | 57.56 | 58.72 | 58.13 | 79 KARLSSON - ROOS            | 56.29 | 51.96 | 54.17 |
| 15 GRAUD - AZOULAY           | 58.22 | 57.05 | 57.65 | 80 GOGOMAN - ROKYTA           | 50.19 | 58.23 | 54.15 |
| 16 PIGEAUD - MARILL          | 59.85 | 55.38 | 57.57 | 81 VENINI - MARINO            | 50.62 | 57.68 | 54.10 |
| 17 ALUF - KOKTEN             | 58.54 | 56.56 | 57.56 | 82 ROMANO - MARINONI          | 58.56 | 49.50 | 54.08 |
| 18 POPA - TRAPANI            | 58.67 | 56.49 | 57.52 | 83 AUBONNET - BOULICAUT       | 47.60 | 60.54 | 54.03 |
| 19 SWANSTROM - GULLBERG      | 62.87 | 51.98 | 57.47 | 84 PAIM - CHAGAS              | 55.66 | 52.39 | 53.97 |
| 20 ISOARD - SOLARI           | 56.85 | 58.13 | 57.47 | 85 SCALAMOGNA - FANTONI       | 51.15 | 56.61 | 53.93 |
| 21 KREGLEWSKA - PRZYJEMSKI   | 54.31 | 60.48 | 57.44 | 86 JANKUNAITE - SHARKANAS     | 48.59 | 59.16 | 53.93 |
| 22 ALLOUCHE - CHEMLA         | 53.22 | 61.42 | 57.37 | 87 LHERE - DELMAS             | 54.92 | 53.01 | 53.92 |
| 23 LARA - CAPUCHO            | 55.83 | 58.82 | 57.37 | 88 BELLO - NEUT               | 55.04 | 52.85 | 53.89 |
| 24 WENNING - WENNING         | 59.68 | 54.92 | 57.35 | 89 ONISHUK - RAEYMAEKER       | 51.33 | 56.40 | 53.85 |
| 25 ZAGAJSEK - REFI           | 56.07 | 58.35 | 57.27 | 90 SAESSELI - PIEDRA          | 56.15 | 51.62 | 53.84 |
| 26 MORETTI - SAPORTA         | 56.54 | 57.75 | 57.20 | 91 FUSARI - BONAVOGLIA        | 48.99 | 58.68 | 53.84 |
| 27 BARBARISI - MACI          | 54.10 | 60.27 | 57.15 | 92 COMPTON - LEVITT           | 57.07 | 50.48 | 53.81 |
| 28 MELTZER - WEICHSEL        | 55.60 | 58.59 | 57.14 | 93 KEREKES - MARJAI           | 56.79 | 50.73 | 53.81 |
| 29 SMEDEREVAC - WERNLE       | 54.58 | 59.69 | 57.08 | 94 SPEELMAN - PAULISSEN       | 56.66 | 50.98 | 53.79 |
| 30 RUSSO - MORTAROTTI        | 53.46 | 60.44 | 57.01 | 95 KOISTINEN - BACKSTROM      | 49.94 | 57.70 | 53.78 |
| 31 GREY - LASOCKI            | 53.93 | 58.69 | 56.86 | 96 KREFELD - HAMMELEV         | 55.74 | 51.73 | 53.69 |
| 32 ZWOL - BITRAN             | 60.30 | 53.38 | 56.80 | 97 DAUVERGNE - COUNIL         | 53.84 | 53.56 | 53.67 |
| 33 VIOLA - VIOLA             | 59.52 | 54.05 | 56.72 | 98 DEWASME - FRENCKEN         | 57.18 | 50.18 | 53.64 |
| 34 MAGIS - VOLDOIRE          | 59.97 | 53.36 | 56.72 | 99 PENKOVA - MARINI           | 53.39 | 53.76 | 53.53 |
| 35 VLIET - SUSSEL            | 60.67 | 52.35 | 56.57 | 100 COHEN - COHEN             | 49.88 | 57.25 | 53.51 |
| 36 VRIEND - MAAS             | 58.34 | 54.72 | 56.57 | 101 RENOUX - MARI             | 56.16 | 50.55 | 53.41 |
| 37 HARASIMOWICZ - LESNIEWSKI | 58.87 | 54.13 | 56.46 | 102 VIVES - VIVES             | 51.19 | 55.63 | 53.39 |
| 38 KITABGI - NAHMIA          | 57.45 | 54.91 | 56.23 | 103 STAHL - GROMANN           | 55.50 | 51.08 | 53.35 |
