

Menton - France
14th - 28th June 2003



Daily Bulletin



Editor: Jean-Paul Meyer - Co-Editor: Marc Horton

Journalists: Alberto Benetti, Franco Broccoli, Guy Dupont, Jos Jacobs, Philippe Brunel, Brent Mainley - Lay-out Editor: George Hadzidakis

Photographer: Ron Tacchi - Printing: Roberto Luchin

Bulletin 10

Tuesday, 24 June 2003

Finals Countdown



VuGraph operations started yesterday

At the end of today's play we will know who will contest the finals of the Open, Women's and Senior Championships. Yesterday's action saw a number of upset results, with the hot favourites in the Open, team Lavazza, being eliminated in the round of 32. The same fate befell the reigning Bermuda Bowl Champions, Meltzer, and the mighty Polish team Jassem. In the Round of 16 Welland lost a hard fought encounter against Chagas. The match between Turkey I and Senior went into overtime, with the English team eventually emerging with a provisional victory pending a late appeal. The Women's event saw one of the favourites fall when Smith lost to Gromova. We have to mention the performance of the Scottish team McGowan, who outscored their opponents 109-0 in the second half of the match.

Schedule of play

Today

09.30-13.00	O/W/S Pairs Registration
10.00-14.15	O/W/S Teams (KO Round of 8) VuGraph (Chemla v Reps)
15.30-19.45	O/W/S Teams (Semi-Final)
15.00-18.45	O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 1st Session)
20.30-24.00	O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 2nd Session)

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

Contents

Eidi v Smith	2
Welland Good	6
Never Give Up	9
Slammed in Menton	10
La Gazette du Palais	13
Cose di casa nostra	15

OPEN TEAMS - SWISS

Round 6

Eidi v Smith

The Lebanon national team has been performing quite well at recent European Team Championships. Here in Menton, three of them were doing even better on Sunday afternoon, as one of their regular players is being replaced by Polish veteran Krzysztof Martens to make up the team. They were scheduled to play against the Smith team from England, though Czerniewski is actually a Welshman (one might think, however, that he and Martens have some roots in common...). Their second pair in this match were Hoskins and Southwell.

It was mainly a battle of partscores, in which the Lebanese had the upper hand more often than not. Near the end, the only game swing of the match occurred, and that was a curious one as you will see.

The first board was an easy enough partscore, but on the second board something happened:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Tchamitch sportingly balanced with 3NT for a minor take-out, having first passed over 2♣. Thus, Baroudi ended up in 4♣ which makes if declarer takes the right view in trumps. When the ♣10 appeared in West when a club was led up to dummy, declarer had the option of finessing on the way back. Statistically right, but not successful this time, Smith +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

The British sold out to 3♣ and collected two undertricks for another +100 and 5 IMP's.

The next board was a matter of subtle bidding:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
	Pass	2♠	All Pass

A nice false preference did the job for the British. A club went to the queen, and king, declarer ducking. A trump came back to the queen and ace. Another club now went to declarer's ace and a diamond was ducked to South's queen. Back came a club, but it did not matter any more. Dummy ruffed and declarer ruffed out the diamonds and conceded a trick to the last trump out before claiming the balance for +140.



Krzysztof Martens, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Though 2NT was played from the right side of the table, declarer could not quite handle it. The lead of the ♣8 ran to the queen and a spade was led, dummy's king winning as Hoskins rightly held off his doubleton ace. Eidi then crossed in diamonds to lead another spade to the queen and the ace and Hoskins cleared the clubs. When the spades did not break, Eidi successfully took the heart finesse but he still had only seven tricks. Smith +100 and 6 IMP's.

More partscore battling two boards later:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass			INT
All Pass			

Czerniewski made the unlucky lead of the ♣A which cost a tempo. When he next played a spade to Smith's ace, the entry to his possible diamond tricks, the defence was badly placed. Smith returned a spade to declarer's king, but there was ample time now to cash the clubs and concede a heart to the king. Eight tricks, Eidi +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
	2♥	3♦	1♥
Dble			All Pass

Here we saw the Canapé in action. It backfired this time, as it enabled EW to find a good fit in a suit no longer available to their counterparts at the other table. The play was nice too: Club to the ace, club ruff, heart to the king, heart won by North who re-

turned a trump to queen, king and ace. Another club was ruffed in hand, a heart ruffed in dummy and the ♦J cashed. Declarer had lost only one trick so far, so he could afford to put South on play with the last heart. South could take two more high trumps, but then had to lead away from his ♠K to render Eidi his contract for a well-earned +110 and 6 IMP's.

More partscore fun on the next board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			

A nice rubber bridge style auction and a perfect final contract. Once again an unlucky lead from West, this time a low diamond to the ten and jack. From now on, declarer had all the



Michel Eidi, Lebanon

time in the world to come to two heart tricks and two club tricks, and eight in all for +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Here, East did not make a light opening bid, so NS were left to their own resources. 2NT proved too high when declarer, in the heat of the battle, forgot to put in dummy's eight on the lead of the ♣6. When the diamonds did not behave, the defence could establish an extra trick in hearts when declarer started to attack this suit. One down, +50 to Eidi and another 5 IMP's.

Eidi gained another 5 IMP's when the Brits overbid to an impossible game and then we saw the advantage of missorting the cards in your hand.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 4		♠ Q J 10 6 5 2									
♥ K J		♥ 4 2									
♦ 7 3 2		♦ J 10 9 5 4									
♣ A K 8 7 3		♣ -									
♠ K 8	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <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		♠ 7 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ A 10 9 8 7 6		♥ Q 5 3									
♦ Q 8		♦ A K 6									
♣ Q J 2		♣ 10 9 6 5 4									



Marc Smith, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
		3♥	All Pass

2♦ showed a weak two in that suit (no Multi!) and 2♥ was natural and invitational. East made a polite raise and there it rested. One down. What had happened was that East had mentally transformed half his spades into clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
Pass	3NT	3♠	Pass
		All Pass	

Well, this is what you get when you sort your cards correctly. With both the long spades and the long diamonds in the entryless hand, 3NT was never in danger. One overtrick, so Smith had gained 11 IMP's, the biggest switch of the match, with no effort at all, to go into the lead by 6.

