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Survivors Start the Search for Gold



Players recognize this welcome to the Palais de l'Europe

The battle to become the first to win a European Open Team Championship is really joined today, as the competitions enter the knock out phase.

This is the point where we expect to see the forecasters make an appearance. We can confidently state that a European team will win both the Women's and Senior Championship, but in the Open event it would be foolhardy to make a prediction with so many fine teams involved from around the world.

It was late at night before the scoring team could work out the lucky one (Khiuppenen) heading the five other teams with same VP score for the 27th and last qualifying place in Swiss A.

Schedule of play

Today

10-13.15	Senior Teams (Rounds 14-15 Group B)
10-14.15	Open Teams (KO Round of 32/Consolation)
10-14	Women Teams (Consolation)
15-19	O/W/S Teams (Consolation)
15.30-19.45	O/W/S Teams (KO Round of 16/Vugraph)
16-19	O/W/S Pairs Registration

Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize Giving Ceremony of the European Seniors, Women & Open Teams Championships will be held at 19.30 on Wednesday 25 June in the Theatre (VuGraph), after the end of play. The first three teams in the S/W/O consolation will be also awarded. After the ceremony everyone is invited to a cocktail at the Casino.

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OPEN TEAMS

Round 7

Playing for Keeps

Entering the final set of the Open Teams round-robin, the team from England captained by Tony Forrester stood in fourth place in Group C. Since only the top three would go on to the A Swiss segment of play, Forrester and company were hopeful of moving up with a good showing over the last 10 boards of the round-robin.

Fortunately for the English team, they had an opportunity to play a team ahead of them. In fact, it was Angelini 2, sitting in first place. The lineups were Forrester-Andrew McIntosh versus Benito Garozzo-Nicola Del Buono at one table and Andrew Robson-David Bakhshi versus Fulvio Fantoni-Claudio Nunes at the other. Of note was the fact that the top four teams in the group were playing each other: Angelini 2 at No. 1 versus No. 4 Forrester, while No. 2 Repls played No. 3 Catellani.

Both tables started with Board 6, a push that might have been a gain for the Italians.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 2 ♥ A 9 8 3 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ Q J 10</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	<p>♠ A 10 6 ♥ J 10 7 6 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ A 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
McIntosh	Garozzo	Forrester	Del Buono
		1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A club or a heart lead leaves declarer with no chance, and Del Buono started with a low club to the 10, 7 and 8. The ♥A was next, followed by a low heart from dummy. North won the ♥Q, cashed the ♥K and got out with a club to East's ace. Declarer played a low spade from hand, and South won the king, getting out with a club. Declarer ruffed the ♣K but could not avoid the loss of a diamond. That was minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Robson	Fantoni	Bakhshi
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The INT opener was 12-14 (1♥ promises 14 or more HCP) and landed Fantoni in a cold contract. He did not manage nine tricks, however. Bakhshi led a low club to the 10, 2 and 8. Fantoni started well by playing the ♥A, but he erred by playing the ♦Q at trick three. Robson did not cover (renewing Fantoni's chance to make the contract) and the queen won the trick. At that point, Fantoni could make the contract by playing a low heart to North

and, on winning the next trick with the ♣A, play on spades, getting his extra trick in that suit before South could get the clubs unblocked. He would finish with three hearts, two clubs, two diamonds and two spades.

In reality, Fantoni won the ♣A and played another round of hearts. Robson was in, cashed the ♣K and exited with a spade, scuttling the contract.

The following deal was another missed chance for the Italians.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ A K 5 4 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ A 9 7 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	<p>♠ 3 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A K Q 8 6 4 ♣ Q 8 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
Nunes	Robson	Fantoni	Bakhshi
2♥	Dble	3♦	1♠
All Pass			3♠

Nunes started with the ♥A, switching to a low club at trick two. Bakhshi did not think very long before putting up dummy's



Andrew McIntosh, England

king. The ♠J was next, and when the 9 appeared from East, Bakhski was soon claiming 10 tricks for plus 170.

West	North	East	South
McIntosh	Garozzo	Forrester	Del Buono
			4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

McIntosh started with the ♥A, switching to a diamond at trick two. Del Buono ruffed, cashed the ♠A and played a heart from hand. McIntosh won and played the ♠Q to declarer's ace. With both of his hearts good, it came down to a guess in the club suit for Del Buono, who played three more rounds of spades and his two heart winners before trying clubs, misguessing by putting in the jack. Minus 100 meant 7 IMPs to Forrester.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
McIntosh	Garozzo	Forrester	Del Buono
	1♦	Dble	Redbl
1♥	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Del Buono's redouble showed 9-11 high-card points. With diamonds breaking favorably, he did not struggle to take seven tricks for plus 90.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Robson	Fantoni	Bakhshi
	1♦	Dble	Redbl
1♥	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Robson's double was alerted as showing four hearts or zero or one hearts. The defenders have six tricks, but one of them got away. The opening lead of a heart went to declarer's hand, and he ran the ♠8, ducked by Bakhski. Another spade to the 10 was again ducked (Robson had given the wrong count in the suit), and South's ace was ruffed out, providing a parking place for one of West's losing diamonds. That was 110 and 5 IMPs to Italy.