| 39 PENFOLD - SENIOR          | 52.85 | 58.36 | 56.18 | 104 FAYAD - HARFOUCHE         | 52.17 | 54.36 | 53.31 |
| 40 TISSERAND - FRANCES       | 50.32 | 61.87 | 56.07 | 105 SALONEN - VERDURMEN       | 50.78 | 55.91 | 53.30 |
| 41 GROMOVA - GROMOV          | 65.66 | 46.18 | 55.97 | 106 KOSCHIER - SCHAMBERGER    | 54.60 | 52.06 | 53.28 |
| 42 KRAUS - ZEITLER           | 61.66 | 50.25 | 55.96 | 107 AVON - STOPPA             | 50.69 | 55.96 | 53.28 |
| 43 ERHART - SCHIFKO          | 55.17 | 56.53 | 55.82 | 108 MYERSON - MYERSON         | 58.60 | 47.85 | 53.26 |
| 44 LEVIT-PORAT - HETZ        | 54.77 | 56.77 | 55.72 | 109 GLABBEEK - MAAS           | 47.35 | 59.27 | 53.26 |
| 45 KIEREPKA - SWIATKOWSKI    | 54.98 | 56.56 | 55.72 | 110 MORSE - LARSEN            | 54.27 | 53.30 | 53.24 |
| 46 HUGON - PALAU             | 55.50 | 55.78 | 55.68 | 111 HEATH - MOHTASHAMI        | 53.89 | 52.44 | 53.11 |
| 47 LUSTIN - KAPLAN           | 63.94 | 47.11 | 55.57 | 112 NUR GINAR - STEFAN        | 58.68 | 47.52 | 53.09 |
| 48 RYMAN - HALLBERG          | 58.23 | 52.71 | 55.42 | 113 POPERINGHE - TOFFIER      | 46.99 | 59.02 | 53.06 |
| 49 BRUNNER - HOLLAND         | 56.80 | 54.05 | 55.38 | 114 CORCHIA - MATRICARDI      | 52.91 | 53.06 | 53.03 |
| 50 LAWSON - HACKETT          | 49.18 | 61.40 | 55.35 | 115 LEBEDEVA - ANDREEV        | 56.48 | 49.15 | 52.87 |
| 51 MOFAHKAMI - ODELLO        | 60.85 | 49.47 | 55.22 | 116 DENOIZE - ADAD            | 48.17 | 57.60 | 52.83 |
| 52 RAGI - STAMATOV           | 53.05 | 57.28 | 55.20 | 117 JOST - JOST               | 52.08 | 53.58 | 52.78 |
| 53 CHOQUETTE - CHOQUETTE     | 50.78 | 59.57 | 55.19 | 118 ANDERSSON - SAVOLAINEN    | 53.78 | 51.79 | 52.76 |
| 54 SERF - STREZT             | 51.02 | 59.43 | 55.18 | 119 BERTACCINI - BAGHETTI     | 45.86 | 59.52 | 52.73 |
| 55 SAMBUCCI - TRETA          | 53.77 | 56.52 | 55.14 | 120 PARNIS-ENGLAND - PAGAN    | 52.71 | 52.50 | 52.66 |
| 56 ZALEWSKA - GOLEBIOWSKI    | 58.60 | 51.56 | 55.13 | 121 LOURIE - JONES            | 54.98 | 50.13 | 52.65 |
| 57 PRONO - COMELLA           | 58.69 | 51.20 | 55.00 | 122 HAMMERLI - SAURER         | 53.24 | 52.20 | 52.65 |
| 58 MOORE - BURN              | 51.92 | 58.12 | 54.98 | 123 MOERS - BOUVERESSE        | 54.72 | 51.70 | 52.63 |
| 59 PETTY - SMOLSKI           | 57.02 | 52.82 | 54.95 | 124 NEHMERT - YUEN            | 53.64 | 50.85 | 52.52 |
| 60 RAIMBAULT - MUS MARC      | 55.74 | 54.10 | 54.93 | 125 WAKSMAN - USZYNSKI        | 53.35 | 51.56 | 52.49 |
| 61 MEZEY - VIKOR             | 49.82 | 59.86 | 54.90 | 126 HOSKINS - HOSKINS         | 46.01 | 58.75 | 52.44 |
| 62 D'OVIDIO - ZIMMERMANN     | 60.31 | 49.34 | 54.87 | 127 WEIGKRICHT - BUSSEK       | 51.05 | 53.82 | 52.37 |
| 63 KHANDELWAL - KHANDELWAL   | 56.86 | 52.76 | 54.85 | 128 OLESEN - LAHRMANN         | 48.76 | 56.04 | 52.36 |