They lost most of that lead on the next board:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q J 5 3		♠ 9 8 7									
♥ 7 6		♥ 5 2									
♦ 7 5 3		♦ A K 10 8 6									
♣ 6 5		♣ K 4 3									
♠ 10 6	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <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		♠ 4 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ A 10 9 8 4		♥ K Q J 3									
♦ J 4 2		♦ Q 9									
♣ A 9 8		♣ Q J 10 7 2									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♦	All Pass

When Baroudi quickly passed as dealer on his aceless hand, Tchamitch put pressure on the opponents by launching 3♠ in third position. When Czerniewski did manage to find a double indeed, his side got into some trouble. 3♠ is down one but of course, Smith settled for 4♦ and that contract could not be made either. Eidi +100.

At the other table, The Lebanese-Polish combination had no chance to get into trouble when the Canapé came into operation once again:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

One down, Eidi another +100 and 5 IMP's back to trail by 1.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 5										
	♥ Q J 8 7 4										
	♦ A 4 2										
	♣ J 8 7 5										
♠ J 8 7		♠ Q 10 4 3									
♥ A 6 5		♥ 10 9									
♦ J 5 3		♦ 10 8 7									
♣ 10 9 6 2		♣ A K 4 3									
	<table border="1" 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		
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ A K 9 6 2										
	♥ K 3 2										
	♦ K Q 9 6										
	♣ Q										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Czerniewski	Tchamitch	Smith	Baroudi
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hoskins	Eidi	Southwell
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

At both tables North was in 4♥ but as you can see, they had no trouble getting there in the Closed Room after the Strong Club opening, whereas Tchamitch had to introduce his meagre five-card suit to reach the game as well.

As we have said before at a number of occasions, bridge is a cruel game. Smith made the good opening lead of a trump, after which declarer was forced to ruff out the spades and make an overtrick when everything broke nicely. Eidi first cashed a top club before switching to a trump, so Southwell had time to ruff a club and thus lost the time needed to establish the fifth spade for the same overtrick.

In the end, missing the overtrick had its particular charm as the match now resulted in an exact tie, a fair result for an encounter played in an excellent atmosphere.

Pairs events

This afternoon we start the pairs events in the Open, Women and Seniors series. We use three different venues for these events. The Open will play in the Palais, the Women play in the Bridge club du Menton and the Seniors play in the Orangerie. Play starts at 15.00 h.

To go to the Bridge club du Menton you go out of the Palais, turn right and take the second road on your right. After 100 meters you see the cub on your left; For the Orangerie you start the same way and take the first road on your right. After 150 meters the Orangerie is on your left (Vacancier Orangerie). Enjoy the garden when entering.

Apologies

Sometimes difficult arithmetic problems are easier to solve than handling the procedures for the duplication of boards. Anyway, the alien sets brought into play two days ago caused problems and well understood irritation. It should not have happened and I would like to apologise for it.

At the same time, I want to express my gratitude to the teams involved for helping to solve the problems as well as possible. Especially the teams playing an extra match in the late afternoon and doing so very seriously should be recognised.

Thank you so much.

Ton Kooijman

World Computer-Bridge Championship Underway

The 7th annual world computer-bridge championship got underway Sunday morning with nine teams (computer programs) vying for the 2003 world title. The competition takes place over a six-day period. The format is a 20-board round robin top four programs advancing into a semifinal KO. The competition is taking place at the Bridge Club du Menton, a very short distance from the playing area...everyone is welcome to watch.

The first round saw a rematch of last year's final in which JACK narrowly defeated Wbridge5 by 1 IMP to retain its world championship. JACK continued its winning ways defeating Wbridge5 45-30.

After the half way point, with 4 rounds to go, Jack and Wbridge5 are on top of the leader board, followed closely by Bridge Baron, Oxford Bridge and Micro Bridge.

The standings after three matches on a 25 VP scale are:

Team	VPs
Jack, The Netherlands	101
Wbridge5, France	100
Bridge Baron, USA	95
Oxford Bridge, UK	93
Micro Bridge, Japan	90
Q-Plus Bridge, Germany	73
Blue Chip Bridge, UK	45
Meadowlark Bridge, USA	29
Sabrina, France	24

Al Levy

OPEN TEAMS

Round of 32

Welland Good

In the first knockout round of the Open Teams, two American squads went head to head - Welland and Jacobs. Both have made their marks in high-level competition in the USA, and Roy Welland is still basking in the glow of his team's victory in the Mixed Teams last week. He took a different team to the wars in the Open, and in the first half of their match, George Jacobs and his squad had the better of it by a score of 22-15.

In the second half of the match, the lineups were Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg for Welland against Polish stars Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski in the closed room - Robert Levin and Steve Weinstein for Welland against Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson, one of the hottest pairs in North America.

Board 15, the first of the second half, was a push. Only one IMP changed hands on the second deal, but it was fun to watch Rosenberg play it.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levin	Hampson	Weinstein	Greco
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Weinstein started with the ♠10, and Hampson put up the jack, which held. He played a heart to his king and another heart to the 10, which also held. Hampson played a low diamond off dummy and Levin played the 2. Weinstein took the ♦Q and got out with the ♠10, helping declarer to two tricks in that suit. The ♣10 was covered with the king and ace, and Hampson got out of his hand with the ♥Q to Levin's ace. Levin played a low club from his jack, but Hampson put up the 9 and was home with his game. Plus 400. Rosenberg, at the other table, did better, even without the helpful club switch.

West	North	East	South
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Zia and Rosenberg play INT openers as 12-14, so the INT rebid in the above sequence showed 15-17.

Zmudzinski started with the ♠10, taken in dummy with the jack. Rosenberg played a heart to his queen and a heart to the 10, also ducked. Rosenberg continued with a heart and Balicki won the ace. He got out with a low diamond to the 6 and queen, ducked by Rosenberg. Zmudzinski exited with the ♠9 to Rosenberg's king. Rosenberg cashed the ♥K, then played the ♦9 and rode it to Balicki's 10. He was endplayed at that point, and when he exited with a low club, Rosenberg played low. Zmudzinski had to put in the 10 to keep dummy's 7 or 8 from winning, transferring control of both minors to Balicki. Rosenberg won dummy's ♣Q and played a low club to West's jack and his ace. When he cashed the ♠A, his hand was the ♣9 and a low diamond. Dummy had the ♣8, which was discarded, and the ♦A. Balicki had to make a discard from the ♦K 8 and the ♣K. When he threw the latter, Rosenberg cashed his good ♣9. That was plus 430 and a well-earned IMP for the Welland team.

The Jacobs team earned an 8-IMP swing on the third board of the set.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠

INT was described as semi-forcing. With trumps splitting so badly, Rosenberg had to scramble to fulfill his contract, but it was plus 110 to Welland. Hampson and Greco did much better.