Another 2 IMPs went to Angelini 2 on Board 2, and on Board 3 both sides landed in a poor slam that just happens to make for plus 980.

The deal that settled the issue was the following.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Robson	Fantoni	Bakhshi
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

This contract is unbeatable. In fact, it takes a heart lead and spade switch to defeat 6♦. Nunes started with the ♣Q, ruffed in dummy. Bakhski called for a low heart from dummy at trick two, and Fantoni went up with the ace (it would not have mattered if he had ducked), switching to the ♠Q at trick three. Nunes ruffed, but that was it for the defenders. Bakhski ruffed the club continuation, cashed the ♦Q, then ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and ruffed another heart. When the ♥K came down, declarer could claim his vulnerable game. Had Fantoni played low on the first lead of hearts, Bakhski could later have ruffed out the ace.

At the other table, the deal turned out to be a disaster for the Italians.

West	North	East	South
McIntosh	Garozzo	Forrester	Del Buono
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Del Buono's double of 5♣ is difficult to understand - and it certainly didn't work out well. Garozzo started with the ♠A and McIntosh soon was chalking up plus 950 for making an overtrick. He ruffed the spade, gave up a diamond, won the heart continuation in hand, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, played a trump to dummy, ruffed another spade, establishing the long spade, on which his losing heart was parked.

The only lead to hold West to 11 tricks, as it happens, is a heart, with a heart continuation when in with a diamond, breaking up the inevitable major-suit squeeze on North.

As you can imagine, the results on this deal were many and varied, but the worst no doubt was recorded by a squad in the Senior Teams. The unknown players managed to record minus 1540 at both tables for 6♣ doubled, making, and 6♦ doubled, also making. The loss of 3080 was a 22-IMP setback for the unlucky (?) squad. Both slams, as has been noted, can be defeated with heart leads.

Board 4 proved to be a 17-IMP loss for Angelini 2, who lost the match 27-7. It was not enough, however, to knock them out of the A Swiss. They and the Forrester team tied with 111 Victory Points to finish second and third behind the Reps team.

OPEN TEAMS - SWISS

Round 1

Kalish v Welland

Section winners in the Round Robin were awarded 8 VP before the start of the Swiss part of the qualification phase, which meant that section winners would have to meet in the first round. Two of them were Kalish from Israel and Welland from the States, two six-player squads that had done well enough during the Round Robin. Those who were hoping for a spectacular match were not to be disappointed, though (or because?) the bridge was not always in accordance with the possibilities offered by the cards. Take for example the first board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A J 9 6 ♥ A J 7 5 ♦ A 10 3 2 ♣ 10	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ 5 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ A K Q 9 5 4 3
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♠ K Q 8 7 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ 8	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ J 7 6 2				

Without a heart lead, 6♣ will make if the trumps break, but would you really want to be in it? In the Open Room, they certainly would not:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Welland</i>
1♦	1♠	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

As East never bothered to really show his good suit, the Israelis stayed on firm ground and scored +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>
1♦	1♠	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Here, Rosenberg wanted to make the best of his nice suit, but this was the wrong moment. When there was a trump loser, the contract had no play. Kalish another +100 and 11 IMP's.

Or:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ AKQ 10 7 5 3 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ 4 ♣ K 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ - ♥ K 5 ♦ A 9 6 5 3 ♣ 10 9 8 7 4 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ J 8 2 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ Q J 10 7 ♣ Q 6 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Welland</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Well, maybe, a slam is on when partner has exactly the right cards, but never play him for that, the old thumb rule states! Another safe contract for the Herbsts and Kalish scored another +420.



Bjorn Fallenius, Sweden

Closed Room

Zia	D. Yadlin	Rosenberg	I. Yadlin
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♠	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here, East was on lead but he preferred to lead the ♦7, partner's suit, instead of a spade. So Doron Yadlin had a easy ride to 11 tricks and 1 IMP more.

Finally, Welland recorded a favourable swing of any size too:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Herbst	Fallenius	O. Herbst	Welland
Pass	1♥	2♥	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	4♥
			All Pass



Michael Rosenberg, USA

Ophir Herbst was unaware of the double fit that made his defensive assets less valuable. To make things worse, West ducked the low spade led from dummy halfway through the hand, so an overtrick was born. Welland +750.