| 64 CURTIS - FEGARTY          | 54.00 | 55.80 | 54.85 | 129 IVARSDOTTIR - JONSSON     | 59.13 | 45.44 | 52.34 |
| 65 LEVINE - RODWELL          | 55.13 | 54.67 | 54.85 | 130 SEMMELRATH - HATLAUF      | 50.37 | 54.19 | 52.24 |
|                              |       |       |       | 131 BALDI - BALDI             | 51.62 | 52.95 | 52.24 |

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|-----|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 132 | FICARELLI - BAVARESCO       | 54.04 | 53.55 | 52.22 | 203 | LIEBERMAN - ZILBERBUSH   | 54.35 | 45.47 | 49.96 |
| 133 | LEWIS - KANTOR              | 49.70 | 54.68 | 52.20 | 204 | APITZ - MATHIESEN        | 50.68 | 49.22 | 49.94 |
| 134 | CANESI - CEDOLIN            | 53.69 | 50.78 | 52.18 | 205 | MORIZET - WEEDEN         | 44.89 | 54.85 | 49.93 |
| 135 | WEIR - WEIR                 | 49.44 | 54.98 | 52.17 | 206 | KREDER - CHENCIA         | 47.93 | 52.01 | 49.92 |
| 136 | PAOLUZI - GUERRA            | 50.45 | 53.70 | 52.13 | 207 | OVERBY - NORMAN          | 54.53 | 45.27 | 49.92 |
| 137 | LEENHARDT - LEENHARDT       | 55.65 | 48.61 | 52.08 | 208 | GERBER - PIC VALERIE     | 50.32 | 49.17 | 49.80 |
| 138 | MARKOVITZ - COUPERE         | 47.01 | 57.02 | 52.07 | 209 | FIORILLO - FERRAMOSCA    | 46.24 | 53.18 | 49.76 |
| 139 | ARAMI - NAFTALI             | 59.91 | 44.29 | 52.06 | 210 | BEAUMIER - BEAUMIER      | 46.65 | 52.88 | 49.74 |
| 140 | GOTARD - GOTARD             | 51.38 | 52.62 | 52.05 | 211 | BERNA - COHEN            | 50.17 | 49.17 | 49.74 |
| 141 | PANTLE-REICHERT - GROMOLLER | 55.97 | 47.99 | 52.03 | 212 | KARLSSON-UIISK - UIISK   | 52.28 | 47.06 | 49.71 |
| 142 | NELSON - EGINTON            | 50.50 | 53.25 | 51.92 | 213 | GENELLE - AUGÉ           | 46.31 | 53.13 | 49.67 |
| 143 | VANDONI - VANDONI           | 57.19 | 46.72 | 51.91 | 214 | GROMOLLER - SCHULTZE     | 44.51 | 54.90 | 49.65 |
| 144 | ROMANOVSKA - SHUDNEV        | 52.79 | 51.06 | 51.88 | 215 | ZAKRZEWSKI - BIRDSALL    | 49.51 | 49.80 | 49.61 |
| 145 | SALNITRO - MUROLO           | 47.39 | 56.22 | 51.80 | 216 | SCHULZOVA - LASTOVICKA   | 47.45 | 51.71 | 49.60 |
| 146 | DITETOVA - FORT             | 48.91 | 54.51 | 51.76 | 217 | INI' - CARAMANTI         | 47.50 | 51.59 | 49.60 |
| 147 | SEUTET - AUBRY              | 46.47 | 57.05 | 51.72 | 218 | BLAAGESTAD - DEUT        | 46.49 | 52.82 | 49.60 |
| 148 | GUTENWIK - GUTENWIK         | 50.90 | 52.38 | 51.70 | 219 | HORVATH - DONG           | 49.25 | 50.04 | 49.59 |
| 149 | MINCIOTTI - TRALLO          | 56.11 | 46.93 | 51.57 | 220 | POPLILOV - SAGIV         | 47.84 | 51.18 | 49.58 |
| 150 | WASIELEWSKA - GUSOWSKI      | 48.42 | 54.53 | 51.53 | 221 | BOUNIOL - BAUDU          | 55.77 | 43.46 | 49.56 |