West	North	East	South
Levin	Hampson	Weinstein	Greco
Pass	INT	Pass	3♣*
All Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

Greco's 3♣ was Stayman and 3♠ showed five. Weinstein started with the ♥10 to Hampson's ace, and a low diamond went to the 9, jack and queen. A heart was returned to dummy, and Hampson played a low club to his king and another diamond. We-

instein rose with the $\diamond A$ and cleared the heart suit, but after running diamonds, declarer played a second low club from dummy. Levin went up with the ace and returned a spade. Hampson, looking at nine tricks, did not consider the finesse, and he had an overtrick when the $\spadesuit K$ fell under his ace.

Jacobs was looking good at that point, but a reversal of fortune was right around the corner.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit Q 9 4 \heartsuit 9 6 2 \diamond Q 10 6 5 2 \clubsuit K 10</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit K 10 8 7 2 \heartsuit A K Q 8 \diamond A K \clubsuit J 8</p>	
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>\spadesuit 6 3 \heartsuit 7 5 3 \diamond 8 7 4 3 \clubsuit Q 6 5 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit A J 5 \heartsuit J 10 4 \diamond J 9 \clubsuit A 9 7 4 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit A 10 9 \heartsuit 10 \diamond Q J 7 4 2 \clubsuit Q J 10 9</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q 8 5 \heartsuit K 9 8 6 4 \diamond A 6 \clubsuit 8 6 2</p>									
West	North	East	South									
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia									
Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit *	Pass									
1 \diamond	Pass	1 \spadesuit	All Pass									

1 \clubsuit was of the Polish variety - minimum balanced or any strong hand. Balicki didn't care which. He had nothing to say over 1 \spadesuit . Zia and Rosenberg did well to stay out of the auction.

Zmudzinski had the power to make seven tricks even in a 5-2 fit with a useless dummy, and he ended play at plus 80.

At the other table, the auction got away from Greco and Hampson, who are playing a strong club system.



Cezary Balicki, Poland

West	North	East	South
Levin	Hampson	Weinstein	Greco
Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble	Redbl
Pass	INT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 \diamond	Dble	2 \heartsuit
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 \spadesuit	Dble	All Pass

North-South went from playing a 5-2 fit to a 3-3 fit with a 4-3 break, then to a 3-3 fit with a 5-2 break. This was not a happy contract. Weinstein led trumps at every opportunity, and Hampson finished with three spade tricks and two clubs for down three and minus 500. That was 9 IMPs to Welland. Board 23 was another small gain for Welland, but it could have been much more.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K 6 \heartsuit A Q J 7 3 \diamond K 10 8 5 \clubsuit A 5</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit Q 8 5 \heartsuit K 9 8 6 4 \diamond A 6 \clubsuit 8 6 2</p>	
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>\spadesuit A 10 9 \heartsuit 10 \diamond Q J 7 4 2 \clubsuit Q J 10 9</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 7 4 3 2 \heartsuit 5 2 \diamond 9 3 \clubsuit K 7 4 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q 8 5 \heartsuit K 9 8 6 4 \diamond A 6 \clubsuit 8 6 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q 8 5 \heartsuit K 9 8 6 4 \diamond A 6 \clubsuit 8 6 2</p>									
West	North	East	South									
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia									
Pass	1 \heartsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit									
Dble	Redbl	Pass	Pass									
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass									
2 \diamond	Dble	All Pass	Pass									

Rosenberg started with a trump to the 6, 9 and queen. The \clubsuit was next, taken by Rosenberg with the ace to continue playing trumps. Balicki led a low club from dummy, and Zia erred by ducking. Balicki won the $\clubsuit Q$ and pondered his next move for some time before playing the $\heartsuit 10$. Rosenberg won the $\heartsuit A$ and got out with the $\heartsuit Q$, but Balicki won the $\heartsuit K$, discarding a club, and played the $\heartsuit 9$, pitching his other club. Rosenberg's choices then were to give up his second trump trick by cashing the $\diamond K$ and exiting with the 10 - or to let Balicki into dummy with a heart or a spade. Eventually, Rosenberg played a spade, but Balicki went up with the queen and discarded his other spade loser on the $\heartsuit 8$. He lost two diamonds, one club and two hearts for plus 180.

As you can see, Zia must rise with the $\clubsuit K$ and return either black suit to keep North from being endplayed. Rosenberg could ruff a club, cash the $\diamond A$, then the $\heartsuit A$ and exit with the $\heartsuit Q$. Declarer would still have to lose a spade and would be down one.

Obviously this is not a great result - but it was not a loss.

West	North	East	South
Levin	Hampson	Weinstein	Greco
Pass	1 \clubsuit *	Pass	1 \diamond
INT*	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
Pass	2 \heartsuit	All Pass	Pass

Hampson's 1♣ was strong and artificial - and Levin's INT showed the majors or the minors. Hampson had a great hand, but he also had a warning that the suits were probably breaking badly - Levin was not likely to enter the auction at that vulnerability, even with a two-suiter, if he didn't have some shape. Hampson took only five tricks for minus 300. What looked like a loss at Zia's table had turned into a 3-IMP gain for Welland.

Another major swing came Welland's way on the following deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Levin as West opened 2NT and quickly found himself in the notrump game.

Hampson led a low club to the jack, ducked by Levin. Hampson overtook the club return and cleared the suit. In with the ♣A, Levin played the ♦K, ducked all around. Greco won the jack and returned a low spade. Levin had no real option but to finesse, and when the ♠Q held, he played the ♥A and a heart to the king, followed by a second spade finesse to finish with 10 tricks for plus 630.

West	North	East	South
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia
1♣*	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT*	Pass	1♦	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

INT showed a balanced hand with 18-21 high-card points. Rosenberg started with the ♣K, ducked, but Zia signaled encouragement and Rosenberg continued with a low club to the jack. Balicki ducked again. On winning the ♣A at trick three, he played the ♦K. Zia took the ace right away and made things much more difficult for Balicki by returning a spade. With the possibility of the diamond finesse or a doubleton ♦J still out there, Balicki did not want to put all his eggs in the one basket of the spade finesse, so he rose with the ace and ran his five heart winners.

Balicki could still have made the contract by playing a spade because Zia had come down to the doubleton ♦J and singleton ♠K. A spade to Zia would have left him on play at trick 12 with the ♦J 5, looking at the ♦Q 10 in dummy.

Balicki did not read the position, however, playing a diamond from hand. The ♦Q was the eighth trick, but there would not be a ninth. Minus 100 was a 12-IMP swing for Welland.