Closed Room

Zia	D. Yadlin	Rosenberg	I. Yadlin
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
4♠	5♥	All Pass	4♥

Nothing special here; as Rosenberg had overcalled just 1♠ he was not tempted as he could leave the final password to Zia. Kalish +450 here so 7 IMP's to Welland.

On the last board, Kalish increased their lead substantially:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Herbst	Fallenius	O. Herbst	Welland
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ inquired about the shape and 3♠ showed the 3-5-2-3. When Welland made the rather unlucky lead of the ♦9, play was easy enough. The ten was allowed to win the trick and declarer just had to establish the hearts to ensure his contract. Kalish +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	D. Yadlin	Rosenberg	I. Yadlin
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

The NT range made it impossible for EW here to find their game contract, so they settled for 2♠.

That contract made with an overtrick. 10 IMP's to Kalish who, had won 33-15 or 20-10 VP.

Partnership Defence

Mark Horton

One of the secrets of good defence is to envisage a layout that will give you a chance to defeat the contract.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ K 6 5 2 ♣ K 10 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ J 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ A Q 9 6 3</p>
N						
W E						
S						
West	North	East	South			
	<i>Justin</i>		<i>Jason</i>			
	Pass	INT	Pass			
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass			
4♠	All Pass					

South led the eight of diamonds and declarer played low from dummy. It was difficult for North to read the position, and he put up the king, taken by the ace. Trumps were drawn in three rounds and then declarer played a heart to the ten and South's jack. Justin realised there was only one way to defeat the contract and he underled his club honours. Jason was able to win and he switched to a diamond, setting up a fourth trick for the defence. It was much easier at the other table, as North was on lead and his choice of a diamond meant declarer had no chance.

However, while writing up this deal it occurred to me that there might be away for declarer to make the contract as long as East is the declarer. It requires declarer to do two good things. The first is to put up the ten of diamonds at trick one. North plays the king as before and declarer wins and draws trumps. He then exits with a club. Say North wins and plays a diamond. Declarer wins, ruffs a club and plays a trump. After this trick, these cards remain:

<p>♠ – ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 6 ♣ 10</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	<p>♠ – ♥ K 10 5 ♦ 7 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ – ♥ J 4 3 ♦ J ♣ A</p>
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W E						
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Now declarer plays a heart to the king, ruffs the last club and exits with a diamond forcing South to lead away from the jack of hearts.

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OPEN TEAMS - SWISS

Round 5

Clash of the Titans

Going into the fifth round of the A Swiss in the Open Teams, the Lavazza and Reps teams were sitting high on the leader board - Reps in second with 87 Victory Points, Lavazza fourth with 80. There was considerable interest when the two teams were pitted against each other.

At one table, Klaus Reps and Bernard Ludewig played against Andrea Buratti and Massimo Lanzarotti, while Giorgio Duboin and Norberto Bocchi for Lavazza faced Tomacz Gotard and Josef Piekarek.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 10 7 ♥ K 9 7 5 3 ♦ Q J 8 7 2 ♣ -	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 8 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A K J 10 9 5	♠ 6 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A 10 5 4 ♣ Q 8 7 6 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Gotard</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♠	3♣	3♦	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Duboin's 2♠ showed hearts and a minor. Piekarek took nearly half an hour to play this deal, and all the thinking didn't produce 10 tricks.

The ♦J (Rusinow) was ducked all around, and a second diamond was ruffed by South. The ♠Q was ducked by West, but he won the spade continuation with the ace and played a third round of diamonds, again ruffed. South was now down to the singleton ♠K.

Piekarek played a club to the ace (West discarded) and followed with the ♥10 to his ace. The ♥Q was covered by the king and ruffed with the ♠J, but declarer was just about out of tricks. Indeed, he took only eight tricks for two off.

South had an easier time at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ludewig</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>
	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	4♦	4♠
All Pass			

Ludewig got off to the lead of the ♦2 and Reps read the significance of it. He did not, however, picture his partner with the ♦Q J. Declarer played low from dummy, and Reps put up the ace, switching accurately to a club. Ludewig ruffed, but it was too late for the defense. Ludewig got out with a low heart to dummy's 10, which held. A spade went to the king and ace and the ♦Q came back, but declarer put up the king, pitching a heart, and played a spade to his queen. That picked up trumps and he could claim

from there for plus 420 and 11 IMPs to his team.

Board 2 was a push, mainly because the declarer at both tables mishandled trumps. It was tougher for Reps, but Bocchi might have worked it out.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

The contract at both tables was 4♥. Against Bocchi, East, South led a low spade to the 10, which held. South won the ♦A when Bocchi played low from dummy to his queen - and South fired a diamond back. This seems to pinpoint the length in diamonds (and provided a strong inference about the location of the ♣A). South would play a second round of diamonds only if he believed his partner might ruff. Bocchi won, pitched a club from hand and played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king. That was it - he had three more losers for down one.

