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North America's First European Open Title



The Medal Winners

Congratulations to the first European Open Mixed Team Champions, representing the United States of America, Roy Welland, Christal Henner-Welland, Robert & Jill Levin.

In the final they faced Sweden's Kathrine Bertheau, Fredrik Nyström, Magnus Magnusson and Katarina Midskog.

The American team led by only 9 IMPs after the first session, but put the match out of reach in the second when they outscored their opponents 56-4 IMPs. Don't miss our report in tomorrow's edition.

Schedule of play

10.00-12.00	EBL General Assembly (2nd Session)
10.00-13.45	Mixed Pairs (Final A,B and C 1st Session)
15.00-19.00	Mixed Pairs (Final A,B and C 2nd Session)
16.00-19.00	O/W/S Teams Registration
20.00	Mixed Pairs Prize-giving Ceremony
20.30	Players' Cocktail in the Casino Barriere

Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize Giving Ceremony of the European Mixed Pairs Championship will be held today in the Theatre (Vu-Graph), after the end of play. After the ceremony everyone is invited to a cocktail buffet at the Casino.

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The WBF also signs officially the WADA anti-doping code.

On the occasion of Sport accord Congress, José Damiani discusses his idea of a...

Coordination and or Mind Sports Olympic Games

by José Damiani

A statement

The last meetings in Madrid that brought together the IOC with the ASOIF, the AIOWF, the ARISF and the GAISF once again made clear the philosophy that will preside over the organization of the Games from now on.

For the Summer Games they must be limited to 28 sports, 300 medals and 10,000 athletes and, for the Winter Games, to 7 sports, 100 medals and 3,000 athletes. They must be profitable and, therefore, be subject to budgetary restraints.

No new sport will be considered unless another one drops out.

On the other hand, even if the National Olympic Committees are actively encouraged to accept the sports recognized by the IOC (who do not oblige them to do so), the Olympic Charter will not change.

In the same vein, there is no question of modifying Article 9 of the Charter concerning participation in the Winter Games which is reserved only for sports that take place on snow or ice. Finally, it was made known to us very clearly that the popularity of a sport was the essential criteria for its consideration and, without it actually being said, we understood that this was measured by a sport's television audience.

A definition - the interest

This supposed popularity deserves to be looked at from the point of view of the objectives that have been set.

Lets' forget all about the controversy concerning the definition of a sport, which, when talking about bridge, President Samaranch said was a sport because it involved real competition. According to President Jacques Rogge, sport is an activity organized under the auspices of an International Federation with a view to competition. Finally, everyone has understood that the brain that commands the emotions and the muscles is an integral part of the body and that the two must be in perfect harmony for all physical or intellectual sporting activities.

Mens sana in corpore sano

In bridge the opposite is also true. If your body is not in shape you will not get much from your brain. It is essential to take care of your physical health in order to be able to play bridge well during hours and days of tough competition where luck does not enter the equation, any more than in football when the ball hits the inside of the post instead of the outside or when the high jumper misses the bar by a millimeter.

Bridge is a very modern game which allows for a comparison of each player's talents, using the same hands and through probabilities.

Mind Sports are therefore real sports that have their own complementary virtues. In fact, at a time when throughout the world one observes a lowering of the level of education, everyone is pleased to recognize the strong support that the teaching of bridge or chess at school can bring.

We have highlighted why UNESCO and a number of Ministers of Public Education world-wide recommend teaching bridge in schools because, under the guise of a game, the children learn to concentrate, to memorise and finally to reason. Is it a coincidence that many children who were behind in their curriculum managed, according to their teachers, to catch up in this way?

We are even prouder of having been able to teach bridge in certain "difficult" areas and thus been able to turn some youngsters away from drugs and violence.

.... In November 2001 we arranged to take groups of children and youngsters to visit the Lausanne Olympic Museum, where they also took part in a short bridge contest, and they later told us that it had been an unforgettable day.

At an adult age, bridge favours meetings that go beyond the social and hierarchal boundaries in companies, and can be played across the generations, regardless of sex, race or religion, in families or in clubs or even on the Internet, a medium that we have been using for some years to play across the world or in order to retransmit matches.

If you come to our Championships you will be able to discover how we use all the latest information and video technologies associated to the human intelligence. Finally, we would like to convince you that if, in order to age well, it is necessary to keep one's body fit, there can be no doubt that it is also essential to maintain one's mental capacities. Bridge is one of the best mental



gymnastics and numerous experiments, in particular in California, have shown that bridge can not only alleviate certain forms of ageing but can also help to prevent some illness that are due to age.

What of the future

What is the future of sports that are presently non-Olympic? all with very different status vis-à-vis television, their adherence to the National Olympic Committees or their popularity, or even their social and educational function.

Even before Madrid I had the opportunity, when I stopped in Lausanne, of meeting with Gilbert Felli (Olympics Games Director) and Christophe de Kepper (Chief of Staff President's Office) to discuss an idea that consists of envisaging the organization of the Mind Sports Olympic Games, bringing together chess, draughts, billiards and bridge - before or after the Winter Games so as not to fall foul of Article 9 of the Olympic Charter - while outlining the economic and sociological benefits our sports can bring to the winter resorts.

We have in fact applied to join the Winter Games (and never the Summer Games) for a certain number of reasons:

- the complementarity economic tie with winter sports resorts where bridge already organizes many popular festivals and training courses.
 - The fact that bridge is played indoors without requiring any additional infrastructure other than the use of existing rooms in hotels or congress centres that are often unoccupied.
 - Bridge would be able to fill the period in between the snow sports (morning) and the ice sports (evening)
 - Finally, the difference in size between the Summer Games and the Winter ones could thus be better balanced with the addition to the latter of Chess and Bridge, both of which are great sports for competitors rather than spectators, just like winter sports.
- In such a way we could increase the universality of the Winter Games as well as the economic and cultural environment of the winter resorts.

My audience reacted favorably and Gilbert Felli even imagined the advantages for the organizing cities to have these new games take place a year later in order to make the most of the infrastructure and the teams of volunteers.

Both gentlemen encouraged me to put this project to my colleagues and to compile a proposition, which I am doing today after having mentioned it to a certain number of delegates in Madrid.

Two options

1. We could stay with this new and third category, Mind Sports - chess, draughts, bridge, billiards - and hold these games in winter or bring in other coordination sports that offer the same popularity criteria (by the number of participants and healthy longevity) such as bowls or golf, and, in that case, hold the Mind Sports Games in Spring or Summer but always in the winter sports station the following year.
2. Or even extend it to all those sports that are or will become recognized non-Olympic sports and notably on account of edu-

cation, this is clearly the case for orienteering and others.....

It is clear that certain sports such as karate or rugby have their place in the Summer Games but could also be integrated here without difficulty.

I am very conscious of the existing nature of the World Games. Without putting them into jeopardy, I believe that this whole idea could enlarge and implement their purpose and solve the problems of all the parties concerned.

To take into account the financial considerations of the IOC, I suggest organizing the first games in Turin in 2007 at the cost of the sports concerned.

The size of the games will be fixed in agreement with the IOC, the city and the Association (ARISF or World Games?) which can become the organization's partner.

Depending on the size, the criteria and number of participants will be defined. Within this framework, we could easily accommodate the same numbers as for the Winter Games. To respect the ethics and the rules of the IOC, we would still have the possibility of bringing in other sponsors if the Olympic sponsors decline the offer that will be put to them first. In the same way, the television rights could be negotiated in liaison with the IOC services without obligation to any party.

Thus we could prove our popularity especially if, in the meantime, we have lifted the obstacle of belonging to the National Olympic Committees, particularly important with respect to education.

It is obvious that our sports represent more than 1 billion participants, that they can be telegenic (we can provide video tapes from previous televised events) provided that one understands them but above all that they are indispensable to human development in line with the Olympic ideals.

In concrete terms for the calendar, I would like to present this project to:

- a) the President of the IOC
- b) the Study Commission
- c) the City of Turin

once the ARISF and the various international federations have given me their opinion or their agreement at their earliest convenience, because I would remind you that the Study Commission will be meeting next month.

There was no question in this proposition of us contesting the strategy of the IOC. Nevertheless, it seems reasonable to call attention to the phenomena of society, of education, of passive attitudes (video games, TV) rather than action, our sports favoring a long convivial occupation that, we believe, merits a certain consideration.

Both NCBO and bridge players may realise that the criteria of popularity is, in great part, in their own hands.

The WBF has settled and followed an Olympic strategy. It is very important that everyone plays own role particularly in

- participating in next Olympiads in Istanbul
- making every effort to teach bridge in school
- and increasing the membership as much as possible

MIXED TEAMS

Round of 8

All-American match

Two mostly American teams met in the quarterfinal round of the Mixed Teams: Lou Ann O'Rourke and Roy Welland, two strong squads. A tough battle could be expected.

In the first half, Robert Levin and Christal Henner-Welland opposed Becky Rogers and Jeff Meckstroth, while at the other table Hjordis Eythorsdottir and Peter Fredin (he of Sweden, she formerly of Iceland) opposed Michael and Debbie Rosenberg.

The match was quiet early on, the first swing coming on a deal in which Henner-Welland went minus 100 in 4♥. Disa took one more trick at the other table, but she was two levels higher at 6♥. That was 3 IMPs to Welland.

The next deal was another swing for Welland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K 10 9 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ 8 7 6</p>		<p>♠ 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 10 9 7 6 ♣ 3</p>	
<p>♠ J 2 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ K Q J 9 4</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ A 10 5 2</p>	
West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	R. Levin	Rogers	Henner-W.
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

With an excellent chance for three, perhaps four trump tricks and a side ace, Levin didn't have to think very long to convert his partner's balancing double. Levin led the ♣6 to Henner-Welland's ace, and she returned a club. Meckstroth won the king, discarding a diamond, then played the ♣J, discarding another diamond. A fourth round of the suit was ruffed by Levin as another diamond went away, and the ♥9 went to Henner-Welland's ace. Levin was back in with the ♦A, and the defenders still had three trump tricks to come. That was two down and plus 500 to Welland.