| 151 | LEBLANC - FENN              | 53.11 | 49.83 | 51.52 | 222 | BLAISS - BLAISS          | 47.88 | 51.34 | 49.55 |
| 152 | MORAN - CARROLL             | 60.66 | 42.43 | 51.50 | 223 | PINCUS - BROWNSTEIN      | 53.02 | 45.91 | 49.51 |
| 153 | MUCHA - PANA                | 57.70 | 45.37 | 51.47 | 224 | MACKENZIE - MACKENZIE    | 53.12 | 45.94 | 49.28 |
| 154 | POPP - BUCHMAYR             | 56.23 | 46.76 | 51.46 | 225 | KINNUNEN - KINNUNEN      | 44.26 | 54.34 | 49.25 |
| 155 | SALVANO - BRAVERMANN        | 52.04 | 50.91 | 51.42 | 226 | RUSSO - KOWALSKI         | 50.20 | 48.25 | 49.24 |
| 156 | CHAMAA - MARTENS            | 51.86 | 50.82 | 51.40 | 227 | BERTHOLD - BEATRIX       | 62.26 | 63.30 | 49.20 |
| 157 | DE CRESCENZO - PIZZA        | 54.86 | 47.65 | 51.31 | 228 | MATJEVIC - CARIC         | 49.86 | 48.42 | 49.20 |
| 158 | PACECO - FRANCO             | 56.08 | 46.32 | 51.25 | 229 | GRAMBERG - SCHILHART     | 49.69 | 48.42 | 49.09 |
| 159 | STANSBY - STANSBY           | 47.13 | 55.26 | 51.22 | 230 | PRADOS - PALMA           | 44.92 | 53.05 | 49.03 |
| 160 | KAYE - KIRK                 | 53.73 | 48.61 | 51.22 | 231 | NAVEH - MERMELSTEIN      | 44.46 | 53.52 | 49.03 |
| 161 | LANCIA - BELLO              | 50.59 | 51.71 | 51.20 | 232 | MCGEE - MCGEE            | 51.33 | 46.58 | 49.00 |
| 162 | ROSSARD - ROMANOWSKI        | 51.86 | 50.51 | 51.15 | 233 | TALMAT - ABBOUD          | 44.19 | 53.83 | 49.00 |
| 163 | DUGUET - DUGUET             | 49.13 | 53.13 | 51.07 | 234 | ZARKESCH - BOEDDEKER     | 53.01 | 45.00 | 48.99 |
| 164 | JULIJUS - TEDESCHI          | 55.50 | 49.76 | 51.05 | 235 | GERONIMI - MONCHENY      | 43.21 | 54.69 | 48.97 |
| 165 | FINN - MCCARTHY             | 55.00 | 47.06 | 51.02 | 236 | PISAK - ESKINAZ          | 48.49 | 49.53 | 48.96 |
| 166 | LARSSON - LJUNG             | 54.56 | 47.20 | 50.92 | 237 | GONZALEZ - VIETI         | 49.41 | 48.39 | 48.95 |
| 167 | GOLDINE - WIELEMANS         | 54.72 | 47.21 | 50.91 | 238 | GIGLIOTTI - MAGNANI      | 46.13 | 51.79 | 48.95 |
| 168 | YAVAZ - KAHYAOQLU           | 49.17 | 52.68 | 50.91 | 239 | MCQUAKER - SIME          | 41.04 | 56.78 | 48.93 |
| 169 | LANGELAND - OVRID           | 49.08 | 52.55 | 50.87 | 240 | DHONDY - SANDQVIST       | 50.10 | 47.77 | 48.89 |
| 170 | SAMY - SAMY                 | 50.07 | 51.71 | 50.83 | 241 | BOTTON - HACKETT         | 55.96 | 41.63 | 48.86 |
| 171 | ZUR-CAMPANILE - GELBARD     | 50.71 | 50.85 | 50.83 | 242 | DAVIES - GISBORNE        | 47.59 | 50.14 | 48.83 |
| 172 | RYMAN - RYMAN               | 59.44 | 42.24 | 50.80 | 243 | BENMERGNI - BENSMUSSAN   | 52.52 | 44.88 | 48.64 |
| 173 | EMODI - YADLIN              | 48.44 | 53.15 | 50.77 | 244 | NYARADI - NYARADI        | 50.79 | 46.40 | 48.63 |
| 174 | UZUNKU - SEMERCI            | 58.54 | 56.56 | 50.74 | 245 | SENIOR - WOLFARTH        | 45.25 | 52.08 | 48.62 |