At the other table, Lanzarotti started with the ♦A and followed with the ♦7, looking a lot like a man who had started with a doubleton diamond. This made Reps fear that if he played a heart to his ace and a heart to dummy's jack and it lost to a doubleton queen,



Klaus Reps, Germany

North would then be able to play another diamond, allowing South to make his ♠10. So Reps won the diamond, pitching a club from hand and played trumps as Bocchi had. Down one and a push.

Another 10 IMPs went to Lavazza when Reps and Ludewig missed a vulnerable game bid at the other table.

On this deal, the Italians fashioned a 1-IMP gain despite taking a phantom sacrifice at one table.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ Q 9 6 4 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ A J 10 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ A 10 3 2 ♦ 9 7 ♣ Q 9 6
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West	North	East	South
Ludewig	Buratti	Reps	Lanzarotti
1♠	Dble	1♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	Pass	4NT
		Dble	All Pass

As you can see, the defense would have to have a major breakdown for Ludewig to take 10 tricks in spades with the East-West cards. It was not so easy to tell that, however, so Lanzarotti took out some insurance.

Buratti had to guess well to avoid minus 300. Reps led the ♠A and continued the suit. Buratti ruffed and played the ♦10 to Ludewig's ace. A second diamond was played, won in hand by Buratti, and he guessed the trump suit by playing the ♣A and running the jack through Reps. He conceded a heart from that point for one down and minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Gotard	Bocchi	Piekarek
2♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♠	All Pass	2NT	Pass

Duboin's 2♠ showed a six-card suit in a limited hand. 2NT was an inquiry, and the 3♠ bid indicated 8 or 9 high-card points with no shortage. Gotard's silence seems conservative, but the auction was considerably different at his table. In any event, Duboin was in exactly the right spot. He won the opening lead of the ♦K with the ace, pulled trumps and exited with a diamond. North won and pushed the ♣J through dummy. This held, and two more rounds were played, Duboin ruffing. He now played the ♥J, just the right card for the layout. If North covered, Duboin could win the ace and exit a heart to South's king. With only minor suits left, South would have to give him a ruff-sluff. If South unblocked the king, Duboin would return to his hand with a spade to lead up to the ♥10.

Board 7 shows that even the top players can lose focus on occasion.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Gotard	Bocchi	Piekarek
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Gotard started with the ♥Q, taken by West with the ace. It's usual to duck holding the A J, but Gotard had reason to fear a diamond switch. He played dummy's top two clubs and exited with a low club to South's 5. West let go of the ♥5 while North discarded the ♦5. When South cashed the ♣J, West pitched a heart and North the ♦10. A heart through declarer's jack produced two more tricks, and the ♦Q was covered by the king and ace. That was it for the defense. One down - plus 100 for North-South.

West	North	East	South
Ludewig	Buratti	Reps	Lanzarotti
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ was an artificial game force, 2♥ a relay and 2♠ described a hand with four spades and five hearts.

South started with the ♦3 to the jack, queen and king (Reps thought about ducking). Reps then cashed the ♠A and the ♣K, noting the fall of North's queen and 10. He did not notice, however, that South had played the ♣5 and the ♣6. Had he been paying attention, he would have known that his ♣4, insignificant as it might seem, was strong enough to knock out the jack. Instead, Reps played the ♣2 and could only laugh at himself when Lanzarotti played the 3 and North discarded.

Had Reps played the ♣4 instead of the 2, only a low diamond from South could defeat the contract, assuming Reps played spades correctly, which was likely.

In any event, once he had played the ♣2, there was not much Reps could do from there. He won the heart switch with the ace and guessed the location of the ♠Q, but with the suit splitting badly he had to settle for seven tricks and two down. That was another 3 IMPs to Lavazza.

The Italians won the match in convincing fashion, 30-3 to move into second place, while Reps dropped to fifth in the standings after five matches.

Double trouble

A successful gambler, it is said, knows when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em. Michael Barel, captain of an Israeli squad in the Open Teams, found himself faced with a variation of that theme on this deal from the sixth qualifying round. His partner was Ranny Schneider. The opponents were a strong team from Poland.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 7 5 3 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	♠ J ♥ A K Q J 6 ♦ A K Q 9 ♣ K Q 10	♠ A K Q 6 4 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ 7 5 3
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ — ♥ 10 8 7 4 ♦ J 7 3 2 ♣ A J 9 8 2					

West	North	East	South
Schneider		Barel	
2♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	Dble	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	4NT	Pass
		All Pass	

West's 2♠ bid was to play, showing length in the suit but a weak hand. Barel was looking at nine tricks, so he bid what he thought he could make. West's conversion to 4♠ is certainly reasonable - he didn't really want to put that long suit down in dummy in a notrump contract. North, of course, also had a point with his first double - 4♠ had no chance at all.