At the other table, Debbie Rosenberg thought the one level was high enough with her hand. She was right.

West	North	East	South
M. Rosenberg	Fredin	D. Rosenberg	Disa
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass

There was little Michael Rosenberg could do with that hopeless dummy. He ended with four tricks for minus 300, but a 5-IMP pickup for his side.

Levin and Henner-Welland nailed Rogers for another 500 in a low-level contract (1♠) on the next board, but it was a loss be-

cause North-South at the other table racked up plus 660 in 3NT. The first big swing for O'Rourke came on board 8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 7 6 4 ♥ Q 10 9 2 ♦ Q 7 6 2 ♣ 9</p>		<p>♠ K Q 5 2 ♥ J 7 5 4 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ A 7</p>	
<p>♠ J ♥ A K 8 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ Q 8 6 5 4 3</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K J 10 2</p>	
West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	R. Levin	Rogers	Henner-W.
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Henner-Welland led the ♠10 to the jack and ace, and Levin returned a spade. Rogers won with the king and played the ♣A and a club to Henner-Welland's king. She considered her next play carefully, but eventually continued the attack on spades, a move that was fatal to the defense. Rogers won, played a heart to the ace, followed by the ♣Q and another club. She was home with four clubs, two hearts, two spades and a diamond. It was a different story at the other table, where the contract was also 3NT from the East seat.



Becky Rogers, USA

The opening lead and continuation were the same, but when Disa came in with the ♣K, she switched to the ♦10, which seems to deal declarer a fatal blow, but in fact should have allowed her to make the contract. Interestingly, a low diamond or the ♦K would have scuttled the contract, but the ♦10 was a thoughtful play nonetheless.

As it happens, the winning play on the ♦10 switch is the jack, taken by the ace. Declarer enters dummy with a high heart and cashes the ♣Q and puts South in with a fourth round of clubs. The defense cannot play diamonds without giving declarer another trick in the suit - not to mention the entry to her hand so she can cash the good spade. A heart doesn't help either. Declarer simply cashes clubs, coming down to the ♣Q and ♦9 with the ♦8 3 in dummy. South must make a discard from the ♠9 and ♦K 5. If she pitches a spade, declarer plays a diamond to the 9 and South must give declarer trick nine with dummy's ♦8. If South pitches a diamond, declarer plays to South's king and takes the ♠Q for trick number nine at trick 13.

On a low diamond return by South, North puts up the queen, killing the entry to the East hand. Declarer cannot cash the ♠Q to be sure she gets it because South can endplay dummy when in with the ♣J, a heart pitch costs a winner and throwing a diamond allows South to take two tricks in that suit when he comes in with a club later on.

Nor does it profit East to fire back a diamond right away. South simply wins and establishes a second winner in spades, cashable after she gets in with the fourth round of clubs.

It's all pretty complicated, so it's not surprising that Debbie R. did not work out the correct play at the table, ducking the ♦Q. North returned a spade, establishing a second spade trick for the defense to go with two clubs and a diamond. Debbie R. actually finished two down for an 11 IMP swing to O'Rourke.

Henner-Welland and Levin bid to just the right spot on Board 13 for a major gain near the end of the set.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

		♠ 9 6 3 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ 7 5 4	
♠ 7 4 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A 6 ♣ K Q J 9 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 10 8 5 ♥ 9 6 3 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A 10 2	
		♠ A K Q ♥ K Q 10 ♦ K Q J 8 4 3 ♣ 8	
West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	R. Levin	Rogers	Henner-W.
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dble
Redbl	1♠	Pass	2♦
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Meckstroth's redouble indicated three-card heart support. Rogers overtook her partner's lead of the ♣K with the ace to

switch to a heart, but Henner-Welland won in dummy and knocked out the trump ace, claiming for plus 600. At the other table, Fredin and Disa languished in 4♠, drifting two off for minus 200 and 13 IMPs to Welland.

At the break, Welland led 39-17 - comfortable but in no way secure.

The first four boards of the second half featured two pushes and two small swings. The first big swing came on Board 19.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

		♠ 9 8 ♥ 10 7 4 3 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 8 6 4 2	
♠ 10 7 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 6 4 ♥ K 8 6 5 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ A J 9 5	
		♠ A K Q J ♥ A ♦ A K Q 6 2 ♣ K 10 7	
West	North	East	South
Fredin	Welland	Disa	J. Levin
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Fredin started with the ♥J to Jill's singleton ace. She played a club to the queen and ace and claimed after East-West finished cashing hearts. That was plus 400 for Welland.

At the other table, Rogers and Meckstroth got considerably higher.

West	North	East	South
Michael R.	Meckstroth	Debbie R.	Rogers
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5NT

5NT was "pick a slam" and Meckstroth had an easy choice among the suits Rogers had mentioned to that point. What she needed, however, was better spots, which Meckstroth could not provide.

Rogers won the opening lead of the ♥Q with her ace, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, then played a low club from dummy to her 10, which held. So far, so good, but when she continued with the ♣K, she got the bad news. Debbie Rosenberg won the ♣A and played the jack to dummy's queen. No matter

what Rogers did, she still had to lose two more hearts to finish at minus 150. That was 11 IMPs to Welland.

Late in the match, there was a 14-IMP swing for O'Rourke, but it was not enough.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ A K J 9 8 3	
	♥ 4	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q J 10 8 7 5	
♠ 10 7	<div>♠ N ♥ W E ♦ S</div>	♠ Q
♥ K J 8 6 5		♥ Q 10 9 7 2
♦ Q 7 6 5 3		♦ 10 9 4
♣ A		♣ K 9 3 2
	♠ 6 5 4 2	
	♥ A 3	
	♦ A K J 8 2	
	♣ 6 4	

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Welland	Disa	J. Levin
1♥	2♥	4♥	4♠
4NT	6♠	All Pass	

Welland brushed aside Fredin's psychic 4NT, simply blasting to the slam. Fredin led a low diamond to the jack and Levin gave it the best shot. She played a spade to the ace, cashed the king, then played a heart to her ace, cashed her two high diamonds, ruffed a diamond, then played a heart to the ace, followed by a heart ruff. She came off dummy with the ♣Q to Fredin's singleton ace. If he had been out of diamonds at that point, he would have been forced to give Jill Levin a ruff-sluff and the club loser would have gone away. Fredin, however, simply played the ♦Q and the slam was down.

At the other table, the issue was settled quickly.



Roy Welland, USA

West	North	East	South
Michael R.	Meckstroth	Debbie R.	Rogers
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
3♥	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Meckstroth's response to 4NT showed two key cards plus the ♠Q, so Rogers obviously was hoping the key cards were the two black aces. Michael Rosenberg led a heart to Rogers' ace, and she cashed dummy's two high spades, pulling trumps, then called for the ♣Q from dummy. Debbie Rosenberg covered, perhaps envisioning a singleton in the South hand and hoping declarer would play her for both club honors. When three club honors fell on the same trick, Rogers had her slam and a big swing.

There was another freakish sort of deal later in the match, but it was push that was interesting only for the contrasting styles of the principal bidders.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ K 9 7 5 4 2		
	♥ 7 3		
	♦ J 10 4		
	♣ J 3		
♠ Q	<div>W<div>N</div>E</div> <div>S</div>	♠ J 6 3	
♥ A K 6		♥ 8 4	
♦ A K Q 5 2		♦ 8 7 6 3	
♣ A K 5 4		♣ Q 10 6 2	
		♠ A 10 8	
		♥ Q J 10 9 5 2	
		♦ 9	
		♣ 9 8 7	
West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Disa</i>	<i>J. Levin</i>
4NT	Pass	5♣	2♥
6♣	All Pass		Pass

Fredin liked his hand so much that all he wanted Disa to do was select a suit. With everything breaking well, it was trivial to take 12 tricks for plus 920.

Michael Rosenberg was considerably more cautious.

West	North	East	South
Michael R.	Meckstroth	Debbie R.	Rogers
			2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

2NT was a relay, showing a bad hand, an accurate description of the East cards. When Michael cuebid and Debbie bid clubs, he could be reasonably sure they had at least an eight-card fit. The auction might have been longer in duration and in the number of bids, but the same spot was reached.

The O'Rourke team picked up 8 IMPs in the second half, winning 25-17, but it was Welland who were through to the semifinal round.

MIXED TEAMS**Semi-Final****The Noble Art of Finessing**

At half time, the score in both the semifinal matches was very close. Schaltz were leading Welland by 3 IMP's and Bertheau was 4 IMP's up against Hauge. In the second half, however, in both matches we mainly saw one way traffic. Not that either of the losing teams were playing really badly, but somehow the IMP's kept going to the same teams most of the time.

It was all about the knack of knowing in advance when to rely upon a finesse (or two).

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Auken	Rosenberg	Auken
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Well, if you go to slam, you better do so straight away. It might depend on a finesse, but who cares? Welland +1430.



Jens Auken, Denmark

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Welland	Schaltz	Levin
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When you don't go to slam, you probably are right, statistically speaking, so you will emerge winners in the long run. But not now...Schaltz +650 and 13 IMP's to Welland. They had gone into the lead.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K	♠ A 9 6 3	♠ J 10 8 7 5 2
♥ A J 7 5 4 3	♥ 6 2	♥ 9 8
♦ 8 6 4 2	♦ A J 7 5	♦ Q 10
♣ 6 3	♣ J 8 5	♣ 9 7 2
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	
	♠ Q 4	
	♥ K Q 10	
	♦ K 9 3	
	♣ A K Q 10 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Auken	Rosenberg	Auken
3♥	Dble	Pass	INT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

An easy auction to a perfectly normal contract. Schaltz +660. Why does this simple hand appear at all in a Bulletin report?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Welland	Schaltz	Levin
2♠	3NT	2♦	Dble
All Pass		Pass	6NT

The answer is, of course, that something happened in the other room. The Multi provoked a double from South, of course, followed by a bold jump to 3NT by Welland. Not knowing about this, Jill Levin made the obvious raise to slam.

