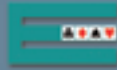


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The Pride of Europe



Women's Teams



Senior Teams



Open Teams

We salute the first European Open Team Champions in three categories, Open Women's and Senior. In the Open **Israel's Kalish, Avigdor Kalish, Leonid Podgur, Ilan & Ofir Herbst, Doron & Israel Yadlin** outpaced **France's Chemla, Paul Chemla, Philippe Cronier, Michel Abécassis & Philippe Soulet**.

In the Women's event the team representing Italy **FIGB Mosca, Emanuela Capriata, Cristina Golin, Gabriella Manara, Caterina Ferlazzo, Monica Buratti & Darinka Forti** overcame **The Netherlands Vriend Net, Femke Hoogweg, Wietske Van Zwol, Carla Arnolds, Bep Vriend, Jet Pasman & Anneke Simons**.

The Senior Teams went to the **French** squad **Adad, Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Guy Lasserre, Philippe Poizat, François Leenhardt & Gérard Sallière (NPC Yves Aubry)**. They defeated the **Italian** team **Fornaciari, Ezio Fornaciari, Antonio Vivaldi, Adriano Abate, Fabrizio Morelli, Franco Baroni & Marco Ricciarelli**.

OPEN TEAMS

Semi - Final - 1st half

Miroglio v Kalish

Four teams still were in contention for a place in Wednesday's Finals when play resumed on Tuesday afternoon: Chemla (the pride of France) would play Chagas (representing the Americas) and in the other match Miroglio (Poland with distinct Italian flavour) would face Kalish (Israel).

Let's first turn our attention to the Miroglio-Kalish match, in which Tuszynski-Kowalski would play Podgur-Kalish on Vugraph, with Szymanowski-Romanski facing the Herbst brothers in the Closed Room.

The Poles scored their first goal on the first board to take a 1-0 lead, but the second board brought a much higher turnover:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Tuszynski	Podgur	Kowalski
		2♠	Dble
3♠	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Piotr Tuszynski, who had to bid 4♦ under a certain pressure, gave the auction some more thought when 4♥ came round to him, but when he finally passed this the Poles were in a sound contract and registered an easy enough +620. Kowalski won the spade lead, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade before playing two top hearts followed by the ♦K which was ruffed. No overtrick.

At the other table, the Israeli pair were given all the room they wanted:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	I. Herbst	Szymanowski	O. Herbst
		2♦	Dble
2♠	3♠	Pass	6NT

With the diamonds not behaving and the ♣K offside, Ofir had to go down two. Miroglio +13 IMP's to lead by 14 now.

Kalish scored a goal on the next board to trail 1-14, but a few boards later it was bingo for them:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Tuszynski	Podgur	Kowalski
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

When Kalish led the ♦Q Apolinary Kowalski quickly had all the tricks. Miroglio +1010. Could this be a loss for them?

Yes it could. In the Closed Room, they found the club lead but had to pay dearly for it:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	I. Herbst	Szymanowski	O. Herbst
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	Dble	5♠
All Pass			Redble

This was worth +1620 or so, an unusual enough number, but Kalish had got 12 IMP's back to trail by just 1. On the very next board, the Poles struck back:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Tuszynski	Podgur	Kowalski
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♥

Straightforward Polish Club. 2♦ showed a strong hand with diamonds and the rest was completely natural, Tuszynski's bid of 3♠ showing top honour doubleton being the key to a thin slam. When all the suits broke nicely, declarer no longer needed the heart finesse as 12 tricks were already there. Miroglio +1370.

At the other table, they came nowhere near:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	I. Herbst	Szymanowski	O. Herbst
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
All Pass			3NT

When North chose 2NT as his rebid, NS were off the slam track. Miroglio had scored 12 IMP's and again taken a more substantial lead.

A few boards later, Kalish again levelled the match:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Tuszynski	Podgur	Kowalski
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3NT

Against this very normal contract East led the ♦9. Dummy played low, West had to play the ten and declarer ducked, possi-



Avigdor Kalish, Israel

bly hoping for a favourable continuation. Seeing the ♣K next was not quite what he wanted...With the ♥K offside, there was no redress. Kalish +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	I. Herbst	Szymanowski	O. Herbst
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♠

In the other room, East made a passive trump lead, and Ian Herbst quickly seized his chance by winning this and presenting the ♥Q! East won, but he still did not know that he had to attack clubs, so he returned a heart. The ace won, perforce, a middle trump was overtaken in dummy, a club went on the ♥J and a club was led. When the defence continued clubs, Herbst could ruff high, cross to dummy by overtaking the ♠2 with the ♠3, eliminate the clubs and play the ♦A and a diamond to the queen. West won the king but had to give a ruff and discard. Well done, +620 to Kalish and 12 IMP's back.

Kalish took the lead two boards later, when NS had to cope with a gigantic misfit:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Tuszynski	Podgur	Kowalski
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

2♠ showed a twosuit, but Kowalski's idea behind bidding 2NT certainly was not to hear his partner announce a strong 6-5 or so. When 4♣ came back to him, he was stuck as anything he would do next would be treated as forcing. Passing was not a great success either, as the contract went down two, +200 to Kalish.

In the other semifinal, at one table North did not open so it was East who opened 1♠. South now went in to show his beautiful red hand by bidding 3♣, which became the final contract as North could not possibly find any red suit preference with his two singleton nines.

At the other table in this match, the Herbsts were among those who showed the way:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	I. Herbst	Szymanowski	O. Herbst
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Don't care too much about partner's twosuit, just bid what you hope to (and might well!) make. Kalish a practical +600 and a lead of 13 IMP's.

At half time, it stood at 41-27 to Kalish. The second half became a tense affair. At board 20, the score stood level at 42-42, and you might be able to read a report on what happened afterwards elsewhere in this issue.

A Brilliant Recovery

Mark Horton

On this deal from the final qualifying session of the Open Pairs Germany's Thomasz Gotard overcame an aberration in the bidding by finding a brilliant lead.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A 10 9 5	♠ Q	♠ K 6 4 3 2									
♥ J 4 2	♥ A 9 7 6 3	♥ 10									
♦ 9 7 6	♦ K Q 5	♦ A J 10 4 3 2									
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	♦ 8										
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West	North	East	South
Jaguiewski	Gotard	Pazur	Piekerek
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
1♠	4♥	1♦	1♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♥
All Pass		5♠	Dble

One Club was Polish. Yes it would be normal to open One Heart in that system, but this is Menton and 41°C - or at least it feels like it. North's jump to Four Hearts suggested he had four cards in that suit and five or more clubs.

North found the stunning lead of the five of diamonds!! Naturally declarer thought it was a singleton and went up with the ace. Playing North to be 3-4-1-5, he played a spade to the ace and a spade to the king and was down 3, -500 and a 95% score for the German pair.

OPEN TEAMS

Semi - Final - 2nd half

Chemla v Chagas

On Vugraph for the second part of the Semifinal Round the audience was to be treated to the Chemla-Chagas match. Here, the score was 26-17 to Chemla at half time, but those who might have been hoping for a close, well-fought match were to be disappointed. Not very much happened, and apart from that it was mostly one way traffic too.

On Vugraph they would start with boards 27 and 28 to enable the Closed Room to finish play on the other boards early enough to make direct comparisons possible. For once, we will follow this same order in the report, as 27 and 28 really were the boards on which it all happened:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Garner</i>	North <i>Abécassis</i>	East <i>Weinstein</i>	South <i>Soulet</i>
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♦	All Pass	

Two Diamonds showed spades and a minor, but it looks as if Garner was limping on two thoughts here, as he showed no sign of willingness to defend 2♥ doubled, but also refrained from making a clear game try instead. So everything remained very much in the dark. Even the answer he got from Soulet to his question about Abécassis' diamond length probably needed for the 3♦ bid (maybe five, maybe six, to which Zia as a Vugraph commentator added that his own personal record was in fact eight) did not help very much to clear the fog.

Even in the repechage offered when Soulet came to life with 4♣, game was not found by EW, so Chemla's team lost just 50 on the deal.

In the Closed Room, they made it look very easy:

Closed Room

West <i>Cronier</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Chemla</i>	South <i>Brenner</i>
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Spades and, upon request, clubs, so no further problems with a double fit and an outside singleton.