Barel didn't like the sound of North's double, so he ran back to notrump. North took exception to this contract as well. Had South been able to lead a spade, there would be no story to tell. As you can see, a spade lead from South was impossible.

Barel won the opening lead of the ♥8 and ran off five rounds of the suit. He then played the ♣Q, and South had no winning options. If he won the ♣A, he would have to give declarer his 10th trick with his return - a club into the K-10 or a diamond away from the jack. Either one would present Barel with trick number 10.

South ducked, but Barel had another string to his bow. He cashed three rounds of diamonds, throwing South in with the jack and forcing him to surrender the 10th trick in clubs. Ten tricks for declarer provided the unusual score of plus 610.

At the other table, Barel's teammates managed plus 100 against 4♠. That was a gain of 12 IMPs. It was not enough for the Israelis to win the match, but they qualified for the Swiss A anyway.

Judgement Day

Mark Horton

The expert has many qualities, not least his ability to judge how high to bid in a competitive auction. This deal - and the player in the South seat - from the first session of the Mixed pairs final caught my eye.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 6 3 ♥ J ♦ A Q 10 6 4 2 ♣ 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 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	♠ K 7 4 ♥ A 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A Q 8 7	♠ Q J 8 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ K J 4 2
N						
W E						
S						
		♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ K J 9 3 ♣ 10 9 5				
West 1♦ 2NT*	North 1♥ ?	East INT	South 2♥			

* Lebensohl

The question is what should North do now?

If partner has perfect cards you might make a game, but in my opinion the odds are very much against it. You can be reasonably sure that you will only be facing three card support, so even if the opposing honours are well placed you may not be able to get to dummy often enough to take advantage.

Of course you want to compete, and to my mind the obvious bid is Three Clubs, still keeping the possibility alive, albeit remote, that you side has a game. If the auction then goes pass - 3♥ you can call it a day.

At the table where I was watching North, in my opinion a very strong player, bid a direct Four Hearts, and recorded -200.

I decided it was appropriate to see what a few experts thought North should do.

Jean-Paul Meyer 3♣; Sabine Auken 3♣; Eric Kokish 3♣; P.O.Sundelin 3♣; Just to complete the picture I asked Ron Tacchi who voted for Double (not necessarily fatal, but it might encourage partner to double a diamond partscore, which would not be a good idea on this layout.)

What does this prove? Only that in the heat of battle a theoretically correct bid is sometimes replaced by a practical one.

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of prescription sun glasses (Ryban) have been lost in Swiss B, if anyone found them please take them to Agnes Fabre in Press room.

True Confessions

Mark Horton

When the Faeroe Islands met the Dutch team Net Onstein in the fifth round of the teams round robin Jan Bomhof took advantage of some lacklustre play by his opponents.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ A Q 6	♠ A 9 6 ♥ 8 7 4 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ J 7 3 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 5 3 ♥ Q ♦ K 9 6 5 4 ♣ 10 9 8 5	♠ J 2 ♥ A K J 6 5 3 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ K 4
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West	North	East	South
Andersen	v.d.Neut	Novrup	Bomhof
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the king of spades and East contributed a lazy five - playing reverse count the eight is much clearer. Now West was unsure of the distribution so she switched to a heart. Declarer took the queen with the ace, drew the outstanding trump (it would have been a good idea for East to play the three of spades to this trick) and played a low diamond. Now West really ought to play low but she put up the queen. Still in the dark about the spade position she returned a diamond. Declarer won, ruffed a diamond and ran his trumps. The last one was fatal for West, who had to part with the queen of clubs in order to retain the spade guard. Declarer simply discarded a spade from dummy and then ducked a club, setting up the king.

East berated himself for his play in spades, but he had missed a way to recover. All he has to do is overtake the queen of diamonds and play a club (or for that matter a spade.)

IBPA meeting

The IBPA will hold a meeting tomorrow morning at 09.30 in the VuGraph Theatre.
 The meeting will include a draw for the EBL Clippings contest with US\$1,000 in prizes.
 Entries will be accepted until 18 today.

Open Teams

Today we start the K.O. with the round of 32 teams. At the same time we play two Swiss events; one with those who didn't make the K.O. in Swiss A (27 teams) and the 27 highest teams in Swiss B (excluding the first five). The teams from Swiss B keep their VP's and the teams entering from Swiss A will receive VP's as follows:
 The team ranked 28 get the average of teams 6 & 7 from Swiss B. The team ranked 29 get the average of teams 8 & 9 and so on. When teams drop out the number of teams will decrease likewise.
 The other teams play the Swiss Consolation B and will all start with 0VP's, giving every team a fair chance to win this event.
 Teams losing in the round of 32 may enter the Consolation Swiss A for the last three rounds, starting at 15 hours. Their position depends on the result in the Swiss A (B) and the highest will get the average of the teams ranked 1 & 2, and so on.