Well, this contract is not so good. First of all, you should work out if there are any chances and next, what they are and how you can exploit and combine them. Life is made easier for you, however, when East leads the ♠J. This lead denying a higher honour, you have no option but to duck in dummy, only to see the king enter the scene. First hurdle taken. One might even say that only from now there are any chances at all, though this is not quite true. So you win the ♠A and lead a heart, the king collecting the eight and the seven. Next come the clubs, on which East discards two spades and West three hearts. On the ♦K, East follows with

the ten. What now?

It took Roy Welland a long time, but he found the right solution. He called for dummy's $\diamond 9$ and put up the ace from his hand. Thank you for the queen. Over to the $\spadesuit Q$ for a finesse of the $\diamond 8$. Nicely done for +1440 and 13 IMP's, a big move towards a possible place in the final.

Two boards later, disaster was around the corner for Welland:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

\spadesuit J 10 9 7 5		\spadesuit A 4 3
\heartsuit 10 8 7 6		\heartsuit A K Q J 5 4
\diamond 8 6 2		\diamond 10 9
\clubsuit 8		\clubsuit 10 4
\spadesuit 2	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>N</div> <div style="display: flex; width: 100px; height: 100px; border: 1px solid black; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; width: 50%; height: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; right: 0; width: 50%; height: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> </div> <div>S</div> </div>	\spadesuit K Q 8 6
\heartsuit 9 3 2		\heartsuit —
\diamond K J 5		\diamond A Q 7 4 3
\clubsuit Q 7 6 5 3 2		\clubsuit A K J 9

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Welland	Schaltz	Levin
Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble
2 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass	Dble
3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit
Pass	4 \spadesuit	All Pass	

At a glance, this contract looks almost too easy. On a top heart lead, there are problems of communication, however. A likely solution might be to cash two top clubs, pitching a diamond, ruff a club and take a diamond finesse. This is exactly what happened, but when the finesse (for once) was wrong, declarer was in trouble. Schaltz had discarded a diamond on the third round of clubs and Blakset correctly returned another heart to



Lars Blakset, Denmark

put declarer in dummy. When dummy next played the $\diamond A$, Schaltz could ruff this and play two rounds of trumps. Declarer now had to lose two more hearts and suddenly had gone down one.

In fact, the Danish had missed a good save, as 5 \heartsuit is down only one. In the Open Room, the save was duly found:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Auken	Rosenberg	Auken
Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble
2 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \heartsuit	Dble
4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	5 \heartsuit	5 \spadesuit
All Pass			

When South decided to bid one more, the outcome of the hand once again hinged on a finesse. As we already saw from the play in the Closed Room, this crucial diamond finesse was wrong, so 11 tricks surely was asking too much, even on the revealing lead of the $\diamond 10$. One down, flat board.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

\spadesuit J 7 5 3		\spadesuit 10 4 2
\heartsuit A Q 9 8		\heartsuit 5
\diamond K 4 3		\diamond A J 10
\clubsuit K 7		\clubsuit A Q 8 5 4 3
\spadesuit A K Q 8	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>N</div> <div style="display: flex; width: 100px; height: 100px; border: 1px solid black; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; width: 50%; height: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; right: 0; width: 50%; height: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> </div> <div>S</div> </div>	\spadesuit 9 6
\heartsuit K 10		\heartsuit J 7 6 4 3 2
\diamond 9 7 6		\diamond Q 8 5 2
\clubsuit 10 9 6 2		\clubsuit J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Auken	Rosenberg	Auken
	1 \diamond	2 \clubsuit	2 \diamond
Dble	Pass	2 \spadesuit	Pass
4 \spadesuit	All Pass		

The double of course was showing values outside the minors and 2 \spadesuit was a simple preference. As a consequence, it was East who had to declare and South led a diamond to the king and ace. One round of trumps and the club finesse, the queen bringing down the jack. After one more top trump and a diamond to the queen, declarer was in an awkward position. South could push a heart through now, so declarer lost control and had to concede one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Welland	Schaltz	Levin
	1 \diamond	2 \clubsuit	3 \diamond
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	All Pass

In a more crowded auction, Blakset introduced his spades at the three-level, but as he implied a club fit, he was never in danger. With the lead in North, he was far better placed to stay in control and so it proved. A diamond went to the queen, but if South plays a heart now it's too early to disturb declarer. So

South elected a more passive club return. From there, it was plain sailing. Three rounds of trumps, followed by the clubs. North can ruff, but with the ♥K protected, the contract was safe. Scholtz +420 and 10 badly needed IMP's back to trail by 13.

Welland's lead had gone up to 18 when the last two boards arrived, and they were quite exciting:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

At both tables, the bidding had been the same:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	INT
All Pass			4♥

Both Easts led the ♦A, but what next? As you see, every card you play might cost you a trick. Dorthe Scholtz, in the Closed Room, put her money on an immediate return of the ♣K - it looked as if she would have to open up the suit anyway sooner or later. Welland won the ace and passed the ♦Q, throwing a club and scoring an unexpected trick. Suddenly, the prospects were looking good. ♠AK, spade ruff bringing down the queen, three rounds of trumps and that's it. One overtrick, Welland +450.

Debbie Rosenberg continued a sneaky ♥10. How would you continue? Jens Auker won the queen, played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. Next, he led a trump and finessed the nine...only to see East win her jack and continue the ♣K after all. Locked in dummy, he could do little better than play the ♦Q, but now West covered and declarer was short in trumps when they did not break 3-3. One down and 11 IMP's more to Welland who were through to the final.

The beating was not over yet:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Welland	Scholtz	Levin
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♦	All Pass	

The conservative weak two led to a conservative contract. Nine easy tricks for +110 to Welland, but 3NT looked a fair enough proposition. Or was it?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Auker	Rosenberg	Auker
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

As North did not open, West could introduce his spades after the one-level opening by South. The Aukers still ended up in the proper contract, as they were able to ask for a spade stopper twice - the redouble simply confirming the enquiry about a stopper in the suit.

The play's the thing, however. You win the second spade, so the defenders' communications are intact. It will not help you to find the ♣A onside, so you will have to rely on the ♥AQ coming in. As West was all too likely to hold at least the ♣A or the ♥K, and maybe both, it would mainly be a matter of watching the discards. Well, East had discarded a low club, a heart and the ♣10 and West a club, a heart (blanking his king early on - the best time to do it!) and two more clubs in that order. This was the position:

♠ 10		
♥ 9 6		
♦ -		
♣ J 2		
♠ Q J 8		♠ 4
♥ K		♥ J 10 7
♦ -		♦ -
♣ Q		♣ A
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	
♠ -		
♥ A Q 8		
♦ -		
♣ K 9		

As you can see, West could not afford to throw his last club and keep a heart, as he would be put on play with a spade. But how can declarer know? He exited with his last spade alright, only to see the defenders cash four more tricks for one down. Another 5 IMP's to Welland, where it might have been 10 IMP's the other way. So Welland emerged clear winners by 91-57, a margin of 34 IMP's.

Appeal No. 3

Italy v France

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Gary Blaiss (United States), Gratian Endicott (England), Steen Møller (Denmark)

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session I

Board 21. Dealer North. North/South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duguet	Guerra	Duguet	Paoluzzi
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
	2♦	All Pass	

Contract: Two Diamonds, played by North

Lead: Nine of Spades

Play:

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

claim:

♠6	♦Q	♦5	♣5
♣8	♥9	♥10	♥K
♣K	♣10	♣7	♥7

Result: 7 tricks, NS -100

The Facts: North alerted and explained his call of 2♦ as "either natural, or heart support". South forgot the system, did not alert, and passed. West called the Director after the hand, stating that he had not cashed his King of Clubs at trick 10, because North could not have another Heart with which to reach dummy.

The Director: Ruled that West had been misinformed as to the methods of North/South and had been damaged as a result of that.

Ruling: Score adjusted to 2♦ by North, two down, NS -200.

Relevant Laws: Law 75A, 40C

North/South appealed.

Present: All players

The Players: North/South agreed to the facts as presented. South had forgotten the system.

North stressed that East had full knowledge of what had happened. She could easily have ducked the Ace of Hearts, after which it is impossible not to take seven tricks.

East agreed to this, but explained that she had not understood why South had passed. She had been tired and hungry.

West said that it did not matter whether his partner had ducked the heart trick or not. He had had the last chance to take a second setting trick and he had missed it because of the misinformation. He had played North for having three hearts and thus four clubs, and had simply exited, expecting to take two club tricks in the end, and beat the contract three.

When asked if he had understood that the Director had ruled against him because of the misinformation to West, North explained that he had understood, but that he still thought East could have set the contract by two tricks.

The Committee: Fully agreed with the Director's decision and focused instead on the issue of the deposit.

The fact of forgetting a part of the system does not release one from correctly explaining it. West is entitled to the same information that North has provided to East. A small error in the play, such as the one that East has made, does not diminish East/West's right to a score adjustment if there has been consequential damage to West. At a European Championship, a player should not appeal a ruling simply because he doesn't understand it. The Committee felt that the deposit ought to have been forfeited. Nevertheless, the Committee decided to return the deposit but publish the Appeal. Future appellants are advised that the generosity will not continue.

The Committee's decision: Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit: Returned

Message from the Appeal Committee

The usual practice at European Championships is that all appeals are written up and numbered. Only those appeals that have some special interest are published in the Bulletin, using their original number.