| 175 | HIRSCH - CHAUVELOT          | 45.30 | 56.28 | 50.73 | 246 | GREGSON - SILVERSTONE    | 55.61 | 41.40 | 48.56 |
| 176 | EVANS - ROBB                | 44.21 | 57.13 | 50.73 | 247 | MANGLANO - MOLERO        | 51.31 | 45.60 | 48.50 |
| 177 | SKELTON - THEELKE           | 45.90 | 55.62 | 50.72 | 248 | HONTORIA - LANTARON      | 48.38 | 48.51 | 48.49 |
| 178 | KOCH - BJARNARSON           | 49.81 | 51.67 | 50.70 | 249 | ELSUWE - PHAM            | 53.28 | 43.60 | 48.46 |
| 179 | HOOGWEG - PROOIJEN          | 49.13 | 52.28 | 50.66 | 250 | MEEHAN - HIRST           | 41.79 | 55.07 | 48.38 |
| 180 | AZZIMONTI - ZUCCHINI        | 52.22 | 49.19 | 50.65 | 251 | O'FARELL - WALSH         | 43.35 | 53.24 | 48.34 |
| 181 | CURETTI - PODER             | 55.39 | 45.99 | 50.63 | 252 | GROSMANOVA - GROSMAN     | 47.10 | 49.47 | 48.33 |
| 182 | BARRETT - BARRETT           | 54.71 | 49.33 | 50.61 | 253 | DOMICHI - LUMANAUW       | 50.37 | 46.42 | 48.29 |
| 183 | QUERAN - MARINA             | 46.36 | 54.85 | 50.61 | 254 | TESSITORE - MUNDULA      | 49.02 | 44.28 | 48.24 |
| 184 | ANJER - FODSTAD             | 56.54 | 44.72 | 50.59 | 255 | RANFAGNI - PERCACCIANTE  | 50.26 | 46.26 | 48.21 |
| 185 | LEON - WASIK                | 55.43 | 45.60 | 50.58 | 256 | DEMPSTER - DEMPSTER      | 54.82 | 41.68 | 48.19 |
| 186 | JACQUEMARD - HOGER          | 46.80 | 54.22 | 50.55 | 257 | DIAMOND - DIAMOND        | 41.83 | 54.56 | 48.15 |
| 187 | GODFREY - NAQVI             | 51.82 | 49.15 | 50.53 | 258 | ALEXANDER - ALEXANDER    | 50.15 | 46.03 | 48.15 |
| 188 | FISCHER - SIMON             | 50.60 | 50.56 | 50.52 | 259 | POLLACK - POLLACK        | 53.44 | 42.73 | 48.14 |
| 189 | VELUT - RENOUEAU            | 43.97 | 57.00 | 50.44 | 260 | VARENNE - HISHMAT        | 53.54 | 42.81 | 48.13 |
| 190 | CALZONI - GAVELLI           | 47.80 | 53.05 | 50.38 | 261 | BRICAUD - BOYARD         | 51.11 | 45.14 | 48.07 |
| 191 | MINE - UYSAL                | 46.25 | 54.31 | 50.33 | 262 | ALBERTI - BAUSBACK       | 46.66 | 49.54 | 48.05 |
| 192 | AASAND - BROGELAND          | 51.36 | 49.15 | 50.31 | 263 | KROGULSKA - JAGNIEWSKI   | 44.12 | 51.86 | 48.05 |
| 193 | DE SIMONE - PRIMAVERA       | 46.64 | 53.87 | 50.31 | 264 | SIROLA - SIROLA          | 46.28 | 49.79 | 48.04 |
| 194 | LEJUSTE - BO                | 55.54 | 44.89 | 50.26 | 265 | SCIANDRA - TRINCI        | 54.75 | 41.20 | 48.02 |
| 195 | BOSI - MICHELINI            | 51.69 | 48.66 | 50.22 | 266 | JEANNIN-NALTET - SEBBANE | 49.47 | 46.55 | 47.99 |
| 196 | LANE - HAMMOND              | 49.76 | 50.53 | 50.20 | 267 | TORRE - TORRE            | 50.30 | 45.75 | 47.96 |
| 197 | POLLIO - FIORETTI           | 48.30 | 51.99 | 50.18 | 268 | EREN - FAIK              | 45.73 | 50.14 | 47.88 |