As you can see, 4♥ is a much better contract, apparently unreachable by the two East-West pairs.

On the next deal, Jacobs earned 7 IMPs when Balicki and Zmudzinski bid an aggressive 3NT that could not be defeated. The following deal put the icing on the cake for Welland.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

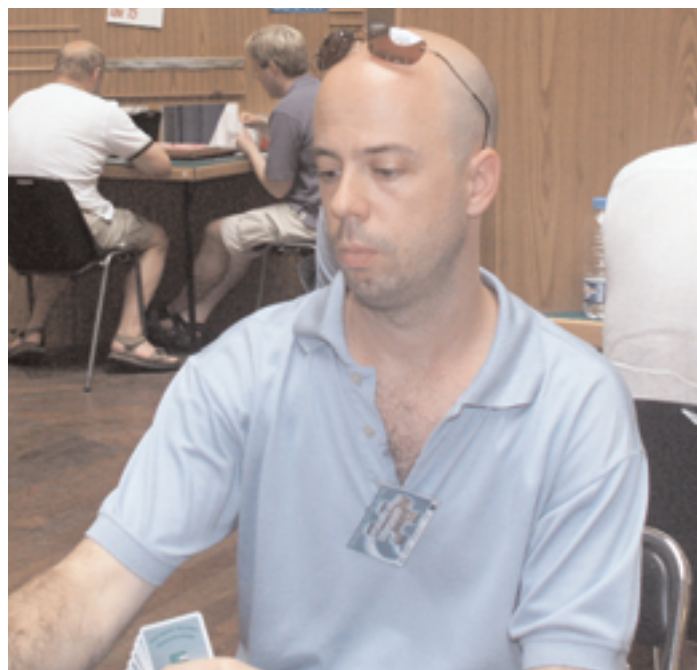
West	North	East	South
Balicki	Rosenberg	Zmudzinski	Zia
1♣*	1♠	2♦*	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Zmudzinski's 2♦ was not forcing. He started with a diamond to Rosenberg's bare ace. The ♠K was played a trick two, and Rosenberg began liking his contract even more when the 10 appeared from East. Balicki won the ♠A and returned a diamond. Rosenberg discarded a club, played the ♣A and ruffed a club, followed by a spade to the 9 and a second club ruff. When the suit broke 3-3, he could pick up trumps and claim 11 tricks.

The board was a disaster for Jacobs at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Levin	Hampson	Weinstein	Greco
1♣	1♠	3♦	3NT
All Pass			

This forlorn contract had no play at all, and Greco managed only six tricks for minus 300. It was a 14-IMP swing to Welland, winners by the score of 57-37.



Geoff Hampson, USA

Never Give Up

Mark Horton

You will recall this deal from yesterday's Bulletin

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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.

However, let's take a further look at this deal, courtesy of Germany's Joerg Fritsche. This is the position after declarer has played the king of hearts.

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

Holding two trump tricks and an ace Joeфри was reasonably hopeful that he would take three more tricks, but watch what happened:

Declarer discarded a club on the jack of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played the ace of spades to reach this position:

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

When declarer advanced the king of spades South was caught in a complex ending. He discarded a club and so did dummy. On the next spade South got rid of his diamond but declarer could ruff and play the six of diamonds, discarding his losing club. So, take a bow, Monsieur Jean Louis Vives.

Don't Miss the next issue of Bridge Magazine



Featuring a full report on the European Open Bridge Championships in Menton.
Take advantage of huge reductions for participants in the Championships.

Rates	One Year	Two Years	Three Years
	50 Euro	90 Euro	125 Euro
	\$56	\$100	\$135

To subscribe visit Mark Horton in the Bulletin office.

OPEN TEAMS

Round of 32

Slammed in Menton

It's important to have good judgment in bridge. It's equally important to be in the right place at the right time. The Netherlands Red Team was reminded of the latter principle in their unsuccessful match against the Italian Miroglio team which fielded four Polish players.

Time and again, the Dutch found themselves in a spot that was "wrong" because the cards didn't cooperate. On another day, the same contracts might have resulted in a completely different outcome.

It started with the second board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2NT was explained as showing 17-18 high-card points with six hearts possible. Bauke Muller led the ♣J, which rode to Piotr Tuszynski's singleton king. Looking at all the cards, it's easy to see that declarer can unblock the ♠K and lead a low heart toward dummy. He will get over there sooner or later and use dummy's top clubs and ♠A to throw his three losing diamonds. Tuszynski thought it best not to think of overtricks, so he played the ♥10 from hand. Muller played low smoothly, so declarer let it ride. When North discarded, the ♥J lost its status as a possible entry and the limit was 11 tricks for plus 450.

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Szymanowski	Drijver	Romanski
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Any red-suit lead save the ♥K will scuttle the contract - a diamond by setting up a winner right away, and a heart by taking

out dummy's entry to the three black winners declarer needs for disposal of his diamond losers.

In fact, Jacek Romanski got off to the lead of the ♦3. Bas Drijver won the ace and had no choice but to cash the ♣K, overtake the ♠K with the ace, take two diamond pitches on the clubs and depend on the heart finesse. It was not to be on this day, and it was one down and 11 IMPs to Miroglio.

The Dutch got their 11 IMPs back on the next deal, as Maarten Schollaardt and Drijver drove to a vulnerable 4♥ that could not be defeated while at the other table Muller and Simon De Wijs played in 5♦ undoubled, going down two tricks for minus 100.

The bad luck for the Dutch regarding slams continued on Board 4, but for once they did not lose IMPs even though no slam was bid at the other table.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Jacek Romanski, Poland

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Szymanowski	Drijver	Romanski
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♣	3♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

2♥ was a relay and 3♣ showed the minor suits. The double of 3♠ was clearly meant as penalty - and it was booked for two down on routine defense. Drijver needed better breaks in the key suits to land 6♦. He didn't get them and the result was two down for minus 200.

The end result was a 5-IMP gain, however, because of what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass (!)	Pass		

Tuszynski was aghast to see the tray slide back to his side with a pass of his cuebid. He did his best in the 3-2 trump fit, but the 6-2 split was more than he could handle and he was four down for minus 400.

Another 10 IMPs went to Miroglio when Muller and De Wijs missed a vulnerable game that was bid at the other table.

The IMPs were piling up for the Italian team, and more came their way on Board 11.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
			1♦
1♠	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Apolinaire Kowalski led the ♠10 and Muller took a very long time before playing the jack. He then went into a study that lasted more than 10 minutes. Even after a director was summoned, it took some time for play to resume. Finally, he played a diamond to the ace in his hand and played a heart. Kowalski did not err - he rose with the ♥A and cleared the spade suit. There was nothing Muller could do from that point. When the ♥J did not fall, he was down one.