Chemla +420 and 9 IMP's.

On the next board, the Americans struck back, or at least so it looked:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Abécassis</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	Redble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass



Philippe Cronier, France

The French had done their best once again to put their opponents off the track, but this time EW managed to catch the last train. As 5♦ clearly implied adequate trumps and no values in any black suit, Weinstein closed his eyes for a long time before opening them to make the winning bid. Chagas +920.

The Vugraph audience had to wait till the end of the session before they were to know what the French would do, but in this report, we can finish off the matter already now.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cronier	Chagas	Chemla	Brenner
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

When NS did not interfere, the 2♠ splinter once again made it look almost too easy. Chemla +920 and no swing.

Helped by the intervention, Abécassis could find a nice line to land 3♠:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Garner	Abécassis	Weinstein	Soulet
	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

Well, this did not look too good for the French. North had done well not to overbid in hearts, realising they would probably be stacked behind him, but he might as well have ventured a double over 3♦ on which South would have been delighted to pass and collect 500 (five top tricks and two heart ruffs).

Abécassis recovered well by making 3♠ in elegant fashion. East led an obvious trump, West winning the ace and continuing trumps. Declarer drew the remainder of the trumps, East discarding a club and a diamond, unblocked the ♦A and then played ♣A and a club. East does best to return a diamond immediately but he first played the ♥K instead. This held the trick, and now the diamond came but it was too late. Dummy's king won, declarer throwing a heart, a club was ruffed and the ♥10 led. East had to win and could only return another heart... Chemla +140.

It would not have helped East very much to return a diamond immediately, as declarer has the same play available of ruffing a

club and leading the ♥10 to East, the only difference being that it might have been more difficult to find this solution.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cronier	Chagas	Chemla	Brenner
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
	3♥	Pass	3NT

When Chemla did not interfere with the opposition bidding (and why should he on a hand like that?), the Brazilians quickly were too high. On a diamond lead, declarer had no play and went one down for another +50 or 5 IMP's to Chemla.

Another partscore swing to Chemla arose when Chagas apparently bid for the swing on this board:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Garner	Abécassis	Weinstein	Soulet
Pass	2♣	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
		All Pass	

2♣ usually shows the majors in France, but when it came back to North with a red card, he seized the opportunity to show diamonds as well. As Soulet had no particular reason to disturb this, they played there for a quiet +90.

The other room once again was the place to be:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cronier	Chagas	Chemla	Brenner
Pass	Pass (!?)	INT	Pass

Well, one would like to write something like "the place where it all happened," but in fact nothing happened at all. Chagas simply passed, no doubt hoping or even more so, expecting that INT would go down all by itself. Right he was, had Brenner led the ♣9 instead of his actual choice, the fourth best ♣6. When dummy's ♣7 held the trick Chemla could continue the suit, establish it and get off play with a low heart to North who had to surrender a trick in any suit at the end. Chemla another useful +90 and 5 more IMP's.

The issue had been clearly settled by now, Chemla winning the set 26-4 and 52-21 in all to move forward into the final.

Appeal No. 20

England v Russia

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Gary Blaiss (United States), Jean-Paul Meyer (France)

Women's Teams Round of 16

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Brock	Gromova	Nelson
2♠	1♠	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Contract: Three No trumps, played by East

Lead: King of Spades

Result: 9 tricks, NS -600

The Facts:

East had alerted 3♥ and explained it as a cue-bid. West had not alerted it. South called the Director at the end of the hand and told him she would have lead a Heart if she had received a correct explanation of the bid of 3♥.

The Director:

Asked South whether she had asked anything about the 3♥ (she hadn't, because it had been not alerted), and ruled that South had not been damaged by the failure to alert.

Ruling:

Result Stands

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C

North/South appealed.

Present:

All players and the Captain of North/South

The Players:

South said she had not lead her own suit, but rather her partner's because 3♥ had not been alerted and she had assumed it to be natural.

North told the Committee that East had alerted 3♥ and had explained it as a mixed control, also denying the diamond control. East confirmed that this was the meaning and that this was what she had explained.

West told the Committee that she had simply forgotten to alert. She had realized it was a cue-bid, and that it showed a control rather than asking for a stopper. She had bid 3NT because she had assumed the cue bid was made on an honour, since there were not many points out.

East pointed out that South had asked a lot of questions but nothing had been asked about 3♥. Her English was not as good as her opponent's, and she had great difficulty in explaining, and that may be why she forgot to alert. But she had not forgotten what the bid meant.

The Committee:

Considered that South had asked many questions but not about the one bid which might have solved the problems she said she had.

The Committee came to the conclusion that the choice of lead is always a guess, either with natural hearts or with a heart cue-bid. There was some discussion regarding the difference between the chances of finding the heart lead with the alternative meanings, but the difference was deemed negligible. The choice does not become much easier with the correct explanation.

The Committee felt that South had not been severely damaged.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit:

Returned

Personal Note:

(by Herman De Wael)

This case illustrates a possible kind of ruling: suppose the Committee finds that the Heart lead would be found 40% of the time with the wrong explanation, and 60% of the time with the right one, would there then be a case for giving 20% of the contract going down.

One could express this as:

(60% of 3NT-1 plus 40% of 3NT=) minus (40% of 3NT-1 plus 60% of 3NT=)

to be added to the table score (100% of 3NT=)

which translates to

20% of 3NT-1 by East (NS +100)

plus 80% of 3NT= by East (NS -600)

or, when compared to the other table (NS +200), a result of 20% \times (-3) + 80% \times (-13) = -11 in stead of the -13 they now had.

Law 12C3 authorizes the Appeal Committee (and in some cases the Director) to give these kinds of scores, but would the players understand and appreciate them?

OPEN TEAMS

Final

What might have been

With 32 boards to play in the final of the Open Teams, the French squad led by Paul Chemla trailed the Kalish team of Israel by 23 IMPs. That is not an especially large margin with so many boards to be played. In fact, the French had their opportunities to gain ground, but it was not to be. When the second set was over, Kalish had extended their lead.

This deal early in the match was typical of the missed opportunities by the French, who played Michel Abecassis and Philippe Soulet in the open room against Ilan and Ofir Herbst, while Chemla and Philippe Cronier opposed Doron and Israel Yadlin at the other table.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ J 7 6 5 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ J 9 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ K Q 10 ♥ K 10 4 3 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ K Q 3	♠ 9 6 4 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ A 5
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West	North	East	South									
D. Yadlin	Cronier	I. Yadlin	Chemla									
Pass	1♣	Dble	2♠									
All Pass												

The Israelis had no chance to defeat 2♠, and they let a trick get away to allow declarer to make nine tricks for plus 140. In the other room, Abecassis and Soulet put themselves in a position for a gain.

West Abecassis Pass 2♥ 3♦ All Pass	North O. Herbst 1♣ 2♠ Pass	East Soulet Dble Pass Pass	South I. Herbst 1♠ Pass 3♠
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Abecassis started with the ♠2, taken in dummy. South led a low heart from the dummy at trick two, and Soulet rose with the ace to play the ♥A and a diamond to his partner's king. Declarer ruffed the third round of diamonds, cashed the ♥Q and played a club to dummy's queen. At this point, Soulet needed to win the ♣A and return the suit, breaking up the impending heart-club squeeze against his partner. Instead, Soulet ducked. Herbst cashed the ♥K, pitching a club, then cashed a high spade in dummy. When West discarded, Herbst took another look at the contract.

East's hand could easily be counted to a 4-3-4-2 pattern, and

Herbst was not fooled at all by Soulet's duck. Soulet would hardly have made a takeout double with only two aces. Declarer's next move, therefore, was to call the ♣3 from dummy. Soulet's ♣A beat air and Herbst was home with his contract and a well-earned push.

France finally earned a small swing thanks to an accident by the Yadlins in the closed room.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 8 ♥ 8 7 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 8 6 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ K 7 5 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ K J 5 4	♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A K 7 5 3 ♣ 9
	N											
W		E										
	S											
West	North	East	South									
D. Yadlin	Cronier	I. Yadlin	Chemla									
Pass	1♣	1♦	INT									
Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass									



Doron Yadlin, Israel

Clearly East meant his cuebid as a takeout. West did not see it that way and a silly contract was reached. The result was plus 150 for the French, who bid expertly in the open room to reach the right spot.