| 198 | AWAD - AWAD                 | 47.57 | 52.82 | 50.18 | 269 | BANASZKIEWICZ - PIKUS    | 45.92 | 49.51 | 47.77 |
| 199 | IOVINO - BUSSONE            | 54.99 | 45.21 | 50.15 | 270 | CASSAI - BIGANZOLI       | 38.07 | 57.33 | 47.75 |
| 200 | BACO - SIMEONI              | 54.89 | 45.26 | 50.02 | 271 | BIRMAN - ZWILLINGER      | 45.91 | 49.56 | 47.68 |
| 201 | ROHOWSKY - LISS             | 50.36 | 49.65 | 49.96 | 272 | KAYSER - KAYSER          | 48.32 | 47.00 | 47.68 |
| 202 | GUNTHER - KURSCHNER         | 46.55 | 53.48 | 49.96 | 273 | HECHT-JOHANSEN - ATALI   | 52.42 | 42.87 | 47.60 |

|     |                               |       |       |       |     |                          |       |       |       |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 274 | CESARI - NATALE               | 47.68 | 47.21 | 47.50 | 327 | WILNER - WILNER          | 50.13 | 39.54 | 44.88 |
| 275 | NICOLETTI - GUARNERI          | 41.68 | 53.19 | 47.49 | 328 | COLTRI - COLTRI          | 47.76 | 41.86 | 44.83 |
| 276 | TOKCAN - DEMIRBAS             | 46.46 | 48.28 | 47.40 | 329 | EVELIUS-NOHREN - NOHREN  | 44.57 | 44.94 | 44.80 |
| 277 | PANAHPOUR - KING              | 49.88 | 44.71 | 47.23 | 330 | ZARUBENKO - BRUSHTUNOV   | 52.24 | 37.39 | 44.77 |
| 278 | ENCIU - LEVIT                 | 47.36 | 47.01 | 47.21 | 331 | HETZ - SCHNEIDER         | 46.15 | 43.20 | 44.73 |
| 279 | BERTRAND-RISPAL - THOUROUDE   | 46.04 | 48.27 | 47.12 | 332 | COLOMBARO - DANIC        | 51.34 | 38.19 | 44.72 |
| 280 | MONTWILL - MONTWILL           | 43.88 | 50.25 | 47.00 | 333 | JUST - BANG              | 50.15 | 39.27 | 44.65 |
| 281 | FORD - JACKSON                | 49.82 | 44.08 | 46.90 | 334 | JAGUSZEWSKARTNE - KUNC   | 43.47 | 45.80 | 44.63 |
| 282 | DUCKWORTH - CALLAGHAN         | 45.15 | 48.76 | 46.90 | 335 | PEDANI - MORICI          | 40.37 | 48.44 | 44.45 |
| 283 | KEMPLE - WALSH                | 47.91 | 45.82 | 46.89 | 336 | LASSEN - LASSEN          | 49.68 | 38.75 | 44.17 |
| 284 | PAGLIALONGA - CAPPUCILLI      | 50.48 | 43.18 | 46.88 | 337 | BAAREN - GANIVET         | 44.65 | 43.52 | 44.13 |
| 285 | GOLDENFIELD - GOLDENFIELD     | 43.99 | 49.64 | 46.88 | 338 | MARMION - PORTAL         | 45.98 | 41.99 | 44.04 |
| 286 | BARTHE - ROCAFORT             | 45.94 | 47.58 | 46.80 | 339 | GRAIZER - HORVITZ        | 42.28 | 45.71 | 44.04 |
| 287 | PUTZOLU - ZORCOLO             | 43.29 | 46.57 | 46.78 | 340 | NORSKE - NORSKE          | 42.16 | 45.64 | 43.95 |
| 288 | CUADRILLERO - CASTELLS        | 51.18 | 42.34 | 46.76 | 341 | PRAHIN - PRAHIN          | 37.86 | 49.83 | 43.88 |
| 289 | FARINA - GAEDE                | 42.59 | 50.94 | 46.72 | 342 | COOK - WILMOTT           | 39.66 | 48.12 | 43.84 |
| 290 | ZIGHELBOIM - HAMAOU           | 47.79 | 45.62 | 46.71 | 343 | PISANI - MARINO          | 44.72 | 42.73 | 43.78 |