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Szymanowski	Drijver	Romanski
			1♣
1♠	3NT	All Pass	

The ♠5 went to the 4, 9 and jack, and Marek Szymanowski played flawlessly. He entered dummy with a diamond to the ace and played a low club. West ducked and declarer played the king. He then put the ♥Q on the table. West won the ace and cleared the spade suit, but Szymanowski continued to play practically double dummy. He ran the ♥10, cashed the ♦Q, took the marked finesse in diamonds and cashed the ♥K for nine tricks and a score of 400. That was another 10 IMPs to Miroglio.

This was the final deal of the first half.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
		1♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Kowalski's 3♥ was a splinter, and the auction seemed to be going somewhere but abruptly stopped, much to the delight of the Poles.

Muller led a trump, ducked to North's king. A trump was returned, and Tuszynski won in hand to play the ♦9, running it to North's queen. The ♦A was still to be lost, but declarer had his plus 420.

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Szymanowski	Drijver	Romanski
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The question was whether the Dutch, bidding a slam for the third time in the set, would finally have some luck and bring it home. The answer was no. Drijver won the opening lead of the ♥Q with his ace and ran the ♠Q. Another slam down the drain and a 62-16 lead for Miroglio. Netherlands Red made a comeback in the second half, winning 49-15, but it was not enough as Miroglio advanced with a 77-65 victory.

Youthful Optimism

Peter Lund

This is the first European Championship for the young Danish women's pair Marlene Kirstan & Camilla Krefeld. In order to qualify for the knock out phase they needed a good result in their last match, which was one of the ones that had to be replayed. Would their nerves hold?

Marlene picked up this hand:

♠ 10
♥ J 7 6 5 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A K 9 6 5

The auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
	Kirstan		Krefeld
		2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	?		

Now North pulled a rabbit out of the hat when she bid 4♥!?? 4♣ (or 3NT) should show this type of hand - but perhaps with a few more values! - but when you have the courage and conviction of youth you are more concerned with the practical than the theoretical. After East and West pass, you are not surprised to see West produce a red card. East leads the two of spades and you apprehensively await the appearance of dummy.

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

When the queen of spades held declarer could cash the ace discarding a diamond and was content to take ten tricks, +590.

Suicide in the Rue Muiderberg

Mark Horton

Once you decide you have come up with a good idea for a title and a story, it's a shame not to use it, so although the convention in use on this deal is not Muiderberg, it is of Dutch origin, so as we say, 'Close enough for Government work.'

Many of you will be familiar with Edgar Allan Poe's classic story, 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue'.

I leave you to judge if on this deal from the Open Teams East/West were guilty of suicide.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Jansma			
		2♣*	2♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

It has always been a mystery to me why anyone would want to open a hand such as East's, but since I used to do it myself I can't really argue. South obviously intended his overcall to be natural, but after West had passed there was some audible tapping on the other side of the screen and West also heard someone say 'both majors'. West was surprised to see the tray come back with North's contribution, but did not forget to double.

He was expecting to collect quite a number, and he was absolutely right.

East led a club and declarer won with the queen, cashed the ace, ruffed a club, disposed of his two black losers on top diamonds, returned to hand with a ruff and advanced the king of hearts, collecting East's queen as if it were his due. +1660.

Notice that on a spade lead and a heart switch declarer cannot even make game.

Those who live by the sword...

La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

Deux finales avant la lettre ?

En 1/16 de finale, le premier du Suisse A rencontre le cinquième des repêchés du Suisse B, et ainsi de suite. La formule aurait pu passer inaperçue si elle n'avait opposé quatre équipes phare, celle de Lavazza à celle de Chemla, ainsi que celle de Meltzer (tenante de la Bermuda Bowl) à celle de Chagas. Deux finales avant la lettre ! Aux championnats du monde de Montréal, les qualifiés de chaque poule intégraient un tableau à 32 équipes en fonction de leur valeur virtuelle, et non de leur classement dans la poule. Chaque formule a ses mérites (après tout, les repêchés n'avaient qu'à pas se trouver dans le tableau de repêchage), mais celle de Montréal présentait un avantage pour l'intérêt de la compétition et l'engouement du public : repousser le choc des titans le plus loin possible vers les phases finales.

Bonnes proportions

Parmi les sept formations américaines présentes dans la championnat open par équipes, quatre se sont qualifiées en 1/16 de finale. Sans compter une équipe transnationale Brésil/USA, celle de Chagas (Brenner, Garner, Weinstein.), repêchée numéro 1 du Suisse B.

Les pensées du chien Mazette

On devrait quotidiennement attribuer un bonus de trois points de victoire à chaque équipe. Cela nous rendrait plus heureux de jouer. Evidemment, quelques uns se rendraient compte qu'il n'y a là aucun cadeau. Comme le dit un proverbe hollandais (cité par Jos Jacobs) : " C'est comme si on s'offrait un cigare de sa propre boîte ".

La valise de Soulet

Très organisé, Philippe Soulet est arrivé, à son troisième jour de compétition, avec une glacière-valise à la main. Vérification faite, elle ne contenait pas d'alcool - gare à l'article 26 du règlement ! - mais seulement des boissons fraîches. Certains adversaires ou kibitz en ont même profité. Sympa.

Magique !

Vous pouvez vous permettre de manquer les atouts, quand vous avez suffisamment de ressources pour opérer un bon rétablissement final au jeu de la carte. Voyez Jeff Meckstroth, par exemple, dans le tour 5 du Suisse B :

Festival de bridge de Megève du 1er au 5 Août 2003 au palais des sports

Paires Mixtes : 1er Août
Paires Open : 2 et 3 Août
Patton : 4 et 5 Août

5000 euros de prix en espèces
prix spéciaux par séries

Renseignements :

à Megève - Valérie Ronchis au 0450586345

à Menton - Gérard Tissot

Donne 2 (E/N-S)

♠ 8 5 4 3 2

♥ 4

♦ 4 3

♣ V 10 7 5 4

♠ D 10

♥ RV 3

♦ RV 6 5 2

♣ R 6 2

	N	
O		E
	S	

♠ A R V 7

♥ A 9 8 5 2

♦ D

♣ 9 8 3

♠ 9 6

♥ D 10 7 6

♦ A 10 9 8 7

♣ A D

Ouest

Rodwell

Nord

(Fin)

Est

Meckstroth

I ♥

Sud

Passé

4 ♥

Sud entame de l'As de ♦ et rejoue ♦. Que cache cette entame ? Meckstroth, ayant pris du Roi (en défaussant un ♣), décide de tirer les atouts en tête : As et Roi de ♥. Aïe !