West	North	East	South
Abecassis	O. Herbst	Soulet	I. Herbst
Pass	1♣	1♦	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Abecassis and Soulet did very well to locate their eight-card fit. The Herbsts did their best to defeat this contract, but they could not. Ilan led a low spade to the jack and king, and a spade was returned to the queen. Soulet played a heart to his jack and South's queen, and South underled his ♣A Q to his partner's king so he could play another trump. A club was returned, however, ruffed by Soulet. Now the ♥10 went to the ace and the third trump was played by North. East finished with plus 110 for a 6-IMP gain for Chemla.

The Israelis had a chance for a significant gain two boards later, but they let the opportunity slip away.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
D. Yadlin	Cronier	I. Yadlin	Chemla
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

This was a miserable contract. Spades broke badly, East could get a heart ruff with the short spade holding. Chemla could not manage more than six tricks for minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Abecassis	O. Herbst	Soulet	I. Herbst
2♣*	Dble	Pass	INT
2♥	Pass	Redbl	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

2♣ showed the majors. Soulet's redouble told his partner to pick the suit. Abecassis would not have enjoyed playing 2♥ - he was probably going to be limited to six tricks himself for another plus 200 for the Israelis. Ilan Herbst, however, apparently mis-

interpreted his partner's double of 2♣, thinking it showed more strength than he actually had.

There was no chance to make the contract on a heart lead, which is what Herbst got. Minus 100 turned out to be a 3-IMP gain.

Near the end of the set, the French had two chances for gains, but their normally flawless declarer play was not in evidence and they lost IMPs instead of gaining them.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
D. Yadlin	Cronier	I. Yadlin	Chemla
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
	Pass		

Israel Yadlin did not strain himself after the lead of a low spade to the jack, and he finished with seven tricks for plus 90. The vugraph commentators predicted that Abecassis and Soulet would be in game - and they were correct.

West	North	East	South
Abecassis	O. Herbst	Soulet	I. Herbst
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
	All Pass		

South also started with a low spade, and Soulet was encouraged to see that the ♠J held at trick one (North played the 10). The problem was which suit to tackle, and how to go about it. You can see that there are possibilities in three suits outside of spades.

Soulet started well by ducking a heart. He won the spade return and played a low diamond to the queen and North's king. A third round of spades cleared the suit, and Soulet could have made his game by cashing the ♦A, followed by the ♥K and a heart to dummy's ace. After the 13th heart was cashed, declarer could lead up to the ♦9. He would have his game with three hearts, three spades, two diamonds and a club.

Instead of cashing the ♦A, however, Soulet played a low diamond from his hand, apparently in the belief that spades were 4-4. South gratefully won the ♦10 and cashed two spade tricks for down one and a 5-IMP gain for Kalish instead of an 11-IMP loss.

The next deal could only be described as an aberration by a top-flight player.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
D. Yadlin	Cronier	I. Yadlin	Chemla
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Cronier and Chemla did well to find the profitable 4♠ save. Chemla was down only two for minus 300.

The Herbst brothers were not as aggressive in the other room, and Chemla was going to have another small swing. Instead it was a surprising loss.

West	North	East	South
Abecassis	O. Herbst	Soulet	I. Herbst
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♣	3♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North started with the ♠A and continued with a spade to South's queen. South played the ♣7 through declarer's hand, and North took the queen with the king to shoot the ♣10 back to declarer's ace. As you can see, the contract is unbreakable - as long as declarer can ruff his losing club in dummy, and you can also see that he must take care not to ruff with anything but the queen.

Vugraph commentators were calmly predicting plus 420 - until trick four. It was at that moment that Abecassis played a low heart to the queen! Now the contract could not be made. He delayed the inevitable by trying to figure out a way to come up with 10 tricks, but there was no hope. A 3-IMP gain had turned into an 8-IMP loss as the Kalish team moved closer to the championship.

Pairs Finals

We are almost sure the following numbers apply for the finals in the three pairs events:

Open Pairs: 52 in total of which 41 are from SF-A, 6 from SF-B and 5 from the KO Final.

Women's Pairs: 28 in total of which 19 are from SF-A, 6 from the KO Final and 3 from SF-B.

Senior Pairs: 32 in total of which 23 are from SF-A, 6 from the KO Final and 3 from SF-B.

Ton Kooijman

A well-kept secret

The board below you will not find in any of the hand records distributed so far here in the Palais de l'Europe. Nor will it show up in any of the hand distribution sheets to be distributed later this week. Yet, your reporter saw this hand in play at the Palais, this week.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Curlin	Auken	Kirilenko	Von Arnim
			Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In 3rd or 4th position, 3NT need not be as gambling as it would be in 1st or 2nd.

Still, the golden rule of trying an ace to have a look at dummy may apply when on lead. So Kirilenko led the ♠A and continued the ♥A on which his partner played the queen.

A club switch now would have destroyed the story, but East continued a spade, dummy's king winning. Now, Sabine Auken was able to cash all the diamonds and reach this beautiful ending:

♠ - ♥ J 9 ♦ - ♣ K 9	<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		♠ 10 ♥ 7 6 ♦ - ♣ 8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
		♠ 9 ♥ 10 8 ♦ - ♣ A									

On the last diamond, dummy discarded a spade and West was helpless. He threw a club, as throwing the ♥9 would make it all too obvious, but Sabine read the position correctly. She cashed the ♣A first before returning to her hand to make the last two tricks with the ♥K and the now established ♣Q. A genuine criss-cross squeeze just had come by, a very good reason to record it for posterity here.

Doubling Doron

As a player on the Lara team found out, you better be careful when you double Doron Yadlin. This deal from the quarterfinal match of the Kalish and Lara squads is a case in point.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The contract cannot be defeated, but declarer must take care in the play, which is exactly what Doron did.

The opening lead was the ♦J, Rusinow style. Doron won with the ace and played the ♠K from hand. East won the ace as West signaled a count of four cards. The ♦9 was next, taken by North with the king. Then came the ♣A, a spade to the queen and the ♣Q, ducked. Doron discarded his ♠J on the ♣Q then ruffed a club low. He ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a club with the ♥9, which was overruffed by East's 10. A fourth round of diamonds was ruffed in dummy, leaving this position:

♠ 9 ♥ 6 ♦ - ♣ K	♠ - ♥ A 8 5 ♦ - ♣ - <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ - ♥ J ♦ - ♣ J 8	♠ - ♥ K Q 2 ♦ - ♣ -	
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The ♥J ran to East's queen and he was left on play at trick 12 to lead into North's tenace. That was plus 590 for Doron. His team won the match 124-49.

Thank you for coming!

The EBL wishes to thank all competitors for coming to Menton and being part of a historic event, the 1st European Open Championship.

This event reflects a new philosophy in that the EBL now embraces all European players, not just the top ones. And this happens in cooperation with the NBOs who are actively supporting this idea. The European Open Championships will be held every odd-numbered year in a place suitable for bridge, holidays and fun for everybody!

The first event in Menton brought us back to a place that won universal acclaim when the European Team Championships were held here exactly ten years ago. The idea was to combine the wonderful surroundings with a first-class tournament. A lot of effort was put into this, but unfortunately we have had to face many difficulties.

The main one was, of course, the heat. We are told that such weather occurs rarely. But it has occurred now, and the lack of air-conditioning in *Palais de l' Europe* has showed this as much as one could imagine. Other people complained about the timing, noise, smoking, mobile phones, etc. All in all, things did not go the way we planned - much to everyone's regret.

Our aim has always been - and still remains - to offer you the best service possible. **Have no doubt that we are going to achieve this, and you are going to enjoy it.** However, we need your cooperation.

When you get home, please take a moment to think what you liked and what you didn't in the 1st European Open Championship. Then, send us an email message to the address menton@eurobridge.org, mentioning the points you wish to see improved. You don't need to write much - just mention the points. And please, don't think that others will do it for you. Everybody's opinion counts - and the opinions of a large group takes precedence over those of a smaller one.