| 291 | AGERSKOV - OSTERGAARD         | 46.46 | 47.03 | 46.70 | 344 | HOLT - SCHULTE           | 39.71 | 47.83 | 43.72 |
| 292 | ZINGER - ALTBERGER            | 50.44 | 42.51 | 46.54 | 345 | MCGOWAN - BAXTER         | 49.38 | 38.18 | 43.71 |
| 293 | SORESINI - CONTI              | 39.99 | 53.18 | 46.53 | 346 | BICACO - OZDIL           | 41.15 | 46.28 | 43.66 |
| 294 | SKILLERN - FOUNTAIN           | 51.43 | 41.58 | 46.49 | 347 | TETAL - AMANN            | 42.49 | 44.71 | 43.65 |
| 295 | MULTIMAKI - BACKSTROM         | 46.35 | 46.07 | 46.44 | 348 | TOBIAS - HAROUNI         | 34.74 | 52.40 | 43.52 |
| 296 | SAGIV - POPLIOV               | 42.08 | 50.67 | 46.42 | 349 | DOWLING-LONG - GARVEY    | 44.41 | 42.26 | 43.40 |
| 297 | MAI MARITA - LONGINOTTI       | 56.17 | 36.31 | 46.29 | 350 | CLEARY - CLEARY          | 43.66 | 43.09 | 43.39 |
| 298 | TESSARO - WILLS               | 34.70 | 57.94 | 46.27 | 351 | GROSSO - BRUGGIA         | 37.60 | 48.71 | 43.20 |
| 299 | TANANBAUM - LA NOVARA         | 48.50 | 44.11 | 46.25 | 352 | GARNIER - MOULIN         | 41.66 | 44.44 | 43.07 |
| 300 | HOCHEKER - CICHOCKI           | 47.50 | 44.90 | 46.25 | 353 | TAGA - PEKOZ             | 45.08 | 40.84 | 42.95 |
| 301 | SAYER - OZCAM                 | 58.54 | 56.56 | 46.20 | 354 | LATALA - WASAK           | 43.94 | 41.50 | 42.74 |
| 302 | PREVOTEAU - ALEXIS            | 41.13 | 50.97 | 46.01 | 355 | CRiado - FERNANDES       | 39.46 | 45.54 | 42.54 |
| 303 | LA SPINA - PAOLICCHI          | 43.73 | 48.32 | 45.98 | 356 | GILL - KURIGER           | 41.87 | 43.22 | 42.49 |
| 304 | AUSSEL - MARANI               | 43.84 | 48.13 | 45.96 | 357 | VRANKX - GADENNE         | 48.64 | 36.34 | 42.45 |
| 305 | BUKET - BARBAKOUT             | 44.15 | 47.75 | 45.91 | 358 | GERARD - D'ORSI          | 43.52 | 40.94 | 42.19 |
| 306 | BOTTAZZINI - BOTTAZZINI       | 47.02 | 44.68 | 45.90 | 359 | SVERKER - RAND           | 43.04 | 41.00 | 41.96 |
| 307 | DE GOETZEN - FOGEL            | 43.28 | 48.41 | 45.90 | 360 | FENWICK - HARRISON       | 38.19 | 45.55 | 41.82 |
| 308 | SJOBERG - SJOBERG             | 46.35 | 45.29 | 45.85 | 361 | BUDD - HARRIS            | 37.76 | 45.90 | 41.79 |
| 309 | TUASON - BERTILI              | 45.62 | 45.85 | 45.80 | 362 | LEONHARDT - SILVA        | 44.69 | 38.56 | 41.61 |
| 310 | THELISSON - GATTI             | 46.40 | 45.08 | 45.73 | 363 | MAIOMENT - FITHYAN       | 39.77 | 43.32 | 41.59 |
| 311 | REINHOLD-ELINES - ELINESCU    | 51.79 | 39.53 | 45.71 | 364 | PIZZI - CONTE            | 49.08 | 33.95 | 41.55 |
| 312 | EIJCK - EIJCK                 | 43.04 | 48.47 | 45.70 | 365 | LORENZ - SAMLER          | 42.19 | 40.93 | 41.54 |
| 313 | CATTANI - MELOTTI             | 48.45 | 43.06 | 45.69 | 366 | RAHELT - AAGARD          | 43.94 | 39.10 | 41.51 |