Il va néanmoins trouver l'occasion de se raccrocher aux branches : Valet de ♦, en défaussant un autre ♣, ♦ coupé, puis trois tours de ♠. Sur le troisième, la fin est magique :

♠ 8 5

♥ -

♦ -

♣ V 10 7

♠ -

♥ V

♦ 6

♣ R 6 2

	N	
O		E
	S	

♠ A R

♥ 9 8

♦ -

♣ 9

♠

♥ D 10

♦ 9

♣ A D

Sud est en mauvaise posture. Sur le Roi de ♠, quoi qu'il fasse, il va être squeezé à trois couleurs (y compris à l'atout), et condamné à ne réaliser que deux levées :

- s'il coupe du 10 de ♥, le mort surcoupe, le 6 de ♦ est coupé, et Sud ne peut plus prétendre qu'à la Dame de ♥ et à l'As de ♣.

- s'il coupe de la Dame de ♥, quel que soit son retour, le Valet de ♥ capturera finalement le 10, et rien n'empêchera le déclarant de réaliser tôt ou tard le Roi de ♣.

- S'il défausse la Dame de ♣, Meckstroth écarte un ♣ du mort et présente l'As de ♠, que, pour les mêmes raisons évoquées ci-dessus, Sud ne coupe pas, préférant jeter, cette fois, le 9 de ♦ ; mais le déclarant en profite pour couper l'As de ♠ du Valet de ♥, et le 6 de ♦ affranchi permet de faire disparaître la perdante à ♣ (Sud ne réalisant en fin de compte que ses deux atouts). C'est ce qui s'est passé à la table. Grandissime !

Sud pourrait défausser le 9 de ♦ avant la Dame de ♣, pour une même fin.

Dans le mille !

Vous êtes à l'enchère, avec cette main en Est, dans le Suisse B par équipes du tour 6 :

♠ V 4 3 2
♥ —
♦ R 6 4 3 2
♣ RV 3 2

La séquence se déroule, Est donneur, personne vulnérable :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
		Passe	1 ♥
Passe	1 ♠	Passe	2 ♥
Passe	3 ♣	Passe	3 ♥
Passe	4 ♥	?	

Vous ne vous trouvez pas d'enchère ? Alors, vous manquez d'imagination ! Daniel Barbaroux, lui, a contré. Pas trop fier, tout de même, lorsqu'après deux Passe, Nord a surcontré. Mais tout alla pour le mieux : deux de chute (le déclarant étant parti du Valet de ♥...), soit 1000 dans la bonne colonne.

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

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

Pour un coup de 14 imp au moment des comptes.

Merci pour tout

Le Maréchal de Lapalice aurait pu dire : "Indiquez moi le bon flanc et je jouerai les bonnes cartes ". Shapour Mohtashami s'est mis (une fois n'est pas coutume) dans la peau du disciple, et Gilles Guitta a tenté l'expérience.

Seniors - Tour 14 - Donne 8 - E/P

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

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Guitta		Mohtashami	
X	3♠	Passe	1♠
		5♥	5♠ (Fin)

L'enchère de 5♥ augurait sans nul doute de la présence d'au moins un gros honneur à ♥. C'est ce qui motiva Guitta à entamer d'un petit ♥, sous l'As. Quand le Roi eut fait la levée, le retour à ♣ s'imposait. Merci pour la contre-attaque dans la fourchette. Moins un.

Irrésistible mais irréversible

Méfiez-vous des entames évidentes.

Seniors - Tour 15 - Donne 20 - E/T

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

♠ —		
♥ V 10 7 6		
♦ 9 8 3		
♣ V 10 9 4 3 2		

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Cuenca	Ekberg	Attali	Johnsson
1♠	2♦	3♦	Passe
3♥	Passe	4SA	Passe
5♠*	Passe	6♠	(Fin)

* 2 clés + la Dame d'atout

Tony Cuenca reçoit l'entame du Roi de ♦. Comment doit-il jouer ?

Ayant pris de l'As, seule une position favorable des ♥, doublée d'une position bloquante des ♦ peut lui éviter de perdre deux levées dans les rouges. La présence du 10 de ♦ permet d'espérer que la remise en main fonctionnera. As de ♦, deux tours d'atout, deux tours de ♣, deux tours de ♥, et 10 de ♦ en priant très fort. Ouf! Nord est obligé de rejouer dans coupe et défausse.

Une entame plus neutre (à ♠, par exemple) aurait donné au déclarant la possibilité de se tromper. Il aurait sans doute joué les ♥ 3/3... pour une de chute. Mais, peut-on résister à l'entame à ♦ avec ce genre de main ?

**Ne manquez pas François Colin
et ses dossiers d'entraînement
+ de 900 rings d'enchères triés par thèmes
... en vente dans le hall**

Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

Dal 4° turno dello swiss, una mano di De Martinis che mostra l'esistenza di qualcosa di ultraterreno.

Board 11. Dichiarante Sud. Tutti in prima.

♠ K 10 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ A J 10 6 4 ♣ Q 7 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	O E	S	♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ – ♣ A K J 8 5 2	♠ J 6 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ K Q 8 5 3 ♣ 9 6
N						
O E						
S						
	♠ Q 8 2 ♥ 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 10 3					

Pronti, via! Seduti al tavolo, nemmeno il tempo di un caffè e si parte con questa torta. La maggior parte della sala ha giocato 3SA in E/O realizzando un numero di prese variabile tra le 9 e le 11 (detto così sembra un appuntamento con i tecnici dell'Italgas). De Martinis/Fioretti, con una botta di anticonformismo, non si sono seduti dalla parte della maggioranza e hanno prodotto questo capolavoro impressionista (che nemmeno Monet...):

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
De Martinis		Fioretti	
passo	ISA	contro ⁽¹⁾	passo
passo	passo	contro	2♦ ⁽²⁾
3♣	passo	3♥	passo
3♠ ⁽³⁾	passo	4♠ ⁽⁴⁾	tutti passano

⁽¹⁾ monocoloro

⁽²⁾ sottocolore

⁽³⁾ colore?

⁽⁴⁾ dolore!