The EBL Executive Committee has already decided that **all complaints will be considered thoroughly.** The outcome will be used for a much better 2nd European Open Championship in 2005. That's a promise.

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Thank you very much for your cooperation.

The EBL Executive Committee

La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

Les plus jeunes

La paire la plus jeune : l'Argentin Augustin Madala, 16 ans, qui a déjà connu son heure de gloire dans l'équipe nationale argentine, associé à l'Anglais Shivan Shah, 10 ans, et qui a déjà derrière lui une carrière de quatre ans de bridgeur. Ils ont terminé 276èmes sur 337 (46,37 %) des éliminatoires.

Zia ambassadeur du vin français

Zia Mahmood a raconté, au micro du rama, qu'il s'était fâché dans un restaurant de New York, en s'apercevant que les vins français avaient disparu de la carte. Il avait protesté auprès du patron : " Faites ce que vous voulez en politique, mais, de grâce, ne nous privez pas du vin français, qui est si bon ".

Les faux Beatles

Démasquée, la paire Sergent - Pepper, en réalité Sergent - Maillet, qui a réussi à faire ressusciter ce célèbre titre des Beatles dans les trois premières séances de l'Open. Hélas ! leur performance n'a pas été à la hauteur de la notoriété de la chanson.

Les pensées du chien Mazette

Il est toujours difficile de trouver le bon flanc contre un contrat inchutable.
(inspiré par une réflexion de Jean-Paul Meyer au Rama)

Carré de 2

Curiosité : un joueur, en défense, a réussi l'exploit de fournir les quatre 2 sur les quatre premières levées d'une donne ; trois fois en fournissant à la couleur, la quatrième en défaussant.

Rendons à César

A propos de la donne publiée dans la Gazette d'hier, sous le titre " Frissons sur le secteur ", notre rédacteur en chef Mark Horton, qui a l'œil - et qui nous a à l'œil -, a trouvé suspect que le déclarant ait pu réussir neuf levées dans notre compte rendu, alors que le même coup dans la version anglaise, en page 6, avait chuté ! Après l'enquête qu'il nous a dûment demandé de diligenter, il apparaît que la retransmission du rama n'avait pas révélé les toutes dernières cartes jouées par la défense. Or, au prix d'un magnanime sacrifice, Howard Weinstein avait débloqué V-10 de ♠ dans V-10-8-3-2, afin d'échapper à la mise en main lorsque le déclarant, après A-R-D de ♠, avait rejoué le 6. Un détail qui nous avait échappé (et qui a, semble-t-il, échappé à la salle du rama, dans la confusion de la fin du match). Toutes nos excuses au brillant défenseur, qui mériterait un prix pour ce coup d'éclat.

Taillé sur mesure

Un chelem pas si facile à appeler, sur la donne 28 des demi-finales. Il a souvent été manqué. Dans le match Chemla-Chagas, il fut appelé aux deux tables.

(O/N-S)

♠ A D 10 8

♥ V 7 4 2

♦ 5

♣ D 9 6 3

♠ 7 3 2

♥ R D 6 3

♦ V 8 4 2

♣ V 10

	N	
O		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ A 10 9

♦ A R D 9 6

♣ A R 5 2

♠ R V 6 5 4

♥ 8 5

♦ 10 7 3

♣ 8 7 4

Au rama, avec la version " les adversaires font du bruit " :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Garner	Abécassis	Weinstein	Soulet
Passe	Passe	1 ♦	Passe
1 ♥	X	XX	2 ♠
Passe	Passe	3 ♠	Passe
5 ♦	Passe	6 ♦	(Fin)

En salle fermée, avec la version " l'adversaire ne met pas le nez à la fenêtre " :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Cronier	Chagas	Chemla	Brenner
Passe	Passe	1 ♦	Passe
1 ♥	Passe	2 ♠ *	Passe
3 ♦	Passe	3 ♥	Passe
4 ♦	Passe	4 SA	Passe
5 ♣	Passe	6 ♦	(Fin)

* main forte avec cinq ♦ sans quatre cartes à ♠

Pas de points perdus à ♠, le mariage à ♥, deux cartes à ♣, Ouest a, il est vrai, la main taillée sur mesure.

Samy donne la manche ?

Mais pas du tout, il l'encaisse ! Pas malheureux les Lyonnais Brigitte et Alain Samy sur cette donne, en jouant 4♠ de la bonne main, mais encore fallait-il les gagner...

Paires Open, 2e séance, donne 14 - E / P

♠ R 9 7 6 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ V 10 9 8

♣ A

♠ D

♥ A D V

♦ A 6 3

♣ R D 7 6 5 2

	N	
O		E
	S	

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ D 4

♣ V 9 8 4

♠ A V 10 8

♥ R 9 7

♦ R 7 5 2

♣ 10 3

Ouest	Nord B. Samy	Est	Sud A. Samy
2♣	X	Passe	1♦
4♣	4♠	3♣	3♠
X	(Fin)	Passe	Passe

Le déclarant prend l'entame du Roi de ♣ de l'As, élimine les atouts et fait l'impasse à ♦. En main à l'As, Ouest ressort à ♣ coupé au mort. Clarification des ♦, et ♥ pour le 9 de la main (fournir le 10 en Est pourrait inciter le déclarant à couvrir du Roi!). Bloqué à ♥, Ouest rend la dixième levée.

Respect de l'ordre

Une bonne entame et un partage défavorable à l'atout n'auront pas eu raison des déclarants précautionneux. Regardez plutôt :

Paires Open, 2e séance, donne 18 - E / N-S

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



Ouest C. Vives	Nord	Est JL. Vives	Sud
2♠*	Passe	2♦*	Passe
3♣*	Passe	2SA*	Passe
4SA	Passe	3♦*	Passe
6♥		5♣	Passe

2♦ : multi, 2♠ : négatif sur un 2♠ faible, 2SA : tricolore fort, 3♣ : demande de singleton, 3♦ : singleton ♣

Bonne séquence pour déclarer ce chelem ! Mais comment faut-il jouer sur entame atout ?

La meilleure ligne de jeu consiste à prendre l'entame en main de la Dame et à commencer par jouer As de ♠ et ♠ coupé, puis à tirer Roi et As de ♦. Rien n'apparaît ! Roi de ♠ pour la défausse d'un ♦ et ♦ coupé. Le déclarant ouvre alors la coupe à ♣. Sud prend et revient à l'atout (on découvre les atouts 3-1). Le déclarant prend de l'As de ♥, coupe son dernier ♠ du Valet de ♥,

rentre au mort à ♣ coupé, encaisse le Roi de ♥ et réalise la dernière levée avec son treizième ♦ affranchi.

Contre-pied

Mettez-vous à la place du Turc Ozkan, en défense, en Est, dans la deuxième séance qualificative du paires :

Donne 15 (S/N-S)

♠ RV 9 7 3
♥ A 10 7
♦ 10 7
♣ R D 9



♠ A D 4 2
♥ K 5 4
♦ DV 5 4 2
♣ 5

Ouest Yilmaz	Nord	Est Ozkan	Sud
Passe	1♦*	Passe	1♣
Passe	2♠**	Passe	2♣
Passe	3SA	(Fin)	2SA

* ambigu (négatif ou positif)
** naturel, positif

Ouest entame du 3 de ♥ (quatrième meilleure), pour le 7, que vous prenez du Roi. Vous décidez, à tort ou à raison, de contre-attaquer du 4 de ♦, que le déclarant prend de l'As, avant de laisser filer le 10 de ♠. **Quel est votre plan de défense ?**

Histoire d'appâter le déclarant, Ozkan a encaissé de l'As, et rejoué ♦, pour le Roi. Sud n'a pas manqué de poursuivre à ♠, en renouvelant l'impasse à la Dame, localisée en Ouest. Moins 2 !

♠ RV 9 7 3
♥ A 10 7
♦ 10 7
♣ R D 9

♠ 8 6
♥ V 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 4 3 2



♠ A D 4 2
♥ R 5 4
♦ DV 5 4 2
♣ 5

♠ 10 5
♥ D 6
♦ A R 6 3
♣ AV 8 7 6

En prenant de la Dame de ♠ à la première occasion, Ouest aurait rendu moins gourmand le déclarant, qui se serait contenté de ses neuf levées.

Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

E così, come avete visto precedentemente in questo bollettino, dopo 14 board di semifinale, la squadra israeliana Kalish (Podgur, I. Herbst, O. Herbst, D. Yadlin, I. Yadlin) conduce per 41 a 27 su l'ultimo spicchio italiano rimasto nella competizione open, gli italo-polacchi di Miroglio (Bongiovanni, Kowalski, Tuszyński, Szymanowski, Romanski). 14 imps non sono tanti ma, in un'assurda ripartizione, richiedono sempre un recupero di almeno un imp a mano, con gli avversari ininfluenti ai limiti dell'assenza. L'impresa non è facile, eppure il quartetto polacco schierato al tavolo comincia a rosicchiare surlevée in mani che, in altre occasioni, richiederebbero impegno ed attenzione inferiori. Fino a portarsi a 9 imps di ritardo (42 a 33). A questo punto lo schermo del rama illumina la mano seguente:

Board 20. Dichiarante Ovest. Tutti in zona.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 3 ♥ Q 8 6 3 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 10 7 4 2 ♦ K Q J 8 3 ♣ 9 8 7 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; 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	<p>♠ A Q 6 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ A 5 4 2 ♣ A J 5</p>
N						
O E						
S						
	<p>♠ K J 7 ♥ A K J 9 5 ♦ 7 ♣ K 10 6 2</p>					

L'incontro trasmesso è un altro, ma le carte sono uguali per tutti e nella calda e soporifera penombra del teatro che ospita il Vu Graph appaiono i risultati in tempo reale.

Si vede subito che è una distribuzione che può spostare un congruo numero di imps da una parte all'altra. Nemmeno a dirlo, all'aggiornamento del punteggio appare che gli inseguitori hanno



Marek Szymanowski, Poland

messo a segno un colpo da 9, proprio quei 9 imps che permettono a Miroglio di raggiungere Kalish (42 pari). Romanski/Szymanowski, in chiusa, dopo essersi appoggiati le picche, hanno contratto le 4♥ avversarie incassando 200. Attenzione, non è così facile e immediato perché per segnare questo duecentino, limitando a nove le prese avversarie, Ovest deve attaccare fiori. Con qualsiasi altro inizio Sud è in condizione di mantenere il contratto. Nell'altra sala gli israeliani, sulle 4♥ di Kowalski/Tuszyński, hanno rialzato a 4♠, per il contro di Kowalski e una presa di caduta. $200+200=9$ (quanto avevi in aritmetica? No, è che se si ragiona in imps...).

L'euforia dei supporter *poloitaliani* dura pochissimo, una vera doccia scozzese. Nel board immediatamente successivo, infatti...

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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Il verdetto è secco: Kowalski, in Sud, ha preso il contro a 4♦ cadendo di due prese (-500), mentre Szymanowski, in Est nell'altra sala, ha pagato 150 per tre down nel contratto di 4♠. Sono 12 pesantissimi imps per Israele che fa un deciso balzo in avanti verso il passaggio del turno.

Nei board 23 e 24 i polacchi rosicchiano due imps per 4♥ mantenute da Szymanowski contro il 3SA di Kalish e la doppia surlevée a 3SA di Kowalski contro la singola, nello stesso contratto degli avversari nell'altra sala.

L'ultimo colpo di reni degli inseguitori è stato questo:

Board 25. Dichiarante Nord. E/O in zona.

<p>♠ K Q 7 4 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ 5 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; 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	<p>♠ A J 9 ♥ A J 6 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A Q 9 7 2</p>
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	<p>♠ 10 8 6 2 ♥ 10 9 8 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ K 8 4</p>				

Gli E/O israeliani in aperta, indecisi sullo sviluppo dell'incontro, chiamano la manche a 4♠ finendo un down, mentre Roman-

ski/Szymanowski si fermano a 2♠ realizzando 8 prese.

Il tempo ormai lavora contro chi deve fare punti per forza e i tre capitoli conclusivi di questa avvincente semifinale portano un imp ai vincitori (2♠+2 contro 2♠+3 nel board 27) e due mani pari (3SA+1 contro 4♠ nel 26 e 5♦+1 nel 28). Kalish passa in finale per 6imps. Miroglio agguanta il bronzo con tanta soddisfazione e un minimo di rimpianto che, in questi casi, è automatico. Onore ai vincitori e ai vinti.

Come al solito, torniamo indietro di un match per parlare di una mano della fase precedente.

Siamo nei quarti, Miroglio/Wests (Irlanda), seconda sessione, gara tesa e vibrante (pietà!), spettatori pochi, differenza diimps buona ma non esaltante, mani da giocare due. Parliamo della penultima.

Board 27. Dichiarante Sud. Tutti in prima.

♠ 9 7 4 2 ♥ 6 ♦ 8 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 3		♠ A 8 ♥ K Q 10 2 ♦ Q J 9 4 ♣ 10 4 2	♠ Q 10 6 3 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 8 7 5
Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Romanski	Fitzgibbon	Szymanowski	Mesbur
passo	1♣	contro	surcontro
ISA	contro	passo	passo
surcontro	passo	2♦	passo
passo	contro	tutti passano	

1♣ è forte, contro disturba mostrando i rossi o i neri, surcontro è 4/6 con le fiori, ISA chiede se stiamo sul rosso o sul nero, contro vuol dire contro, surcontro richiede, 2♦ mostra i rossi e contro sta per contro, per la miseria!

Mesbur ha intavolato il 10♦ d'attacco per tre giri nel colore di Fitzgibbon. Non promette proprio bene. Szymanowski, che strada facendo si è sbloccato in atout, entra con l'8 del morto sul terzo colpo a quadri e gioca cuori, che Nord fila, per il Re della mano. Dopo aver tagliato il 2 di cuori con l'ultimo atout del morto Szymanowski ha giocato una piccola fiori per l'Asso secco di Nord che è tornato picche. Il dichiarante è entrato con l'Asso, ha eliminato l'ultima quadri in giro e ha rigiocato picche. Sud ha impegnato la Dama, rimanendo in presa, e ha intavolato la Dama di fiori. Szymanowski è entrato di Re e, rigiocando picche, ha messo in presa Nord che è stato costretto a portare l'ultima cuori. 2♦x-1. Sembrava un massacro durante la licita... Nell'altra sala i 3SA chiamati da N/S sono caduti di una presa.

Casa Italia è ancora in festa. Altro metallo pregiato prende la strada di casa con **FIGB Mosca** (Buratti/Forti, Ferlazzo/Marana e Capriata/Golin) nelle squadre donne e di **Fornaciari** (Vivaldi, Abate/Morelli e Baroni/Ricciarelli) nel seniores. Appuntamento a domani per il resoconto sulla prima sessione della finale femminile.

World Computer-Bridge Championship Round Robin Complete

The round robin portion of the ACBL 7th annual world computer-bridge championship was completed on Tuesday evening. The four top finishers are compete in a semifinal KO that started yesterday. The order of finish is shown below. Wbridge5 topped all competitors with 165 VPs. Closely behind were two-time defending champion, Jack, with 162, and Micro Bridge with 161. Fourth place was decided in the final round in which Bridge Baron defeated Wbridge5 46-45 to narrowly take fourth place over Q-Plus Bridge. Will history repeat itself with Wbridge5 and Jack meeting in the final as they did last year in Montreal? Not if Micro Bridge and Bridge Baron continue to play as they did in the round robin, with both defeating their semi-finals opponents.

Wednesday's 64-board semifinal match pitted Wbridge5 against Bridge Baron and Jack against Micro Bridge.

The final standing, using a 25 VP scale, is:

Team	VPs
Wbridge5, France	165
Jack, The Netherlands	162
Micro Bridge, Japan	161
Bridge Baron, USA	141
Q-Plus Bridge, Germany	128
Oxford Bridge, UK	121
Blue Chip Bridge, UK	88
Meadowlark Bridge, USA	29
Sabrina, France	9

Al Levy

Championship Diary

England's Mark Smith might at times be described as unkempt. The proprietor of the hotel at which he resides informed him that he resembled Robinson Crusoe. Mark promptly replied, 'Its alright, I'm leaving Friday.'