| 314 | VERMIGLIO - DI PRETE          | 46.78 | 44.66 | 45.67 | 367 | SAND - KROJGAARD         | 37.08 | 45.74 | 41.43 |
| 315 | PROCUREUR - CAUMEL            | 43.27 | 47.87 | 45.63 | 368 | BIAGIOTTI - MONTANARI    | 39.26 | 43.63 | 41.40 |
| 316 | JUNGEN - ANTON                | 45.33 | 45.30 | 45.47 | 369 | ARRIGONI - RESTA         | 38.31 | 43.85 | 41.03 |
| 317 | KRISTJONSDOTTIR - THEODORSSON | 49.92 | 40.74 | 45.37 | 370 | EL KHAZEN - JOSEPH       | 40.32 | 41.65 | 41.03 |
| 318 | KOWALSKA - MAJCHER            | 48.03 | 42.57 | 45.35 | 371 | CALDARELLI - FONTI       | 41.46 | 40.56 | 41.03 |
| 319 | NOEL - MONCAMP                | 44.25 | 46.35 | 45.26 | 372 | REID - SARGENT           | 37.90 | 43.93 | 40.93 |
| 320 | THOREN - RYNNING              | 42.21 | 48.17 | 45.24 | 373 | MARRAS - DI TUCCI        | 42.37 | 37.96 | 40.20 |
| 321 | ADAMCZYK - KUCHARSKI          | 43.79 | 46.25 | 45.07 | 374 | KOHLER - LABATE          | 47.83 | 30.72 | 39.31 |
| 322 | STANLEY - DIX MARIO           | 49.42 | 40.65 | 45.04 | 375 | ABOUSLEIMAN - KARAIVANOV | 47.41 | 34.71 | 39.21 |
| 323 | MOLLER - HECHT-JOHANSEN       | 47.70 | 42.40 | 45.04 | 376 | BERTAGNI - GENOVA        | 41.78 | 36.59 | 39.13 |
| 324 | LUTZHOFT - KROJGAARD          | 37.43 | 52.68 | 45.02 | 377 | SCHULMANN - GONFREVILLE  | 39.67 | 36.74 | 38.15 |
| 325 | VAN ENGELLEN - SOMMER         | 44.94 | 44.99 | 44.97 | 378 | PEARLMAN - WILKINSON     | 41.55 | 34.46 | 38.05 |
| 326 | VEAUTE - SERBOUCE             | 45.93 | 43.90 | 44.96 | 379 | DANCHAUD - LAURAIRE      | 41.40 | 34.17 | 37.73 |
|     |                               |       |       |       | 380 | GIBBS - HILL             | 33.51 | 30.04 | 31.72 |

## MIXED TEAMS

### ROUND OF 8

|   |                 | 1st       | 2nd       | total     |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | SOROLDONI       | 18        | -         | 18        |
|   | <b>SCHALTZ</b>  | <b>90</b> | -         | <b>90</b> |
| 2 | <b>WELLAND</b>  | <b>39</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>56</b> |
|   | O'ROURKE        | 17        | 26        | 43        |
| 3 | <b>HAUGE</b>    | <b>30</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>80</b> |
|   | BARR            | 46        | 26        | 72        |
| 4 | MOUIEL          | 43        | 1         | 44        |
|   | <b>BERTHEAU</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>50</b> |

### SEMI-FINAL

|   |                 | 1st       | 2nd       | total     |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | SCHALTZ         | 41        | 16        | 57        |
|   | <b>WELLAND</b>  | <b>38</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>91</b> |
| 2 | HAUGE           | 25        | 18        | 43        |
|   | <b>BERTHEAU</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>88</b> |