Championship Diary

If you go to www.swangames.com home of the Internet Bridge Club, you will almost certainly find your picture! Managing Director Laila Leonhardt is here in Menton taking the pictures.

Every effort is being made to provide comfort to the players and staff as witness the installation of numerous air conditioning machines.

The Transnational World Team Championship that takes place in Monte Carlo, 10-15 November 2003, is being staged with the co-operation of the FMB. This year there will be no FMB team tournament.

Herman de Wael, scribe of the Appeals Committee (known to us as Scrab Scribble - secretary to the Egyptian Pharaoh) informs us that the Bulletin office is no longer the hottest room in the building, claiming that this distinction now resides with the one occupied by the Appeals Committee. Clearly a problem of too much hot air!

Bridge is still a Sport II

The French Women's team Louis Vuitton dominated their qualifying group and were assured of first place well before the end. They were one of the teams affected by the duplicating errors and they could easily have conceded the match 0-18. However, the last qualification spot in their group was still open and rather than hand it on a plate to their last round opponents they played the match.
 To Catherine D'Ovidio, Danielle Allouche, Sylvie Willard, and Bénédicte Cronier we simply say: **Bravo!**

La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

Heures sup'

Huit matches à rejouer par suite d'erreurs de duplication dans le Suisse A (il y en a eu également dans les autres épreuves). Cinq équipes ont préféré transiger par un match nul (15 à 15), comme le règlement les y autorisait, les trois autres ont opté pour une nouvelle confrontation. Félicitations à ceux qui ont choisi les heures supplémentaires ! Par ce temps...

Beau geste

Sportives, les joueuses françaises de l'équipe Louis Vuitton, après l'annulation d'un de leurs matches pour cause d'erreur de duplication. Assurées de leur victoire dans le groupe A, en raison de leur avance au score, elles auraient pu refuser de rejouer ce match (dans ce cas, 18 points sont attribués à l'équipe désireuse de rejouer, et zéro à celle qui déclare forfait). Mais, pour ne pas fausser la régularité de l'épreuve - cette décision aurait avantagé une équipe qui luttait pour la huitième et dernière place qualificative -, elles ont accepté de rejouer la rencontre.

Derrière les fagots

Bien placée dimanche matin dans le Suisse B, l'équipe des Toulousains Sophie et Bernard Dauvergne, Clément Sire, Daniel Carrière (elle est lère série ♠, ils sont lère série ♡) n'était pas mécontente d'avoir remporté son match contre les monstres sacrés Lauria-Versace et Meckstroth-Rodwell, par 19 à 11 (" Qui est-ce ? ", a demandé Meckstroth à l'arbitre, à la fin du match). Une donne de la rencontre :



Sophie Dauvergne, France

Tour 3, donne 10 (E/E-O)

♠ R 10 7 3 ♥ DV 5 ♦ RV 9 6 ♣ V 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</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		O		E		S		♠ V 6 5 2 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ 10 9	♠ A D 9 ♥ R 9 7 ♦ A 10 8 7 3 ♣ A R
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Dans une salle, Alfredo Versace jouait 3 SA, en Sud. Sophie Dauvergne, en Ouest, entama à ♠, et avec ces ♣ inaccessibles au mort, le déclarant chuta de trois levées. - 300.

Dans l'autre salle :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Rodwell	Sire	Meckstroth	B. Dauvergne
		Passé	2 SA
Passé	3 ♠ *	Passé	4 ♣
Passé	5 ♣	(Fin)	

* Texas à ♣

Ouest entama de la Dame de ♥, qu'Est prit de l'As, pour contre-attaquer à ♠. Bernard Dauvergne fournit le 9, pris du 10, et Rodwell rejeta atout. Le déclarant aurait pu gagner en affranchissant un ♦. Banal ! Quand vous êtes confronté à " Meckwell ", autant choisir une ligne plus artistique.

Il encaissa l'As de ♦ et coupa un ♦, rentra en main à l'atout, débloqua le Roi de ♥ en coup de Vienne, et coupa un autre ♦. Tout était alors en place pour un petit squeeze de derrière les fagots contre Ouest. Il défila enfin ses atouts. La position :

♠ R 7 ♥ V ♦ R ♣ -	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</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		O		E		S		♠ V 6 ♥ 6 4 ♦ - ♣ -	♠ A D ♥ 9 ♦ 10 ♣ -
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Sur le 6 de ♣, il écarta le 9 de ♥, et Rodwell dut s'incliner. Un coup de 14 pour les Toulousains.