Appeal No. 4

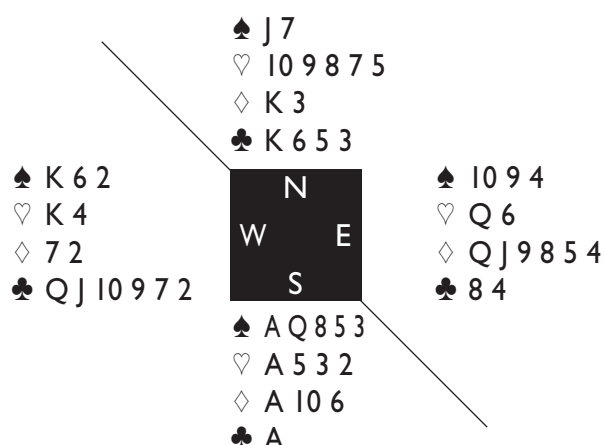
Italy v Ireland

The second session of the Mixed Pairs Qualifying finished well after midnight. It had been a hot tiring evening for players and tournament directors. The facts were not always clear, the rulings difficult to make,

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Gary Blaiss (United States), Gratian Endicott (England), Steen Møller (Denmark)

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session 2

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
Cleary	Longinotti	Cleary	Mai
	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♣	Dble	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Comments:

1♣ strong, 2♣ natural, but if 1♣ is natural, 2♣ shows spades and diamonds

Contract:

Six Clubs, played by South

Result: 8 tricks, NS -200

The Facts:

East had not noticed an alert on 1♣ and consequently explained 2♣ as diamonds and spades.

The Director:

Ruled that it is the alerter's responsibility to make certain that his alert is noticed by his screen-mate. Therefore East was not an offender.

Ruling:

Result Stands

Relevant Laws:

Regulation 11.4: It is the obligation of the player making an "alert"

and not always accepted. Thus in the wee small hours of the morning the Appeals Committee had to adjudicate on three hotly disputed factual decisions. Appeal 4 was the most interesting.

to ensure that his screen-mate has noticed that an alert has been made.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players

The Players:

North told the Committee, in Italian, that he had shown the alert card in the middle of the tray. He thought East had assumed that he had been asking about the meaning of 2♣.

South explained that she had bid 6♣ (a suit bid naturally on her left) in order to have partner pick a slam.

When asked by the Committee, North explained that there had not been eye contact. The Convention Card was on the table, and he had said "strong club, 5-card majors" at the beginning of the table. North also told the Committee he had said "maximum 7 points, 0-2 controls" as an explanation of his Double.

East did not remember hearing "strong club" with the "5-card majors". She usually checks the Convention Card in order to find out about the NT-range. She had not heard anything about controls or she would have realized the 1♣ had been strong. She had not known about the strong club until after the Director had arrived.

East had wondered a bit when looking at her own 6-card diamond suit.

When asked, West told the Committee that he had known the opponents were playing strong club.

The Director finally explained his ruling by saying that East had been very consistent in stating there had been no alert, and that the obligation rests on North to ascertain that the alert was noticed. It had been clear to the Director that East had not seen the alert.

The Committee:

Found that North had gone to great lengths to alert 1♣; indeed to such lengths that East's failure to notice the alert was her fault and not North's (or to put it more simply: North DID alert South's 1♣ bid).

Furthermore East should have known the basics of North/South's system, or at least should have checked before explaining the meaning of 2♣.

The Committee decided to rule misinformation from East to North. If North realizes 2♣ is natural, he will not pass 6♣.

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to 6♥ by South, one down, NS -50

Deposit: Returned

Note:

North/South are not entitled to any more adjustment. There had been no infractions causing South to bid 6♣. East's 5♦ has to be considered a misbid, caused by her misapprehension of the meaning of 2♣, but that is not an infraction.

Do You Respect Your Partner?

by Andrei Shudnev

Every time you sit down to play a session of bridge it is essential that you put your trust in the ability of your partner, because after all no one forced you to play with them.

It becomes even more important when the bidding rapidly escalates, as on this deal from the third session of the Mixed.

Board 28 Dealer West. North/South Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	Shudnev		Romanovska
Pass	1♣	4♠	6♦
6♠	Pass*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

As you can see my partner, Romanovska, is not shy in the bidding, and her jump to Six Diamonds was an excellent practical bid. When West was able to raise spades I decided to make a forcing pass. Now, trusting me to hold good clubs and the ace of hearts Maia bid the laydown grand slam. It was not so easy now for East/West to take the save, and as you might imagine we did not score too badly on this deal..



Olga Romanovska, Russia

Reelected EBL President Gianarrigo Rona leads the way of bridging the gap between Europe and North America

When the European delegation led by EBL President Gianarrigo Rona visited Phoenix (the site of the Fall 2002 North American Championships) to promote the first European Open bridge Championship, Gianarrigo was presented with a plaque by the then ACBL President George Retek for bridging the gap between the two most bridge populated continents. Executives of both sides believe in the importance of improved co-operation and of learning the most successful ingredients of tournament organisation from each other. The European delegation in Phoenix also included financial wizard Marc de Pauw, hard working Jean Claude Beineix and Panos Gerontopoulos.

The North American Executives in Menton are ACBL President Al Levy, Chairman of the Board George Retek, WBF Vice President Joan Gerard, who usually is in charge of the Appeals Committee and Jade Barrett the former captain of the US Junior Team. Al Levy, of course, is the man who organises the ACBL Computer Bridge World Championship for many years and in 2003 it will take place in Menton next week.

The North Americans are particularly intrigued by the partial elimination and repercharge method used in the Mixed Team Championship, the use of preduplicated boards in the team events and are highly appreciative of the ability of European and WBF organisers of obtaining Government and other sponsorship funds. They believe that making tournament information more accessible on both sides of the Atlantic will help to increase tournament attendance, tourism and co-operation. Thank you Gianarrigo for making the initial step.

Al Levy and George Retek

Championship Diary

Using the power of the Internet we have asked our friends in the JBL (Japanese Bridge League) to send us Origami instructions on how best to fold your Bulletin into a fan.

Hjordis Eythorsdottir, known to friends as Disa, was noting that Tuesday, June 17, was Iceland Independence Day. It was on that date in 1944 that Iceland became independent of Denmark.

Disa, who now lives in the U.S., also notes that her grandfather, Sveinn Bjornsson, was the first President of Iceland. Asked if she aspires to political office in her homeland, Disa said, "No, I'll be President of Alabama."

We sent two of our reporters to cover the Welland-Schaltz match and they both returned predicting that on the balance of play they thought Schaltz would win. Don't back our horses either.

MIXED TEAMS - FINAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	total
WELLAND	33	56	50	139
BERTHEAU	24	4	14	42

Calling NBO Officials

Would an official representative of the following countries please contact Marc De Pauw, EBL Treasurer. His office is located in the catacombs of the Palais de Europe. (You get there via the exit on the right of the stage in the main playing area.)

Armenia, Belarus, Croatia, Latvia, Yugoslavia, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine

His Master's Voice

Michelle Brunner provided us with the following anecdote:

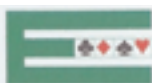
A player from Manchester always compliments on a well-played hand by saying 'I played it like Garozzo!'

Breakfasting at the Ambassador Hotel he noticed a familiar face at the next table but couldn't quite recall his name. 'That's your hero Benito Garozzo.' 'Wow,' he exclaimed, awestruck.

After due reflection he muttered, 'Do you think he ever says to his partner, 'Sorry, I played that hand like Alan Nelson?!'

Urgent Request

Yesterday evening, following the end of the second session, one of the players who had been playing in section M discovered he had misplaced his bag. It contains his supply of insulin and it is vital it is returned today. Please check your bag as soon as possible.



*The EBL President and Mrs. Gianarrigo Rona
request the pleasure of your company
at the
"Players' Cocktail"
on Thursday 19th June 2003 at 20.30
in "Le Brummell" suite of the Casino Barrière de Menton*

Smart-casual



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Thursday 19 June 2003 at 10.00 am
Congress Theatre, Palais de l' Europe**

The second session of the EBL General Assembly will take place on Thursday 19 June 2003, 10 am, at the Congress Theatre (also Vugraph Auditorium) on the first floor of Palais de l' Europe, by the main playing area.

The main items on the agenda are financial matters. The EBL accounts of 2001-02 will be presented together with the Auditors' report, and approval of the balance sheet will be sought. The EBL budget for 2003-04 will also be examined.

At the end, a proposal to alter the voting system at the General Assembly will be debated, along with other matters.

All National Delegates are invited to participate in the General Assembly.

Panos Gerontopoulos
EBL Secretary

La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

Un bon pronostic

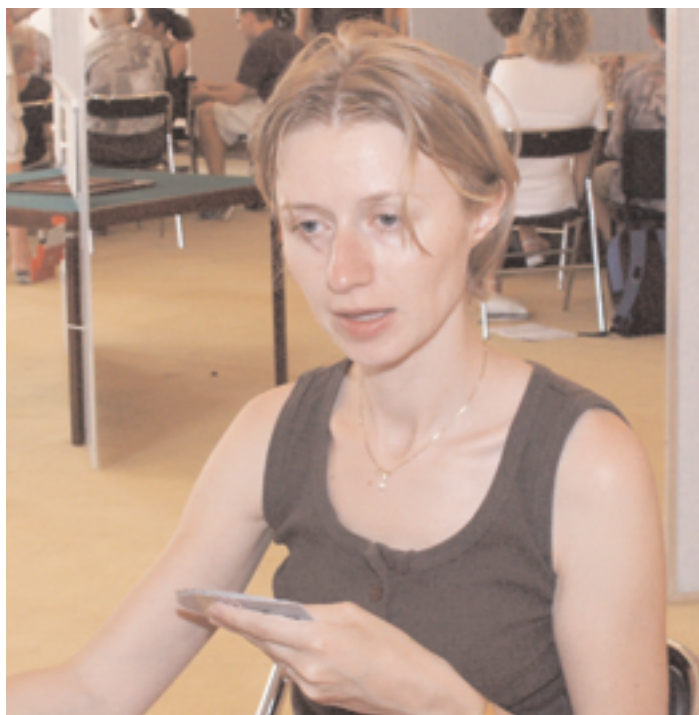
Il y a quelques jours Michel Lebel utilisait un titre interrogatif dans sa chronique de bridge du Point : " Les Etats-Unis champions d'Europe ? ". Aujourd'hui, la question est devenue une affirmation. Les championnats d'Europe nouvelle formule ont rendu possible ce paradoxe. Saluons donc nos nouveaux champions d'Europe, M Welland, Mme Henner, M et Mme Rosenberg et M et Mme Levin. C'est une page du bridge européen qui se tourne. Et qui sait si elle ne préfigure pas un avenir prochain où les Etats-Unis seront un pays membre à part entière de l'Union Européenne ? A moins que ce ne soit l'inverse : l'Europe, le 51ème état ?