Parafrasando la canzone: "Dammi un colore, non chiedermi niente, dimmi che hai bisogno di me...". Scherzi a parte, Fioretti, sul 3♣ del compagno, mostra tutta la sua forza surlicitando il colore avversario. A lui basta poco per fare manche ed è ben contento di chiudere a picche sul colore (eventuale) del dirimpettaio.

La mano è imbattibile, ma per la cronaca Nord ha attaccato Asso di cuori, per il Re del morto, ed è tornato quadri sotto Asso. De Martinis ha scartato di morto entrando con il Re della mano e ha proseguito con l'impasse a fiori. Picche per il 6 e il 10 di Nord che è tornato fiori per il Re del morto. Asso di picche e, occhi chiusi, picche. +420.

Juniores

Nel terzo turno dello swiss i nostri juniores (Lo Presti/Mazzadi, Furio e Stelio Di Bello, Guariglia/Uccello - cng Rinaldi) hanno incontrato una formazione irlandese. Match veramente pericolosissimo. No, non per la posizione di classifica o per il talento eccezionale degli avversari. Per due motivi molto più im-

portanti:

1) sono le 10 di mattina (mattina: praticamente una bestemmia nel lessico juniores),

2) in sala aperta gli irlandesi schierano due ragazze!

Quando si verifica quest'ultima condizione, alcuni esperti hanno calcolato un rendimento dei nostri *latin lover* (Lo Presti?) inferiore di un buon 30% rispetto al normale. Che Dio ce la mandi buona...(già fatto!).

Board 2. Dichiarante Est. N/S in zona

♠ A 10 ♥ A 9 8 7 4 ♦ A 7 6 2 ♣ Q 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	O E	S	♠ 8 7 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ K 10 9 5 3	♠ K Q 9 6 4 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ 2
N						
O E						
S						
	♠ J 5 ♥ Q J 10 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A J 8 7 4					

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Horan	Lo Presti	Dowling-Long	Mazzadi
4♠	contro	passo	passo
passo	5♦	passo	4SA
tutti passano		passo	5♥

Ann Marie Horan non ci pensa più di tanto a mettersi di traverso con la normale apertura di 4♠. Sul contro del compagno,



Fabio Lo Presti, Italy

Mazzadi, zona contro prima, ritiene di avere buone possibilità per giocare in attacco e comincia la ricerca di un colore con 4SA. Ovest ha attaccato Re di picche, per l'Asso del dichiarante che ha proseguito Dama di fiori (Re, Asso) e Dama di cuori a girare. Hilary Dowling-Long è entrata con il Re e, questo è il momento, ha giocato picche invece di anticipare quadri. La compagna, in presa con la Dama di picche, si è trovata incartata e, piuttosto che taglio e scarto, ha provato quadri. Mazzadi è stato basso di morto, entrando di Dama e realizzando le restanti prese. In presa con il Re d'atout, Est avrebbe potuto battere anche tornando nel colore.

Board 4. Dichiarante Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Horan	Lo Presti	Dowling-Long	Mazzadi
passo	passo	1♣	passo
1♥	passo	1SA ⁽¹⁾	passo
2♦ ⁽²⁾	passo	3SA ⁽³⁾	tutti passano

⁽¹⁾ 15-17
⁽²⁾ FM
⁽³⁾ massimo senza 3 carte a cuori

Questa mano sembra messa apposta per un quiz licitativo. Si fanno 5♣, si fanno 4♥ (+1), mentre il contratto di 3SA, che normalmente si raggiunge con il pilota automatico, è appeso all'amichevole distribuzione delle quadri o al mancato attacco nel colore. Le quadri, nella fattispecie, sono nemiche e Mazzadi imbrocca l'attacco Re di quadri, rimane in presa, ci pensa un po' (sudore, come se già non facesse caldo...) e prosegue nel colore.

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

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Horan	Lo Presti	Dowling-Long	Mazzadi
	passo	passo	1♣
passo	2♣	passo	2♦
passo	2♥	passo	4♥

tutti passano

1♣ è forte, 2♣ è bilanciato 7/11 (passato di mano), 2♦ chiede, 2♥ è minimo con la quarta.

Hilary ha attaccato Fante di quadri per l'Asso del morto. Sul successivo Asso di cuori Lo Presti ha notato l'8 di Ovest e ha proseguito cuori per la Dama. Se qualcuno vi ha detto che questa mano non è interessante, non credetegli. Indovinata la cuori, infatti, il contratto si mantiene per la favorevole distribuzione avversaria. Il colore di picche è frozen, congelato, il che vuol dire che nessuno può muoverlo senza perdere la presa. Perciò, al limite, il dichiarante potrebbe anche battere tutti gli atout, incassare le quadri scartando fiori e giocare fiori in attesa delle due prese a picche. Lo Presti ha anticipato fiori per la Dama del morto ed il Re di Ovest che ha intavolato una picche. Entrato con la Dama del morto, Lo Presti ha sofferto, ha scosso la testa, si è disperato (tutta una manovra di corteggiamento) ma proprio non è riuscito ad andare sotto. 4♥mi, + 620. Nell'altra sala i Di Bello bros, in E/O hanno affollato immediatamente la licita beccando il contro a 3♠ per due prese di caduta in prima.

Board 10. Dichiarante Est. Tutti in zona.

♠ 8 4			
♥ 10 8 2			
♦ Q			
♣ Q 8 7 6 4 3 2			
♠ K 10 7 3		♠ J 6 5 2	
♥ Q J 5		♥ A 6 4 3	
♦ K J 9 6		♦ 5 4 2	
♣ J 5		♣ 10 9	
	♠ A Q 9		
	♥ K 9 7		
	♦ A 10 8 7 3		
	♣ A K		
Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Horan	Lo Presti	Dowling-Long	Mazzadi
		passo	1♣
passo	1♦	passo	2SA
passo	5♣	tutti passano	

In questa mano molti N/S hanno rischiato il 3SA, prendendo cappotto per mancanza di comunicazioni. I nostri avversari nell'altra sala sono finiti fuori campo, pagando un gran numero. I *la-trin lover* (devo far controllare la tastiera), invece, con una bella licita rapida e indolore sono arrivati al contratto giusto. Dopo l'attacco atout di Ovest, Mazzadi ha proseguito Asso di quadri e quadri taglio, atout per la mano e quadri taglio, cuori per il 7 e il Fante di Ovest, Re di quadri tagliato e cuori (Asso di Est). +600. L'incontro è finito 16 a 14 per gli azzurri.

Inferno batte paradiso 2 a 0

I due powerful squadroni di Angelini fuori dai KO.
 Trattandosi di angeli, è il diavolo che ci ha messo la coda?