Postulats

Lorsque l'on ne peut toucher à une couleur, il faut alors espérer que l'adversaire ne pourra également le faire sans offrir une levée.

Tour 10 - Suisse B - donne 5 - N/NS

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



Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Jeanneteau</i>		<i>Rigaud</i>
	Passe	Passe	1 ♦
Passe	1 ♥	Passe	3 ♥
Passe	4 ♥	(Fin)	

Après l'entame du 6 de ♦ pour l'As du mort, le déclarant tire As de ♥ et ♥ pour la Dame, découvrant la mauvaise nouvelle. Pour gagner, maintenant, il faut, avant tout, toucher la bonne position des ♠ : le Roi en Ouest et le Valet en Est - si le flanc s'attaque à la couleur, il devra y livrer deux levées. De plus, une répartition 3/3 des ♦ sera également indispensable... et une répartition 3/3 des ♣ (ou une position de blocage) sera appréciée. Somme toute, un certain nombre de postulats.

Une fois ces conditions posées, le jeu de la carte est simplifié: quatre tours d'atout, quatre tours de ♦ et ♣ à blanc (ou, à la rigueur, trois tours de ♦, et petit ♣ vers la Dame). Après avoir encaissé les levées de ♣ auxquelles il a droit, le flanc doit livrer la dixième levée à ♠.

Grain de sable

Beaucoup ont manqué le chelem à ♥, en béton, sur cette donne du deuxième tour des qualifications par équipes, qui ne paraissait, a priori, pourtant pas si difficile à atteindre. Explication: un petit grain de sable, une intervention de l'adversaire à ♠, est venu perturber la mécanique des enchères à deux.

Nahmias - Roger ont bien franchi l'obstacle :

Donne 14 (E/P)

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



Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Nahmias</i>		<i>Roger</i>
		Passe	2 ♣ *
2 ♠	X	Passe	3 ♥
Passe	4 ♣	Passe	4 ♦
Passe	5 ♥	Passe	6 ♥ (Fin)

* fort indéterminé

L'enchère clé : le saut à 5 ♥ d'Alain Nahmias, pour inviter à jouer le chelem si Sud possède le contrôle à ♠.

Dans l'autre salle, Albert Bitran, en Est, trouva une enchère suffisamment dissuasive pour couper toute envie de chelem aux Nord-Sud.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Dadoun</i>		<i>Bitran</i>	
		Passe	1 ♥
2 ♠	X	3 ♣ !	4 ♥ (Fin)

Non, il n'y a pas de coquille dans les enchères... Est déclara bien 3 ♣, sorte d'enchère d'indication d'entame, avec un vraisemblable soutien à ♠, ce qui ôta toute velléité d'escalade à Nord.

Un débordement d'activité qui fut ici payant. Mais l'imagination d'Albert a parfois ses revers...

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E' nell'altra sala il movimento e parte da Sud:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Hassan	Vivaldi	Fior	Fornaciari
			1♦
passo	1♥	passo	2♥
passo	2♠	passo	3♣
passo	3♦	passo	4♣
passo	6♥	tutti passano	

Fornaciari, contrariamente a quanto avvenuto in aperta, ritiene le sue carte meritevoli di apertura. Vivaldi, inzeppato di carte chiave, comincia ad esplorare e, appurato il vuoto a fiori dal compagno, chiude direttamente a slam. Nel gioco, anche lui, come Kwiatkowski in aperta, abbraccia la Dama di quadri realizzando le stesse prese ma con la differenza di 11imps per l'Italia.

Fuochi d'artificio

Board 4. Dichiarante Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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



Ezio Fornaciari, Italy

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Ricciarelli	Kwiatkowski	Baroni	Kaplan
3SA	contro	4♣	4♦
passo	6♦	tutti passano	

3SA è un barrage minore lungo con un colore brutto. Gli avversari arrivano in tre colpi ad un contratto più che dignitoso. 6♦, infatti, si possono realizzare indovinando le cuori. Per batterle ci vuole l'attacco immediato a cuori per l'Asso ed il ritorno picche per il taglio. Ricciarelli, invece, ha intavolato l'8 di fiori (taglio a picche, taglio a picche, taglio a picche, capito?). Kaplan ha tagliato al morto e ha proseguito....cuori verso l'8. Asso di cuori e picche taglio. Due down in quanto il dichiarante in seguito ha effettuato l'impasse al taglio a cuori.

Un guadagno? Non direi.....

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Hassan	Vivaldi	Fior	Fornaciari
4♣	contro	5♣	5♦
passo	passo	6♣	contro
tutti passano			

Con l'attacco Asso di picche, il dichiarante ha affrancato una picche per lo scarto di una cuori della mano. Ovest avrebbe potuto anche tagliare una quadri al morto e tirare gli atout per spremere Nord come un limone tra picche e cuori. Solo l'attacco cuori (e il successivo ritorno nel colore) impedisce la compressione e affossa il contratto. 6♣x mi, 1540

Un altro slam?