Tout bien réfléchi...

Huit appels - c'est beaucoup, mais en mixte, il y en a souvent plus qu'ailleurs - avaient été formulés après la deuxième séance par paires. Reconnaissance tardive du bien fondé de la décision arbitrale ? Ou crainte de la confiscation de la caution (60 euros) ? Ou n'était-ce pas plutôt simplement en raison de l'heure très avancée de l'audience (vers 2 heures du matin) ? Allez savoir ! Toujours est-il qu'on assista à une sorte de fuite en avant générale : cinq paires revinrent sur leur décision et annulèrent leur appel devant la commission.

Courant d'air

Après avoir vu tourner les pales de quelques ventilateurs à piles depuis le début des épreuves, un joueur en N/S fixe, près d'un pilier muni d'une prise de courant, a envisagé de brancher un ventilateur électrique afin de jouer dans une atmosphère rafraîchie. Il risque de faire des jaloux : est-il juste de lui permettre de jouer au frais alors que ses concurrents transpirent à grosses gouttes ?



Kathrine Bertheau, Sweden

Ticket pour une demi-finale

Voici la donne qui a coûté sa place en demi finale à l'équipe d'Hervé Mouiel (Sylvie Willard, Anne-Frédérique et Alain Lévy). En réalité, il y en avait peut-être d'autres, sur les 28 donnes des quarts de finale, mais celle-ci, qui était l'avant-dernière de la séance, s'est présentée comme la clé du match. Elle aurait suffi à leur faire obtenir leur ticket pour l'avant-dernier étage du paradis, si, comme leurs adversaires suédois, ils avaient atteint le chelem. Ils n'ont été, en effet, battus que de 6 imp (50 à 44) et le coup en a coûté 10.

Quart de finale, donne 27 (SIP)

♠ R 9 7 5 4 2		
♥ 7 3		
♦ V 10 4		
♣ V 3		
♠ D		♠ V 6 3
♥ A R 6		♥ 8 4
♦ A R D 5 2		♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ A R 5 4		♣ D 10 6 2
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	♠ A 10 8	
	♥ D V 10 9 5 2	
	♦ 9	
	♣ 9 8 7	

Sud ouvre de 2 ♥ faible, et les Nord-Sud ne mettront plus le nez à la fenêtre. **Comment enchérissez-vous, en Est-Ouest?**

En salle fermée :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Mouiel	Nystrom	Mme Willard	Mme Bertheau
			2 ♥
X	Passe	2 ♠	Passe
3 SA	(Fin)		

Même en adoptant une variante où Ouest déclarerait 3 ♥ à son second tour d'enchères, il est probable qu'Est ne se trouverait pas d'autre enchère que 3 ♠, et Ouest conclurait alors à 3 SA.

En salle ouverte :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Magnusson	Lévy	Mme Midskog	Mme Lévy
			2 ♥
X	Passe	2 SA*	Passe
3 ♥	Passe	4 ♣**	Passe
6 ♣	(Fin)		

* main négative

** première mineure disponible

Le coup ne présente aucune difficulté au jeu de la carte, avec les atouts 3-2.

Le juste choix

Ceux qui avaient manqué le chelem sur cette donne du paires mixtes devaient ramer au jeu de la carte pour récupérer une note au dessus de la moyenne.

Paires mixtes, éliminatoires 2ème séance, donne 15 (S/N-S)

<p> ♠ K Q 7 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ A K 7 3 </p>			
<p> ♠ A 8 4 3 ♥ K 10 8 4 2 ♦ J 10 8 6 ♣ — </p>	<p> N O E S </p>	<p> ♠ 9 5 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 9 8 5 4 </p>	<p> ♠ J 10 6 2 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ K 3 ♣ Q J 6 2 </p>
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Bo		Lejuste
			1 ♣
Passe	1 ♦	Passe	1 SA
Passe	3 ♣	Passe	3 ♥
Passe	3 ♠	Passe	3 SA (Fin)

Après avoir reçu l'entame du 3 de ♠ et clarifié la couleur, Françoise Lejuste constata que douze levées ne poseraient de difficulté qu'en cas de mauvaise répartition des ♦. En envisageant le partage 4-2, elle aurait alors à décider entre l'impasse au Roi



Nathalie Frey, France

de ♥ et une position de squeeze ♥-♦.

Après les ♠, puis l'As de ♣, qui révéla la chicane de l'entameur, elle commençait à avoir une petite idée des distributions. Le constat de neuf cartes rouges connues en Ouest la fit pencher pour le squeeze, car la chance de trouver le Roi de ♥ en Ouest augmentait.

Aussi, après le défilé des ♣, encaissa-t-elle allègrement l'As de ♥, cueillant le Roi en Ouest. Bonne décision !

A bon nombre de tables, on avait gentiment offert la clé du coup au déclarant en intervenant à 1 ♥ en Ouest.

L'entame dans la couleur du partenaire

Comme le dirait le chien Mazette : " il est de bonne politique d'entamer dans la couleur du partenaire. Jamais on ne vous le reprochera, alors que si vous choisissez une autre couleur et que cela tourne mal, gare au courroux - justifié - de votre vis-à-vis !"

Oui, mais il y a bien quelques exceptions.

Paires mixte, éliminatoires 1ère séance, donne 4 (O/T)

<p> ♠ RV 2 ♥ R DV 7 ♦ — ♣ V 9 6 5 4 2 </p>			
<p> ♠ 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ AV 10 9 7 4 ♣ R D 10 8 </p>	<p> N O E S </p>	<p> ♠ D 9 8 ♥ A 9 5 4 2 ♦ R 8 3 ♣ A 7 </p>	<p> ♠ A 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ D 6 5 2 ♣ 3 </p>

Braquons d'abord les projecteurs sur l'entame de Nord, après la séquence :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Oursel		Melle Frey	
1 ♦	X	XX	2 ♠
3 ♣	Passe	3 ♥	Passe
4 ♦	Passe	4 ♥	Passe
4 ♠	X	Passe	Passe
5 ♣	Passe	5 ♦	(Fin)

Fidèle à ses principes, Nord entama du 2 de ♠.

... Et il ne tarda pas à regretter de n'avoir pas plutôt choisi l'entame dans la tierce belotée à ♥ qui lui tendait pourtant les bras. Après l'As de ♠, Madame Sud contre-attaqua de son singleton à ♣, pour l'As. Christophe Oursel poursuivit par Roi de ♦, 8 de ♦ laissé filer, ♦ pour le 9, et tous les ♦, puis Roi-Dame de ♣. Et à trois cartes, Nord fut victime d'un squeeze à trois couleurs. Douze levées.

* Dans la Gazette du Palais du Bulletin n° 2, on ne pouvait réaliser que douze levées, et pas une de plus, sur la donne intitulée " un bond de kangourou ". Nos excuses pour ce péché de gourmandise.

Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

Da casa Italia ci spostiamo a casa San Marino. Nei quarti di finale la squadra Soroldoni (Vanosi, Olivieri, De Falco, du Pont, Garozzo) ha incontrato i danesi di Dorthe Scholtz (Blakset, S. Auken, J. Auken). Incrocio pericoloso. E' una formazione estremamente coriacea. I coniugi Auken sono una delle coppie miste migliori al mondo, molto affiatata e con il fastidioso difetto di arrivare costantemente sul podio. Gli altri due, Scholtz/Blakset, in servizio permanente effettivo nella nazionale danese da sempre, hanno militato ad alto livello nella maggior parte delle competizioni internazionali open disputate. A questo aggiungete che la tradizione non è favorevole al punto che i danesi hanno guadagnato negli anni il simpatico soprannome di "spaghetti killer" per il trattamento bridgistico che ci riservano abitualmente al tavolo.

Andiamo in sala chiusa a seguire Olivieri/De Falco contro Scholtz/Blakset.

Testa o croce

Board 1, Dich. Nord, Tutti in prima

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



Gabriela Olivieri, Italy

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Blakset	De Falco	Scholtz	Olivieri
	1SA	passo	2♥*
passo	2♠	passo	2SA
tutti passano			

* transfer per le picche

Nemmeno il tempo di dire buongiorno e De Falco è chiamato a decidere se chiudere a manche o fermarsi. Ha una quinta, ma non ha il massimo. Ha il fit, ma è un fit bloccato. Il fermo a cuori è lento e scivoloso. Sta pure in prima.... Insomma è passato e, come vedete, la distribuzione avversaria è amichevole ai livelli di una relazione amorosa. Dopo l'attacco Fante di cuori, lasciato da Ovest per la Dama di Nord, De Falco ha proseguito Re di picche, Dama di picche montata dall'Asso del morto (servono 4 prese nel colore, non tutte) e 10 di picche. 2SA mi. Nell'altra sala Jens Auken ha chiuso a manche, realizzandola dopo lo stesso attacco.