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 32

		1st	2nd	total
1	LAVAZZA	27	21	48
	CHEMLA	42	25	67
2	EIDI	44	36	80
	ISIZEL	23	27	50
3	REPS	29,5	38	67,5
	KARAVAINOV	32	28	60
4	SMITH	45	25	70
	KIRUBAKARA	33	31	64
5	MELTZER	44	32	76
	CHAGAS	61	29	90
6	JACOBS	22	15	37
	WELLAND	15	46	61
7	TURKEY I	50	37	87
	GORDON	28	19	47
8	SENIOR	33	41	74
	OUTRED	35	26	61
9	KIRILENKO	33	22	55
	WESTS	55	24	79
10	GROEMOLLER	15	33	48
	CLEMMENSEN	52	31	83
11	NET MULLER	16	49	65
	MIROGLIO	62	15	77
12	CICHOCKI	27	17	44
	KHIUPPENEN	10	56	66
13	BAREL	58	27	85
	HELLE	20	33	53
14	KALISH	45	33	78
	FYRUN	20	40	60
15	VARENNE	1	7	8
	CORNELL	24	36	60
16	MILLNER	0	23	23
	LARA	74	47	121

ROUND OF 16

		1st	2nd	total
1	CHEMLA	64	42	106
	EIDI	24	19	43
2	REPS	69	0	69
	SMITH	6	0	6
3	CHAGAS	24	21	45
	WELLAND	10	32	42
4	TURKEY I	60	5 (8)	65
	SENIOR	46	19 (10)	65
5	WESTS	43	20	63
	CLEMMENSEN	27	32	59
6	MIROGLIO	63	7	70
	KHIUPPENEN	24	42	66
7	BAREL	24	22	46
	KALISH	60	42	102
8	CORNELL	38	16	54
	LARA	27	30	57

CONSOLATION SWISS A

1	ALTSHULER	234	13	AUBY	202	25	MOSSOP	187
2	CICHOCKI	221	14	CAMPBELL	201	26	EVANS	184
3	JACOBS	219	15	KIRUBAKARA	200	27	AYDIN	181
4	ANGELINI2_Fan	218	16	CS_CLICHY	198	28	SOLARI	181
5	POLETYLO	215	17	BO	197	29	NAHMIA	180
6	FORRESTER	210	18	BENNETT	197	30	FRERICHS	179
7	KARAVAINOV	209	19	HENRY	196	31	ABRAM	176
8	MILLNER	209	20	MAROTTA	193	32	GULLBERG	174
9	ONIX-LONGU	207	21	FIORETTI	192	33	PANAHOPOUR	171
10	MONSTED	206	22	HIRST	190	34	WAN DER REET	170
11	RINALDI	205	23	TURKEY_2	188	35	WALSH	162
12	MOULD	203	24	HELLING	188			

CONSOLATION SWISS B (including Women - Senior TEAMS)

1	w-ERDEOWA	107	13	LARSSON	81	25	WAKSMAN	67
2	SVOBODA	96	14	CALMEL	81	26	w-WARNER	66
3	GONCA	89	15	w-BUKET	80	27	JPN	64
4	NAFTALY	88	16	DIKLIC	80	28	OLIVIER	62
5	SAGIV	88	17	VAINIKONS	77	29	MARILL	61
6	s-POKORNA	88	18	SCHWARZ	77	30	DEBUS	55
7	s-SZENBERG	85	19	RYNNING	76	31	w-ROOS	53
8	PINTO	83	20	DAUVERGNE	75	32	w-VON MALCHUS	50
9	s-HOMBURG	83	21	QUERAN	74	33	RAFF	42
10	ASLANSLI	82	22	w-WENNING	74	34	GWINNER	22
11	NET BERTENS	81	23	s-CORTE-REAL	73			
12	s-LIBAN	81	24	TACIUC	68			

WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 16

		1st	2nd	total
1	LOUIS VUITTON	53	29	82
	FIGB RESTA	20	10	30
2	FILIPPI	15	0	15
	MCGOWAN	57	109	166
3	SENIOR	29	31	60
	RAHELT	64	39	103
4	VRIEND	50	52	102
	BEKKOUCHE	27	18	45
5	FIGB MOSCA	38	27	65
	ERHART	25	32	57
6	AVON	33	27	60
	PETROVIC	42	11	53
7	BARR	42	27	69
	GRONKVIST	40	32	72
8	GROMOVA	58	13	71
	SMITH	7	55	62

SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND OF 16

		1st	2nd	total
1	FLEMMING	55	68	123
	SPENGLER	5	20	25
2	SERF	28	49	77
	KAMERBEEK	30	9	39
3	MARKOWICZ	21	48	69
	EICHHOLZER	28	9	37
4	ADAD	67	63	130
	TELTSCHER	23	16	39
5	MEYER	0	14	14
	SANTOLINI	36	20	56
6	HALLEN	58	24	82
	LUCK	45	15	60
7	PEYRONNIE	40	50	90
	RAND	11	29	40
8	BOREWICZ	23	9	32
	FORNACIARI	46	60	106

SENIOR TEAMS
(standings after 15 sessions)

GROUP B

1	FORNACIARI	284	9	KAPLAN	208
2	ADAD	275	10	POKORNA	205
3	HALLEN	266	11	SZENBERG	201
4	KAMERBEEK	259	12	GUITTA	199
5	RAND	247	13	CARIC	195
6	EICHHOLZER	245	14	LEBANON	185
7	SANTOLINI	240	15	SAXON	164
8	SPENGLER	219			

40^E FESTIVAL
INTERNATIONAL
DE BRIDGE DE
DEAUVILLE

- Dans l'individuel, prix pour toutes les dames
- Souvenir à tous les participants de l'open et du mixte

DU 14 AU 27 JUILLET

- 14 au 16 juillet : Trophée Lucien Barrière
Cadeau à toutes les participantes de l'individuel
- 17 au 20 juillet : Paires open France Cartes
- 21 et 22 juillet : Paires mixtes
- 23 et 24 juillet : Paires dames et messieurs
- 25 au 27 juillet : Paires open réservé aux 3^e séries et au-dessous, Société Générale
- 25 au 27 juillet : Tournoi par équipes, Grand Prix de la Ville de Deauville

Début des tournois à 15 h sauf le 14 à 14 h 30Droits d'engagement : 22 euros par joueur et par séance.
Tournoi par équipes : 260 euros (4 à 6 joueurs).Renseignements : Nadine Ansay, 51, bd d'Auteuil, 92100 Boulogne.
Tél./fax : 01 46 03 51 20