Board 5. Dichiarante Nord. N/S in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Ricciarelli	Kwiatkowski	Baroni	Kaplan
	passo	passo	passo
1♣*	passo	1♥**	1♠
contro	passo	2♣	passo
3♣	passo	3♦	passo
3♥	passo	3SA	tutti passano

* Forte

** 7 o+ punti, max 2 controlli

Ricciarelli/Baroni partono bene ma poi la licita si spegne per consunzione o per pigrizia. Dopo l'attacco di piccola picche di Sud, Baroni realizza tutte le prese (impasse al Re di fiori e al Fante di quadri ed errore di scarto) contro le 12 dell'altra sala nello stesso contratto.

OPEN TEAMS - SWISS

(standings after 7 sessions - provisional)

SWISS A

1	LAVAZZA	139	19	GORDON	115	37	O'ROURKE	102
2	MILLNER	136	20	CLEMMENSEN	115	38	FORRESTER	102
3	KIRILENKO	133	21	WELLAND	114	39	DUMBOVICH	102
4	SENIOR	133	22	MIROGLIO	113	40	AUBY	102
5	MELTZER	128	23	KARAVAINOV	110	41	VAN CLEEF	101
6	CICHOCKI	127	24	FYRUN	110	42	ONIX-LONGU	100
7	BAREL	126	25	HELLE	109	43	POLETYLO	98
8	SMITH	125	26	KIRUBAKARA	109	44	BALDURSSON	94
9	REPS	123	27	KHIUPPENEN	108	45	MOULD	92
10	KALISH	123	28	MAROTTA	108	46	ABRAM	90
11	NET MULLER	120	29	ALTSHULER	108	47	NET JANSMA	88
12	TURKEY 1	120	30	SISSENER	108	48	BROWN	87
13	JACOBS	120	31	DIEDEN	108	49	EX_NYSTROM	86
14	VARENNE	119	32	BURGAY	108	50	RINALDI	83
15	GROMOELLER	119	33	MORATH	105	51	ANGELINI2-Fan	83
16	ISIZEL	118	34	AASELID	105	52	NET ONSTEIN	80
17	EIDI	118	35	MONSTED	104	53	DELANEY	77
18	CORNELL	116	36	GROMOV	103	54	FIORETTI	68

SWISS B

1	CHAGAS	142	29	TURKEY 2	112	57	BUCHLEV	96
2	OUTRED	140	30	SOLARI	111	58	RYNNING	94
3	WESTS	138	31	FRERICHS	111	59	MOURITZEN	94
4	LARA	137	32	BLAKSET	109	60	FAST WEB	94
5	CHEMLA	134	33	DE BOTTON	109	61	KOUZNETSOV	94
6	SAVIN	133	34	NET BERTENS	109	62	M-TEL	93
7	GULLBERG	131	35	EX_VICKOR	109	63	CATELLANI	92
8	CS CLICHY	126	36	QUERAN	108	64	SAGIV	92
9	MOSSOP	126	37	LIMOR	108	65	VAINIKONS	92
10	HENRI	126	38	DEBUS	106	66	DAUVERGNE	91
11	BENNETT	125	39	JPN	106	67	GONCA	91
12	GILLS	124	40	PINTO	106	68	VILLAS-BOAS	90
13	MONACHAN	123	41	CASTELLANI	106	69	BARETY	88
14	HIRST	123	42	COSTI	105	70	WAKSMAN	88
15	BO	121	43	BACKSTROM	105	71	BERG	85
16	TROPICO	120	44	OLIVIER	104	72	HAUGE	84
17	EX_ANGELI-Bov	120	45	SCHWARZ	104	73	LARSSON	84
18	PANAHPOUR	119	46	LEPODER	104	74	ASLANSLI	82
19	FISCHER	119	47	SVOBODA	103	75	COOK	79
20	ZIMMERMANN	118	48	OPALINSKI	103	76	HAMPSON	78
21	BLUMENTHAL	118	49	MARILL	102	77	AYDIN	73
22	NAHMIAS	117	50	GWINNER	102	78	KOLPORTER	73
23	EVANS	116	51	CAUMEL	101	79	EX_PASQUINI	49
24	CAMPBELL	116	52	NAFTALY	100	80	EX_MEEHAN	23
25	HELLING	114	53	TACIUC	100	81	EX_SCHIFKO	0
26	HARARI	113	54	DIKLIC	97	82	EX_LEWIS	0
27	VAN DER REET	113	55	BARRETT	96.50	83	EX_CHOUR	0
28	WALSH	112	56	DE ST. PASTOU	96			

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12	ZILBERBUSH	174
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