Sassate

Board 2, Dich. Est, N/S in zona

♠ J	♠ J	♠ Q 7 5
♥ A K Q 8 4 3 2	♥ A K Q 8 4 3 2	♥ 9
♦ 2	♦ 2	♦ A J 7 5 4 3
♣ J 9 6 5	♣ J 9 6 5	♣ 4 3 2
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="text-align: center;">O</div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div>	
♠ K 9 8 3	♠ A 10 6 4 2	
♥ 10 7 6 5	♥ J	
♦ K Q 6	♦ 10 9 8	
♣ Q 7	♣ A K 10 8	

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Blakset	De Falco	Scholtz	Olivieri
		3♦	passo
3SA	passo	passo	contro
4♦	4♥	passo	4♠
passo	5♥	tutti passano	

Con le carte di Est l'apertura di 3♦ in prima posizione può non essere la scelta comune ma è coerente con lo stile molto aggressivo di questi giocatori. Blakset, in Ovest, butta là un 3SA a tempo, pronto a virare a quadri al minimo alito di vento. Un 3SA, come dire, spaventativo lanciato nello stagno per confondere le acque. L'operazione in parte riesce. Entrate nei comodi, per modo di dire, panni di nonno De Falco. La situazione non è chiarissima. Ovest mente? Può essere, ma potrebbe anche avere le carte per dire 3SA anche se, attenzione alla stranezza, con un fermo a cuori abbastanza ballerino. De Falco ha deciso di passare e la Olivieri, a cui spetta l'ultima parola, ha contratto. Blakset si è rivelato immediatamente, De Falco a chiuso, la Olivieri ha cor-

retto e De Falco ha richiuso, stavolta definitivamente. Il gioco non ha presentato problemi, la licita sì. Blakset a fine mano ha chiamato l'arbitro lamentando una permanenza del carrello superiore al normale dall'altra parte del sipario, quella di De Falco, dopo il suo 3SA. In soldoni, secondo Blakset, De Falco avrebbe esitato a lungo prima di passare su 3SA e questo avrebbe potuto aiutare la riapertura in contro della Olivieri. Purtroppo per casa San Marino, anche gli arbitri sono della stessa idea e il risultato viene trasformato in 3SA-4, pari a 200 per gli italiani contro i 650 dell'altra sala dove le 4♥ sono state raggiunte nel silenzio avversario.

Presi

Board 4, Dich. Ovest, Tutti in zona

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Blakset	De Falco	Schaltz	Olivieri
ISA	passo	2♥*	passo
2♠	passo	passo	contro
tutti passano			

*transfer per le picche

Altra bella riapertura in contro da parte della Olivieri. Nessuna obiezione, stavolta, e dopo l'attacco 8 di cuori di Nord, Ovest paga 800 contro i 600 realizzati dagli Auken in sala aperta nel contratto di 3SA.

Recuperi

Board 8, Dich. Ovest, Tutti in prima

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Blakset	De Falco	Schaltz	Olivieri
1♣	passo	1♦*	passo
1♠**	passo	3SA	tutti passano

* per le cuori

** tre carte a cuori

Sud ha attaccato 10 di fiori, per l'Asso della dichiarante che è tornata nel colore. La Olivieri è entrata di Re, si è fermata a pensare un attimo alle possibilità di battere e poi ha giocato il 10 di quadri coperto da tutti. Dopo aver giocato cuori per l'Asso, la Schaltz ha affrancato le fiori giocando una cartina per il Fante della Olivieri che, tornando cuori, ha assicurato il down alla sua linea. Nell'altra sala Garozzo/du Pont hanno giocato 3♣ mantenendo l'impegno.

Messa in presa inconsapevole

Board 10, Dich. Est, Tutti in zona

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Blakset	De Falco	Schaltz	Olivieri
3♥	passo	passo	passo
passo	4♠	passo	contro
		tutti passano	

Blakset ha attaccato Asso di cuori ed è tornato Dama di picche. Dano è entrato con l'Asso, ha tagliato in mano la cuori e ha rigiocato picche per il Re di Est. Catturato al morto il ritorno atout, il dichiarante ha giocato quadri per l'Asso e Asso/Re di fiori e fiori mettendo in presa Ovest, obbligato a uscire quadri o taglio e scarto. 4♠ mi contro le 3♠ + 2 dell'altra sala. Dov'è la "Messa in presa inconsapevole" del titolo? Non a questo tavolo, ma nel quarto di finale O'Rourke/Welland. La Eythorsdottir, in Sud, è impegnata nel contratto di manche a picche, dopo che Rosenberg, in Ovest, ha sottoaperto a cuori. Tagliato il secondo giro di cuori d'attacco, la dichiarante ha giocato picche per l'Asso e picche per Est che ha virato a quadri. Sud è entrata con l'Asso ha battuto l'ultimo atout finendo al morto e ha giocato quadri per il Fante. Rien ne va plus.

MIXED PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

		1st	2nd	total					
1	VRIEND - MAAS	60.15	60.44	60.29	65	MORETTI - SAPORTA	48.50	51.23	49.87
2	HUGON - PALAU	57.53	61.94	59.74	66	LANGER - GWINNER	48.92	50.78	49.85
3	KOISTINEN - BACKSTROM	64.98	52.59	58.79	67	REESS - ROMBAUT	45.83	53.50	49.66
4	SMEDEREVAC - WERNLE	58.47	57.00	57.73	68	BELLO - NEUT	53.38	45.61	49.50
5	KARLSSON - ROOS	57.69	57.34	57.52	69	CORCHIA - MATRICARDI	47.63	51.27	49.45
6	BRUNNER - HOLLAND	55.15	59.70	57.42	70	RAIMBAULT - MUS MARC	49.05	49.84	49.44
7	PAIM - CHAGAS	61.45	53.09	57.27	71	LORMANT - LORMANT	50.34	48.53	49.43
8	LEVINE - RODWELL	58.60	55.59	57.10	72	COMPTON - LEVITT	53.15	45.42	49.28
9	PASMAN - NIEMEIJER	52.59	61.54	57.06	73	PETTY - SMOLSKI	53.89	44.46	49.17
10	AUKEN - JANSMA	54.90	58.70	56.80	74	JANKUNAITE - SHARKANAS	53.32	44.97	49.15
11	HARASIMOWICZ - LESNIEWSKI	54.20	59.14	56.67	75	LONCAR - FILJAR	46.81	51.47	49.14
12	MANARA - ATTANASIO	46.83	66.02	56.42	76	LEVY - WILLARD	56.08	42.06	49.07
13	DAUVERGNE - COUNIL	52.94	59.68	56.31	77	VIOLA - GODED	46.69	51.43	49.06
14	SCHRECKENBERGER - MAYBACH	58.54	53.99	56.26	78	HEATH - MOHTASHAMI	48.24	49.19	48.72
15	MECKSTROTH - ROGERS	55.21	56.04	55.62	79	BARBARISI - MACI	45.23	52.07	48.65
16	SCHALTZ - BLAKSET	50.78	60.24	55.51	80	RENOUX - MARI	48.75	48.01	48.38
17	ISOARD - SOLARI	56.49	54.34	55.41	81	WENNING - WENNING	44.41	52.28	48.35
18	RYMAN - HALLBERG	54.69	55.94	55.31	82	AUBONNET - BOULICAUT	51.20	45.45	48.32
19	SMITH - ARMSTRONG	54.70	55.50	55.10	83	RUSSO - MORTAROTTI	41.72	54.84	48.28
20	LAWSON - HACKETT	50.20	59.40	54.80	84	KREGLEWSKA - PRZYJEMSKI	49.11	47.09	48.10
21	LARSSON - WIKNER	56.92	52.58	54.75	85	GLABBEEK - MAAS	49.55	46.61	48.08
22	ERHART - SCHIFKO	54.01	55.34	54.67	86	FUGLESTAD - SAELENSMINDE	45.59	50.35	47.97
23	CHATARD - HIRCHWALD	48.94	59.62	54.28	87	CLEEF - VAN ETTINGER	45.15	50.80	47.97
24	MELTZER - WEICHSEL	54.03	54.46	54.24	88	ONISHUK - RAEYMAEKER	42.05	53.83	47.94
25	ARTMER - BABSCH	54.12	54.05	54.09	89	DE FALCO - OLIVIERI	38.49	56.39	47.44
26	HAUGE - COHEN	57.83	50.21	54.02	90	MAGIS - VOLDOIRE	46.49	48.35	47.42
27	MOORE - BURN	53.02	54.88	53.95	91	MYERSON - MYERSON	49.54	45.21	47.38
28	SWANSTROM - GULLBERG	54.11	53.20	53.66	92	PRONO - COMELLA	46.33	48.28	47.31
29	GROMOVA - GROMOV	55.10	51.99	53.54	93	D'OVIDIO - ZIMMERMANN	42.86	51.67	47.26
30	NUR GINAR - STEFAN	56.65	50.37	53.51	94	VIVES - VIVES	44.24	50.21	47.23
31	BARR - HERBST	52.69	54.15	53.42	95	ALLIX - RACZYNSKA	48.45	45.76	47.10
32	ZALEWSKA - GOLEBIEWSKI	50.45	56.37	53.41	96	CHOQUETTE - CHOQUETTE	56.92	37.25	47.09
33	KREFELD - HAMMELEV	56.71	50.10	53.41	97	VLIET - SUSSEL	48.49	45.11	46.80
34	ALUF - KOKTEN	50.80	55.99	53.40	98	MOFAHKAMI - ODELLO	53.21	40.29	46.75
35	BACK - BARCLAY	48.24	58.47	53.35	99	POPERINGHE - TOFFIER	49.86	43.44	46.65
36	ZWOL - BITRAN	54.97	51.24	53.10	100	TISSERAND - FRANCES	52.92	40.36	46.64
37	JOST - JOST	52.66	53.06	52.86	101	SAESELLI - PIEDRA	44.12	49.00	46.56
38	FUSARI - BONAVOGLIA	56.82	48.83	52.83	102	LUSTIN - KAPLAN	49.57	43.33	46.45
39	MEZEY - VIKOR	57.04	48.61	52.82	103	PARNIS-ENGLAND - PAGAN	47.70	44.94	46.32
40	POPA - TRAPANI	50.01	55.32	52.66	104	GOGOMAN - ROKYTA	43.26	49.35	46.31
41	LARA - CAPUCHO	60.78	44.10	52.44	105	GRAND - AZOULAY	42.97	49.60	46.28
42	SANDERS - LEVENKO	61.93	42.73	52.33	106	DENOIZE - ADAD	47.16	44.64	45.90
43	SCHNITZER - TERRANEO	56.49	48.16	52.33	107	ZAGAJSEK - REFI	45.02	46.57	45.79
44	MEYERS - MAHMOOD	62.49	42.01	52.25	108	KEREKES - MARJAI	50.53	40.67	45.60
45	SALONEN - VERDURMEN	49.57	54.84	52.20	109	PONOMAREVA - KRASNOSSELSKI	41.01	49.97	45.49
46	STAHL - GROMANN	51.75	52.62	52.19	110	BERTACCINI - BAGHETTI	45.51	45.41	45.46
47	KITABGI - NAHMIA	54.60	49.56	52.08	111	LEBEDEVA - ANDREEV	46.32	44.55	45.44
48	SPEELMAN - PAULISSEN	47.02	56.99	52.00	112	VIOLA - VIOLA	51.90	38.84	45.37
49	PENFOLD - SENIOR	51.14	52.29	51.71	113	SCALAMOGNA - FANTONI	41.78	48.89	45.33
50	FAYAD - HARFOUCHE	57.57	45.64	51.60	114	TRITTO - CONTE	40.12	50.26	45.19
51	SERF - STRETZ	52.39	50.76	51.57	115	LEVIT-PORAT - HETZ	43.29	46.93	45.11
52	PASTERNAK - ARASZKIEWICZ	48.95	53.92	51.44	116	TOMESCU - TOMESCU	43.53	46.63	45.08
53	ALLOUCHE - CHEMLA	45.09	57.59	51.34	117	AVON - STOPPA	39.94	49.32	44.63
54	CURTIS - FEGARTY	52.20	50.33	51.26	118	MALINOWSKI - THORENSEN	43.90	44.82	44.36
55	SAMBUCI - TRETA	55.24	47.24	51.24	119	POIZAT - POIZAT	47.40	41.12	44.26
56	ANDERSSON - SAVOLAINEN	53.40	49.03	51.21	120	COLADONATO - COLADONATO	47.52	39.22	43.37
57	PIGEAUD - MARILL	47.68	54.57	51.13	121	KRAUS - ZEITLER	50.65	35.21	42.93
58	KOSCHIER - SCHAMBERGER	46.46	55.79	51.13	122	O'ROURKE - FREDIN	40.42	44.53	42.47
59	LOURIE - JONES	46.74	55.00	50.87	123	ROMANO - MARINONI	37.05	47.39	42.22
60	GREY - LASOCKI	45.78	55.14	50.46	124	DEWASME - FRENCKEN	39.55	44.33	41.94
61	MORSE - LARSEN	51.75	49.11	50.43	125	TER LAARE - TER LAARE	44.78	37.88	41.33
62	FREY - OURSEL	53.05	47.52	50.29	126	VENINI - MARINO	43.37	39.22	41.29
63	KIEREPKA - SWIATKOWSKI	57.35	43.02	50.19	127	LHERE - DELMAS	35.93	46.30	41.12
64	BIZON - MISZEWSKA	52.12	48.18	50.15	128	KHANDELWAL - KHANDELWAL	34.03	47.12	40.58
					129	RAGI - STAMATOV	41.87	38.83	40.35
					130	COHEN - COHEN	36.62	40.06	38.34

MIXED PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	total					
1 RYMAN - RYMAN	68.54	61.37	64.95	60 LANE - HAMMOND	55.71	50.49	53.10	
2 KREDER - CHENCIA	56.59	64.98	60.78	61 BIRMAN - ZWILLINGER	51.46	54.52	52.99	
3 LEBLANC - FENN	62.57	58.86	60.71	62 NAVEH - MERMELSTEIN	49.20	56.70	52.95	
4 AASAND - BROGELAND	57.61	63.44	60.52	63 SALNITRO - MUROLO	58.06	47.79	52.92	
5 GOLDENFIELD - GOLDENFIELD	66.88	53.07	59.98	64 MACKENZIE - MACKENZIE	51.52	54.30	52.91	
6 HOCHKEK - CICHOCKI	57.88	60.10	58.99	65 BENMERGNI - BENSMUSSIAN	53.01	52.78	52.90	
7 CHAMAA - MARTENS	56.79	58.73	57.76	66 DOWLING-LONG - GARVEY	53.78	52.01	52.89	
8 FISCHER - SIMON	58.36	57.03	57.69	67 CALDARELLI - FONTI	58.85	46.90	52.88	
9 BARTHE - ROCAFORT	59.25	56.07	57.66	68 FICARELLI - BAVARESCO	53.50	52.19	52.85	
10 BOTTON - HACKETT	54.88	60.22	57.55	69 ALBERTI - BAUSBACK	51.52	53.99	52.76	
11 WEIGKRICHT - BUSSEK	48.32	66.56	57.44	70 POPLILOV - SAGIV	55.19	50.21	52.70	
12 KINNUNEN - KINNUNEN	52.63	62.01	57.32	71 DE GOETZEN - FOGEL	48.04	57.08	52.56	
13 MCQUAKER - SIME	62.58	52.04	57.31	72 ROSSARD - ROMANOWSKI	49.03	55.94	52.49	
14 BLAAGESTAD - DEUT	58.01	55.72	56.87	73 MUCHA - PANA	52.97	51.98	52.48	
15 BOSI - MICHELINI	59.31	54.26	56.79	74 AWAD - AWAD	54.61	50.26	52.44	
16 STANSBY - STANSBY	44.19	68.68	56.43	75 BACO - SIMEONI	54.33	50.48	52.40	
17 MAI MARITA - LONGINOTTI	47.46	65.14	56.30	76 LORENZ - SAMLER	54.67	50.01	52.34	
18 CURETTI - PODER	56.42	55.95	56.18	77 VARENNE - HISHMAT	48.59	55.95	52.27	
19 PEDANI - MORICI	58.16	54.17	56.17	78 ENCIU - LEVIT	50.08	54.35	52.22	
20 KOCH - BJARNARSON	55.72	56.30	56.01	79 BARRETT - BARRETT	49.38	54.71	52.04	
21 BEAUMIER - BEAUMIER	59.53	52.34	55.93	80 POPP - BUCHMAYR	57.50	46.17	51.84	
22 GIGLIOTTI - MAGNANI	57.00	54.81	55.90	81 SAYER - OZCAM	51.57	52.03	51.80	
23 DAVIES - GISBORNE	54.12	57.65	55.89	82 GREGSON - SILVERSTONE	49.45	54.14	51.80	
24 COOK - WILMOTT	54.49	56.44	55.47	83 CUADRILLERO - CASTELLS	45.98	57.56	51.77	
25 QUERAN - MARINA	56.71	53.79	55.25	84 PAGLIALONGA - CAPPUCILLI	50.64	52.81	51.73	
26 IVARSDOTTIR - JONSSON	56.48	53.97	55.23	85 PISANI - MARINO	55.18	48.23	51.71	
27 BALDI - BALDI	55.79	54.49	55.14	86 NEHMERT - YUEN	46.42	56.77	51.60	
28 ROMANOVSKA - SHUDNEV	61.76	48.44	55.10	87 AGERSKOV - OSTERGAARD	46.69	56.47	51.58	
29 MCGOWAN - BAXTER	57.26	52.90	55.08	88 BUDD - HARRIS	52.93	49.95	51.44	
30 EIJCK - EIJCK	50.50	59.30	54.90	89 GOTARD - GOTARD	55.18	47.61	51.40	
31 MULTIMAKI - BACKSTROM	58.95	50.72	54.83	90 VERMIGLIO - DI PRETE	51.36	51.25	51.30	
32 MATIJEVIC - CARIC	54.28	55.11	54.69	91 BAAREN - GANIVET	45.89	56.71	51.30	
33 ELSUWE - PHAM	46.52	62.86	54.69	92 BOTTAZZINI - BOTTAZZINI	52.37	50.11	51.24	
34 PANTLE-REICHERT - GROMOLLER	51.95	57.25	54.60	93 WEIR - WEIR	50.20	52.25	51.22	
35 TOBIAS - HAROUNI	55.25	53.58	54.42	94 PEARLMAN - WILKINSON	52.44	49.95	51.19	
36 MINCIOTTI - TRALLO	56.70	52.11	54.41	95 BERTHOLD - BEATRIX	56.85	45.38	51.12	
37 ZARKESCH - BOEDDEKER	59.70	49.05	54.38	96 BOUNIOL - BAUDU	48.36	53.76	51.06	
38 WASIELEWSKA - GUSOWSKI	56.32	52.35	54.34	97 MORIZET - WEEDEN	54.32	47.60	50.96	
39 SJOBERG - SJOBERG	59.28	49.24	54.26	98 GERBER - PIC VALERIE	54.63	47.12	50.88	
40 BICACO - OZDIL	50.87	57.57	54.22	99 MOLLER - HECHT-JOHANSEN	53.46	48.20	50.83	
41 RANFAGNI - PERCACCIANTE	52.91	55.48	54.19	100 ARAMI - NAFTALI	51.21	50.45	50.83	
42 HIRSCH - CHAUVELOT	53.60	54.75	54.18	101 LEON - WASIK	43.13	58.50	50.81	
43 ANJER - FODSTAD	52.63	55.52	54.08	102 SIROLA - SIROLA	51.84	49.78	50.81	
44 NOEL - MONCAMP	51.99	56.11	54.05	103 LIEBERMAN - ZILBERBUSH	47.56	53.99	50.78	
45 CANESI - CEDOLIN	52.59	54.88	53.74	104 HOSKINS - HOSKINS	44.76	56.67	50.71	
46 KROGULSKA - JAGNIEWSKI	55.13	52.30	53.72	105 EVANS - ROBB	51.91	49.48	50.69	
47 PACECO - FRANCO	52.93	54.44	53.69	106 EREN - FAIK	49.60	51.78	50.69	
48 TANANBAUM - LA NOVARA	51.44	55.91	53.67	107 POLLIO - FIORETTI	49.65	51.67	50.66	
49 BERNA - COHEN	52.69	54.61	53.65	108 APITZ - MATHIESEN	51.66	49.54	50.60	
50 TOKCAN - DEMIRBAS	49.16	58.09	53.63	109 PANAHPOUR - KING	48.09	53.04	50.56	
51 GROSMANOVA - GROSMAN	54.98	52.11	53.55	110 KEMPLE - WALSH	45.20	55.93	50.56	
52 NELSON - EGINTON	49.04	58.04	53.54	111 SENIOR - WOLFARTH	49.56	51.56	50.56	
53 LATALA - WASAK	52.21	54.83	53.52	112 DE SIMONE - PRIMAVERA	57.61	43.47	50.54	
54 DHONDY - SANDQVIST	52.12	54.82	53.47	113 CALZONI - GAVELLI	49.29	51.76	50.53	
55 OVERBY - NORMAN	50.22	56.60	53.41	114 LUTZHOFT - KROJGAARD	45.69	55.18	50.44	
56 GONZALEZ - VIETI	45.88	60.80	53.34	115 ZIGHELBOIM - HAMAQOUI	48.66	52.20	50.43	
57 BANASZKIEWICZ - PIKUS	53.61	52.97	53.29	116 RUSSO - KOWALSKI	47.11	53.58	50.35	
58 TETAL - AMANN	45.77	60.71	53.24	117 PRAHIN - PRAHIN	52.16	48.43	50.29	
59 PROCUREUR - CAUMEL	56.97	49.27	53.12	118 SCHULZOVA - LASTOVICKA	55.17	45.26	50.22	
				119 JULIJUS - TEDESCHI	48.17	52.16	50.17	

120	PISAK - ESKINAZ	46.22	54.03	50.12	184	PRADOS - PALMA	41.30	53.07	47.19
121	PREVOTEAU - ALEXIS	43.97	56.26	50.12	185	REINHOLD-ELINES - ELINESCU	47.66	46.66	47.16
122	ROHOWSKY - LISS	52.93	47.22	50.08	186	MORAN - CARROLL	47.70	46.44	47.07
123	CESARI - NATALE	45.98	54.16	50.07	187	SALVANO - BRAVERMANN	43.85	50.15	47.00
124	PAOLUZI - GUERRA	47.82	52.26	50.04	188	WILNER - WILNER	48.05	45.86	46.96
125	KAYSER - KAYSER	47.78	52.11	49.95	189	TAGA - PEKOZ	47.13	46.38	46.75
126	FARINA - GAEDE	54.25	45.52	49.88	190	JUST - BANG	46.28	47.21	46.74
127	JAGUSZEWSKARTNE - KUNC	57.76	41.76	49.76	191	HECHT-JOHANSEN - ATALI	50.10	43.11	46.61
128	EMODI - YADLIN	53.81	45.61	49.71	192	SCIANDRA - TRINCI	42.97	50.24	46.60
129	FORD - JACKSON	47.30	52.07	49.69	193	MC GEE - MC GEE	52.87	40.31	46.59
130	NORSKE - NORSKE	48.99	50.32	49.66	194	GARNIER - MOULIN	49.80	43.28	46.54
131	ADAMCZYK - KUCHARSKI	49.50	49.81	49.65	195	JACQUEMARD - HOGER	44.17	48.63	46.40
132	SKILLERN - FOUNTAIN	52.04	47.26	49.65	196	GUNTHER - KURSCHNER	47.80	44.95	46.37
133	IOVINO - BUSSONE	55.17	44.12	49.65	197	WAKSMAN - USZYNSKI	57.90	34.84	46.37
134	UZUNKU - SEMERCI	51.57	57.57	49.62	198	STANLEY - DIX MARIO	43.58	49.11	46.34
135	GROMOLLER - SCHULTZE	43.62	55.62	49.62	199	SAGIV - POPLIOV	42.43	50.25	46.34
136	PENKOVA - MARINI	51.60	47.59	49.60	200	SEMMLERATH - HATLAUF	53.07	39.43	46.25
137	CLEARY - CLEARY	48.29	50.88	49.58	201	SAMY - SAMY	49.65	42.56	46.10
138	MINE - UYSAL	53.59	45.33	49.46	202	CATTANI - MELOTTI	46.27	45.86	46.06
139	FINN - MCCARTHY	50.50	48.33	49.42	203	BRICAUD - BOYARD	44.28	47.71	45.99
140	VAN ENGELÉN - SOMMER	46.93	51.89	49.41	204	THOREN - RYNNING	50.46	41.42	45.94
141	MEEHAN - HIRST	49.32	49.40	49.36	205	MONTWILL - MONTWILL	50.13	41.67	45.90
142	KOHLER - LABATE	50.06	48.57	49.32	206	GUTENWIK - GUTENWIK	48.94	42.17	45.55
143	REID - SARGENT	41.02	57.56	49.29	207	GERONIMI - MONCHENY	49.52	41.55	45.54
144	LEONHARDT - SILVA	42.89	55.67	49.28	208	SVERKER - RAND	47.87	43.11	45.49
145	LARSSON - LJUNG	51.14	47.35	49.24	209	PUTZOLU - ZORCOLO	45.14	45.72	45.43
146	TESSITORE - MUNDULA	50.54	47.85	49.19	210	HOOGWEG - PROOIJEN	48.29	42.53	45.41
147	GODFREY - NAQVI	54.53	43.84	49.18	211	DITETOVA - FORT	46.78	43.91	45.34
148	BERTRAND-RISPAL - THOUROUDE	53.93	44.38	49.15	212	AZZIMONTI - ZUCCHINI	51.23	39.46	45.34
149	DIAMOND - DIAMOND	47.53	50.61	49.07	213	BUKET - BARBAKOUT	41.49	48.48	44.99
150	TESSARO - WILLS	56.45	41.68	49.06	214	DOMICHI - LUMANAUW	42.60	47.29	44.94
151	HONTORIA - LANTARON	53.76	44.35	49.06	215	TORRE - TORRE	51.27	38.35	44.81
152	KARLSSON-UIK - UIK	51.05	47.04	49.05	216	CRiado - FERNANDES	47.60	41.97	44.78
153	ARRIGONI - RESTA	56.07	42.00	49.03	217	DE CRESCENZO - PIZZA	43.90	45.64	44.77
154	GROSSO - BRUGGIA	53.85	44.18	49.01	218	ZINGER - ALTBERGER	49.15	39.37	44.26
155	KAYE - KIRK	47.44	50.39	48.92	219	LANCIA - BELLO	48.35	40.13	44.24
156	HAMMERLI - SAURER	49.77	48.02	48.90	220	MAIOMENT - FITHYAN	41.53	46.75	44.14
157	COLTRI - COLTRI	58.32	39.46	48.89	221	THELISSON - GATTI	42.25	45.72	43.99
158	O'FARELL - WALSH	52.59	45.15	48.87	222	EL KHAZEN - JOSEPH	45.82	41.25	43.54
159	ALEXANDER - ALEXANDRE	53.13	44.58	48.85	223	MARKOVITZ - COUPERE	43.08	43.97	43.52
160	INI' - CARAMANTI	49.51	48.20	48.85	224	VRANKX - GADENNE	36.55	50.06	43.31
161	MARMION - PORTAL	45.05	52.45	48.75	225	HORVATH - DONG	38.75	47.60	43.17
162	SEUTET - AUBRY	49.61	47.45	48.53	226	COLOMBARO - DANIC	46.54	38.97	42.75
163	RAHELT - AAGARD	47.76	49.29	48.52	227	HETZ - SCHNEIDER	43.36	41.97	42.66
164	ZARUBENKO - BRUSHTUNOV	45.74	51.25	48.49	228	GRAIZER - HORVITZ	36.72	48.56	42.64
165	YAVAZ - KAHYAQULU	42.21	54.66	48.43	229	MARRAS - DI TUCCI	45.67	39.47	42.57
166	TALMAT - ABBODD	48.11	48.72	48.42	230	TUASON - BERTILI	36.49	48.47	42.48
167	BIAGIOTTI - MONTANARI	47.02	49.65	48.33	231	AUSSEL - MARANI	46.96	37.85	42.41
168	NICOLETTI - GUARNERI	49.31	46.74	48.03	232	SCHULMANN - GONFREVILLE	36.13	48.29	42.21
169	NYARADI - NYARADI	51.31	44.64	47.98	233	GOLDINE - WIELEMANS	38.74	43.61	41.17
170	VEAUTE - SERBOUCE	48.25	47.60	47.93	234	LANGELAND - OVRID	34.13	47.97	41.05
171	JEANNIN-NALTET - SEBBANE	47.24	48.57	47.90	235	GILL - KURIGER	48.13	32.48	40.30
172	ZUR-CAMPANILE - GELBARD	40.95	54.84	47.89	236	SKELTON - THEELKE	35.45	44.49	39.97
173	KRISTJONSDOTTIR - THEODORSSON	50.71	45.06	47.88	237	JUNGEN - ANTON	38.38	40.33	39.36
174	ZAKRZEWSKI - BIRDSALL	55.36	40.22	47.79	238	PIZZI - CONTE	38.31	40.20	39.26
175	ABOUSLEIMAN - KARAIVANOV	51.37	44.20	47.78	239	DANCHAUD - LAURAIRE	41.53	36.06	38.80
176	KOWALSKA - MAJCHER	46.92	48.33	47.62	240	GIBBS - HILL	41.74	34.29	38.01
177	FENWICK - HARRISON	48.09	47.16	47.62	241	LASSEN - LASSEN	35.11	40.78	37.95
178	SORESINI - CONTI	42.84	52.38	47.61	242	LA SPINA - PAOLICCHI	35.67	33.63	34.65
179	SAND - KROJGAARD	50.62	44.54	47.58	243	CASSAI - BIGANZOLI	50.10	-	25.05
180	OLESEN - LAHRMANN	47.50	47.41	47.45	244	FIORILLO - FERRAMOSCA	46.65	-	23.33
181	DUCKWORTH - CALLAGHAN	39.46	55.41	47.44	245	VANDONI - VANDONI	42.58	-	21.29
182	GENELLE - AUGÉ	46.22	48.65	47.43					
183	EVELIUS-NOHREN - NOHREN	44.93	49.93	47.43					