There was a certain amount of confusion surrounding the result of the match between Senior & Turkey. The Turkish players took their place at the table for Board 1 but were replaced by the Anglo/Bulgarian alliance for Board 2. Luckily this game of musical Bridge did not continue.

As the heatwave continues unabated the Icelandic Bridge Federation announce record entries for their next tournament.

OPEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

1	SANDQVIST - HOLLAND	71.00	67	CZUL - PIETRASZEK	49.32
2	MORATH - GUSTAWSSON	65.17	68	KEMENY - TRENKA	49.18
3	GOTARD - PIEKAREK	64.08	69	RUBENIS - JANSONS	48.88
4	POLETYLO - WOJCICKI	63.01	70	FRANCES - TORRES	48.84
5	MEJANE - DUMAZET	62.35	71	MOEN - ERGA	48.84
6	ANIL - RAJESH	61.96	72	DIKLIC - MILADIN	48.71
7	ATABEY - KOLATA	61.85	73	GROMOLLER - KIRMSE	48.42
8	BIZON - KOWALSKI	59.87	74	MECKSTROTH - MECKSTROTH	48.24
9	ANDREEV - VOROBEI	59.53	75	PEDERSEN - BARSDEN	48.01
10	GAROZZO - DUPONT	59.44	76	APTEKER - GOWER	47.79
11	PAZUR - JAGNIEWSKI	59.11	77	DE FALCO - DEL BUONO	47.72
12	WIJS - MULLER	58.39	78	IYILIKCI - ZOBU	47.70
13	BIRMAN - LEVIN	57.85	79	FISCHER - SAURER	47.59
14	MADSEN - MADSEN	57.76	80	ZONCHEV - SHOKOV	47.45
15	BALDURSSON - JONSSON	57.51	81	FARAH - HAMDAN	47.25
16	FAGIER - SCHERDIN	57.35	82	JOHANNSSON - JONSSON	47.17
17	VERHEES - JANSMA	56.92	83	CARPENTIERI - GUARINO	47.14
18	HACKETT - WATERLOW	56.78	84	ZNAMIROWSKI - OPALINSKI	46.99
19	STARKOWSKI - TUSZYNSKI	56.65	85	CICHOCKI - ZURAKOWSKI	46.81
20	USZYNSKI - RENOUDARD	56.51	86	NOBERIUS - TORNQUIST	46.80
21	ASSAEL - ZORLU	56.49	87	GLADYSH - KRASNOSSELSKI	46.78
22	PEICHEV - ARONOV	56.41	88	BURG - BUCHMAYR	46.70
23	FURUTA - TERAMOTO	56.35	89	HISHMAR - VARENNE	46.66
24	MECKSTROTH - RODWELL	56.12	90	VICENT - GODED	46.60
25	FORRESTER - MCINTOSH	55.88	91	SHARKANAS - JANKUNAITE	46.57
26	THOMPSON - CLARK	55.73	92	MARTIN - BOSS	46.41
27	WLADOW - ELINESCU	55.70	93	MAGNUSSON - BERTHEAV	46.31
28	GROMOV - PETRUNIN	55.11	94	COHEN - LEBOVICH	46.17
29	EIDI - MARTENS	55.10	95	TUTKA - GAWECKI	46.11
30	COMPERNOLLE - DEBUS	54.97	96	OLANSKI - KWIECIEN	46.02
31	AMOEDO - VILLAS	54.83	97	FILIOS - PAPAKYRIAKOPOUL	46.01
32	ROBSON - BAKHSHI	54.16	98	BORIN - EFRAIMSSON	46.00
33	REPS - LUDEWIG	53.92	99	ANCESSY - BRUNET	46.00
34	GILBOA - WAX YACOV	53.89	100	CHAGAS - BRENNER	45.99
35	HACKETT - DE BOTTON	53.87	101	ROMBAUT - DADOUN	45.99
36	DIEDEN - BLOMDAHL	53.77	102	SILVERSTONE - STOCK	45.98
37	CHMURSKI - PUCZYNSKI	53.77	103	VOZABAL - SVOBODA	45.74
38	AUKEN - ARNIM	53.70	104	WIKNER - PETTERSSON	45.02
39	GAEK - PROKHOROV	53.63	105	JAGGER - PAGAN	45.01
40	GIBBONS - COOKE	53.57	106	BERTENS - BAKKEREN	45.00
41	OURSEL - FLEURY	53.38	107	CHOUR - SOLNTSEV	44.92
42	SADEK - ELAHMADY	53.00	108	MAARI - KOWALSKI	44.53
43	FANTONI - LANCIANO	52.94	109	LORMANT - ELLIA	44.51
44	HOEYLAND - HOEYLAND	52.69	110	BESSIS - LEVY	44.36
45	PROOIJEN - BRINK	52.59	111	LEWACIAK - MICHALEK	44.31
46	HAAS - MARACHE	52.45	112	ZHMAK - GARUSOV	44.29
47	VINCIGUERRA - MARI	52.25	113	NEUT - BOMHOF	44.24
48	CABANES - GAUTRET	52.08	114	GRAGLIA - CARRE	43.74
49	HANLON - MCGANN	52.06	115	SENIOR - WOLFARTH	43.66
50	AABYE - HELNESS	51.97	116	SIKORSKI - HENCLIK	43.53
51	MULTON - PALAU	51.86	117	THOMA - NASDER	42.95
52	MOSS - GRUE	51.75	118	VIVES - VIVES	42.77
53	PEDERSEN - BECK	51.72	119	ISPORSKI - KOVACHEV	42.12
54	PIKUS - LUCKO	51.34	120	DE MARTINIS - FIORETTI	41.60
55	WESTRA - EIJCK	51.14	121	MARIPUU - SESTER	41.46
56	FRITSCHKE - MARSAL	51.09	122	IZISEL - PILON	41.43
57	RINGUET - MATEOS-RUIZ	50.96	123	BASTIANSEN - SANDVIK	40.80
58	OZDIL - MESBUR	50.88	124	FONTENEAU - CARALP	40.63
59	HALLBERG - RYMAN	50.80	125	BACH - EVANS	40.26
60	CARROLL - GARVEY	50.74	126	MILO - VOLPI	39.26
61	INGIMARSSON - EINARSSON	50.54	127	RALKO - WOJAS	39.14
62	KOISTINEN - BACKSTROM	50.47	128	GERIN - BOULOGNE	38.88
63	KOWALEWSKI - BUZE	49.87	129	SABATE - PARTIARROYO	38.54
64	SOLARI - MUS MARC	49.82	130	TEODORESCU - NEGOESCU	38.43
65	SCHILHART - BUCHLEV	49.75	131	LUPU - LUPU	38.04
66	SAUR - GAMLEMSHAUG	49.49	132	BONGIOVANNI - ROMANSKI	34.84

OPEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

1	DRIJVER - SCHOLLAARDT	67.96	58	DOBROIU - HEAGU	53.42
2	BOMPIS - DE ST.MARIE	65.73	59	LODATO - TROMBETTA	53.38
3	RYNNING - BRANDSNES	63.27	60	KARBANOVICH - ZHURAVEL	53.37
4	MORTAROTTI - RUSSO	63.22	61	YUEN - HARRY	53.28
5	BERG - JORGENSEN	62.94	62	MAUBERQUEZ - ALLIX	53.17
6	SIMON - TERRANEO	62.90	63	HONTI - HARANGOZO	52.99
7	BITRAN - ROCAFORT	61.77	64	ATTALI - CUENCA	52.96
8	BRUGGEMAN - GROOT	61.48	65	GWINNER - KUNZLI	52.90
9	CLAIR - TOTARO	61.43	66	VAINIKONIS - PSZCZOLA	52.80
10	BUSSEK - ROHOWSKY	61.34	67	BEAUMIER - NAHMIA	52.63
11	SCHRODEL - ZEITLER	61.29	68	LEDGER - SQUIBB	52.58
12	TURCI - RAFFA	61.00	69	SONSER - BARRETT	52.52
13	WRANG - FALLENIUS	60.73	70	ATHUIL - BUREAU	52.29
14	SISSENER - LOVE	60.34	71	STAML - JAHE	52.11
15	ASLAN - AKGUL	60.32	72	VOINESCU - TACIUC	52.09
16	MARINA - QUERAN	60.21	73	SALOMONE - BERTELLO	52.09
17	MATRICARDI - CORCHIA	60.17	74	KYTCHANOV - KHANTIMIROV	52.07
18	KRISHNAKUMAR - KIRUBAKARA	59.91	75	LITVAK - RUDAKOV	52.01
19	ARASZKIEWICZ - PASTERNAK	59.74	76	ASH MIKE - MCPHEE	51.98
20	ARMSTRONG - MELBOURNE	59.73	77	PETERSON - ANDERSSON	51.94
21	BOWLES - MOHANDES	59.56	78	BOGACKI - LUNA	51.73
22	KUJAWA - OLECH	59.54	79	FRANCES - BARBAROUX	51.63
23	TCHAMITCH - BAROUDI	59.30	80	WERNLE - SCHIFKO	51.59
24	HELLE - NAQVI	59.17	81	OSAULENKO - SHUDNEV	51.52
25	DARNICHE - ELIE	58.72	82	FRANK - BRAUNSTEIN	51.32
26	KOKISH - BARAN	58.34	83	PIECZKA - ROG KAZIMIERZ	51.31
27	DEL VIGO - FILIPPINI	58.33	84	NATALE - DI BELLO	51.30
28	ZACK - NAFTALI	57.98	85	INTONTI - SABBATINI	51.23
29	MALINOWSKI - THORESEN	57.96	86	SVENDSEN - HAUGE	51.17
30	HENRI - LAFOURCADE	57.73	87	DYBDAHL - BROWN	51.12
31	POITIER - SAINT	57.58	88	SMITH - CZERNIEWSKI	51.11
32	DELMOULY - POTIER	57.24	89	AUKEN - BLAKSET	51.11
33	GIERULSKI - SKRZYPCZAK	56.68	90	DUGUET - TOFFIER	51.05
34	TOMESCU - STIRBU	56.61	91	YALCIN - DONG	50.99
35	HELLING - HEIN	56.39	92	SAPORTA - ZIMMERMANN	50.84
36	HENRIQUES - BARBOSA	56.28	93	GUARIGLIA - UCCELLO	50.70
37	JELENIEWSKI - KRAJEWSKI	56.26	94	DANIC - COLOMBARO	50.62
38	PALAZO - BANCHEREAU	56.23	95	TATARKIN - KHAZANOV	50.58
39	AGENES - GIAVARINI	56.11	96	MANDRUTA - DOBRIN	50.58
40	ARAZI - CHLIAPAS	55.98	97	VEYER - JONG	50.53
41	CAMERINI - CAMEO	55.83	98	JANSSON - BJORKLUND	50.49
42	OSTERGAARD - JENSEN	55.76	99	O'LUBAIGH - DELANEY	50.44
43	CASTELLANI - CATARSI	55.73	100	WILDE - TUWANAKOTTA	50.38
44	SAVIN - MATEI	55.55	101	BROGELAND - GILLIS	50.30
45	OZKAN - YILMAZ	55.30	102	SHAH - MADALA	50.28
46	KROJGAARD - CASPERSEN	55.12	103	BAREL - SCHNEIDER	50.24
47	FISSORE - CATELLANI	54.92	104	PAUNCZ - VIKOR	50.07
48	ROTARU - LUNGU	54.65	105	GIARD - BENOIT	50.01
49	MUSSO - RIOLO	54.59	106	BOVE - DI STEFANO	49.86
50	BAREKET - LENGY	54.54	107	NEVE - FRONTAUVA	49.51
51	SAMY - SAMY	54.44	108	MINTZ - LIMOR	49.48
52	KIRCHHOFF - ABRAM	54.39	109	ENGEL - BAUSBACK	49.39
53	SERGEANT - PEPPER	54.32	110	DELLA - BIANCHI	49.31
54	MEIJS - TER LAARE	54.24	111	HOMONNAY - DUMBOVICH	49.18
55	MORITSCH - GUERRA	54.03	112	LEPADAT - JOVESCU	49.08
56	MARKOVIC - DRENKELFORD	53.90	113	JONSSON - SIGURDSSON	49.07
57	WETTENSCHWILER - RANIS	53.48	114	GONCA - ALFEJEVA	49.04
			115	FERRARI - CARAMANTI	49.01

116 HANSEN - LARSEN	48.98	164 MOIR - CROFTS	45.29
117 GOTTLIEB - ZUCKER	48.95	165 SOUDAN - FRUTOS	45.28
118 DELIBALTADAKIS - KANNAVOS	48.91	166 YANES - ROCA	45.28
119 OVESEN - KINDSBEKKEN	48.75	167 HAYASHI - TAKANO	45.17
120 CHADHA - ORSMOND	48.70	168 ISTVAN - SZILAGYI	45.08
121 HANSSSEN - FJELLSTAD	48.68	169 SEMP - HAYET	45.01
122 VERSACE - CORSO	48.65	170 ROZAK - KUSION	44.99
123 KARAMANLI-LYDAK - KARAMANLIS	48.64	171 BAKIR - BING	44.94
124 BURN - DHONDY	48.63	172 PETROZZIELLO - GIANNOTTI	44.80
125 HOILAND - DRANGSHOLT	48.62	173 CLEEF - ZWART	44.22
126 MURCIANI - ASTRUC	48.57	174 HOLMGREN - WESTLIN	44.22
127 SEBBANE - THUILLEZ	48.49	175 PRICE - SIMPSON	43.93
128 TSEVIS - KOUTOUGOS	48.44	176 AJELLO - NOZZOLI	43.92
129 BREMARK - NYSTROM	48.15	177 ZEIN - KADDOURAH	43.92
130 MOFAHKAMI - ODELLO	48.14	178 COMBESCURE - DECHELETTE	43.84
131 MARINO - MARINO	48.00	179 KOSICKA - SLEMR	43.63
132 PEICHEV - BARANTIEV	47.94	180 EBENIUS - UPMARK	43.58
133 WINKLER - LAKATOS	47.85	181 BACKSTROM - ERKKILA	43.51
134 LEONETTI - ROBERTI	47.72	182 FAIK - AYDIN	43.17
135 MARJAI - GERO	47.71	183 POPLILOV - SAGIV	42.79
136 PANERO - CHAMPION	47.67	184 MAMULA - BARRETT	42.74
137 KAPLAN - ROMANOWSKI	47.62	185 TAYLOR - DAVIS	42.56
138 MARMONTI - MASSA	47.52	186 CARELLI - COMELLA	42.50
139 STERKIN - KHIOUPPENEN	47.36	187 ESKIZARA - DALKILIC	41.84
140 LO PRESTI - MAZZADI	47.23	188 NICOLODI - TEREZI	41.64
141 WILMOTT - MCGUIRE	47.12	189 VARDAPETAYAN - BALOJAN	41.35
142 VANDEREET - GELDERS	47.02	190 MARRAY - HAMPSON	41.34
143 GULHEIM - SKJAERAN	46.92	191 KEAVENEY - QUINN	41.24
144 KAJAN - UZZAN	46.90	192 PAL ACZEL - VARGA	40.13
145 HAMMELEV - MONSTED	46.89	193 GAGLIARDI - SPINELLI	39.83
146 STURE - BERG	46.82	194 ILLA - FORT	39.79
147 BELLA - CARZANIGA	46.76	195 SHEATHER - SHEATHER	39.39
148 FRENCKEN - VANDERVORST	46.67	196 BENASSI - DEVINCENZO	39.38
149 DUDZIK - ZANADZKI	46.59	197 BRUHN - ERIKSEN	39.35
150 JAUNIAUX - COLINET	46.47	198 RUSSO - KUCHARSKI	39.35
151 KARAIVANOV - TRENDAFILOV	46.47	199 MACKENZIE - CAMPBELL	38.79
152 MAURIN - VOLDOIRE	46.47	200 CRENN - CRENN	38.74
153 BJORKMAN - SANZEN	46.41	201 ABLEY - EDDLESTON	38.48
154 PEHLIVAN - UZUM	46.40	202 DEL GAUDIO - MIGNOLA	38.25
155 DAURER - HOFLINGER	46.19	203 MESMAECKER - VANDERBIST	38.13
156 ODDEN - HOGSTAD	46.18	204 DI MEMMO - GENTILE	37.86
157 FOUGT - KRISTIANSEN	46.10	205 BOASSA - DE MONTIS	35.78
158 GONFREVILLE - COHEN	46.02	206 MCEWING - BRUCE	35.04
159 SAVELLI - CATUCCI	45.94	207 FLACKS - KEALHER	34.66
160 RUNDGREN - HALLBERG	45.86	208 PORAT - STERN	34.29
161 MARTIN - HYNES	45.82	209 SAKRAK - UCAN	31.90
162 STOPPA - STRETZ	45.81		
163 HARINGS - KROES	45.64		

WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

	1st		
1 ERHART - SMEDEREVAC	63.61	23 OLIVIERI - ARRIGONI	49.62
2 POMARES - FUSARI	57.99	24 GEIGER - GEIGER	49.28
3 KOCH - KLEMMENSEN	57.75	25 CRONIER - WILLARD	49.14
4 LEVY - HEREDIA	57.63	26 ROSETTA - DE LUCCHI	49.13
5 MENIL - RENOUX	56.70	27 RYMAN - RYMAN	49.06
6 GACKOWSKA - BREWIAK	56.34	28 GIRARDIN - FISHPOOL	48.71
7 POULAIN - LACROIX	55.98	29 ROSSARD - RACZYNSKA	48.61
8 SIVELIND - SIVELIND	55.46	30 DOWLING-LONG - MORAN	48.43
9 PIGEAUD - TANANBAUM	54.75	31 BABAC - OZAN	47.98
10 FARHOLT - RAHELT	54.42	32 BUKET - WITTEVEEN	47.65
11 THUILLEZ - JEANNIN-NALTET	54.20	33 BINDERKRANTZ - BEKKOUCHE	47.63
12 AVON - BELOGH	53.82	34 BAIETTO - BALDASSIN	47.11
13 PECCOUD - MORETTI	53.60	35 DE SERAFINI - DEI POLI	46.85
14 KELLNER - WEIGKRICHT	53.46	36 CHORUS - BAK CLAARTJE	45.41
15 DUMON - CLEMENT	53.43	37 LEVIT-PORAT - AS ILANA	43.78
16 MISZEWSKA - NOEL	53.36	38 WEBER - NEHMERT	42.64
17 D'OVIDIO - ALLOUCHE	52.84	39 BECK - HEGEDUS	41.73
18 CIVIDIN - COLONNA	52.81	40 GALAKTIONOVA - ROMANOWSKAYA	41.39
19 POPLILOV - ZUR-CAMPANILE	52.60	41 PICCIONI - PASQUARE'	40.94
20 GRONKVIST - FORSBERG	52.37	42 LEON - HONTORIA	36.57
21 RUDENSTAL - TENGA	52.12	43 LORDOU - TILLYRI	36.37
22 GROMOVA - PONOMAREVA	51.92	44 MOEN - FOSSAN	36.04

WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

	1st		
1 MIDSKOG - BERTHEAU	62.80	24 SCHRECKENBERGER - LISS	48.31
2 KEREKES - MEZEY	62.13	25 DEBEAUD - HABBARD	48.24
3 CROCI - FERRE'	60.89	26 CUTELLI - LANDI	47.97
4 KOWALSKA - ADAMCZYK	58.84	27 CAGNER - PARADISI	47.96
5 BREIVIK - HARDING	57.92	28 LYNCH - O'NEILL	47.95
6 FAIRCLOUGH - HECHT-JOHANSEN	57.81	29 LINARA - VOULGARI	47.71
7 MARTELLINI - MARTELLINI	56.70	30 GREGSON - COOK	47.55
8 BARTHE - CHATARD	56.21	31 BOSLY - CONTARINI	47.39
9 KEMPLE - BEARPARK	56.01	32 RAIMBAULT - MULTON	47.02
10 SAUVAGE - GUILLEBON	55.63	33 ANASTASIADOU - KIRITSI	46.74
11 COCCA - COCCA	54.90	34 BONORI - CAPODANNO	46.65
12 SENIOR - PENFOLD	54.56	35 NIKITINE - HAEMMERLI	46.10
13 KREFELD - KIRSTAN	53.49	36 PARNIS-ENGLAND - VELLA	45.84
14 VILLE - CURETTI	53.37	37 SMYKALLA - LUSSMANN	44.69
15 EVELIUS-NOHREN - KARLSSON-UIJK	52.83	38 OIKONOMOU - KANELLOPOULOU	44.25
16 LANGER - GERSTEL	52.33	39 FRANCOLINI - CHIAVARELLI	43.85
17 LAVAGGI - COLAMARTINO	52.29	40 GROSMANOVA - DITETOVA	42.57
18 MCCALLUM - BAKER	51.99	41 BASILICO - MOSCATELLI	41.94
19 GRZEJDZIAK - KATER	51.61	42 MULTIMAKI - CAROLI	41.93
20 O'FARELL - MEEHAN	50.94	43 PANELLA - FRANCO	41.81
21 LEMAITRE - COCHET-COMBESCU	50.90	44 TETAL - LINDE	41.46
22 JAGGER - NELSON	50.63	45 CIOFFI - DE IANNI	40.94
23 CATTANI - VENNI	49.10	46 GROMOLLER - PANTLE-REICHERT	40.60

OPEN TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	CHEMLA	32	12	24	68
	KALISH	55	27	41	123

SENIOR TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	ADAD	28	33	79	140
	FORNACIARI	41	19	12	72

WOMEN TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	VRIEND	23	43	34	100
	FIGB MOSCA	55	39	23	117

Schedule of play

10.00-13.45	O/W/S Pairs (Semi-final A & B 2nd Session)
16.00-19.45	O/W/S Pairs (Semi-final A & B 3rd Session)

SENIOR PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

	1st		
1 NORRIS - FLEMMING	60.43	27 BERTILI - BYSTROM	49.87
2 MASSAROLI - POZZI	59.23	28 PRIDAY - PRIDAY	49.51
3 SAGIV - SCHWARTZ	58.24	29 DOREMANN - HEATH	49.35
4 OMERNIK - POCHRON	58.12	30 KLAPPER - WILKOSZ	48.63
5 ROUQUILLAUD - ELBAZ	58.10	31 MELMAN - ZELIGMAN	48.51
6 KLESSER - WENGELAAR	57.75	32 CHUCRALLAH - MERHY	48.36
7 OHANA - PALADINO	57.74	33 BRAV - SHKEDY	48.23
8 BINDI - BENSOUSSAN	57.24	34 MOHTASHAMI - RUNACHER	47.56
9 BOEGEM - JANSSENS	57.19	35 CANAL - DUNOGUIER	46.91
10 THERKELSSON - WENANDER	57.17	36 DAN ORA - SAXON	46.79
11 BROUWER - GROENENBOOM	54.90	37 HASSETT - HIRST	46.51
12 BUER - MUNKVOLD	54.81	38 HJERKINN - PEDERSEN	46.46
13 RUE DEREK - STANLEY	54.22	39 HOGLUND - WESTMAN	46.18
14 FRANKEN - VERHEES	53.36	40 GORDON - JACKSON	45.49
15 HUMBURG - MATTSSON	53.13	41 BOREWICZ - OTVOSI	45.18
16 FRANCO - RESTA	53.03	42 SZENBERG - WALA	45.04
17 OSTERBERG - WICKSTROM	52.90	43 FARGEOT - SENIKIES	44.60
18 JEZIRO - RUSSYAN	52.62	44 LUCK - GOLDENFIELD	43.76
19 CHMELIK - SCHROEDER	52.45	45 FOUSSIER - SERF	43.30
20 BORST - KAMERBEEK	52.34	46 ALEKSANDRZAK - ZDZIENICKI	42.79
21 LASOCKI - WIELEMANS	51.88	47 CHAVANAZ - MORIN	42.61
22 MISMETTI - VANINI	51.24	48 KLUKOWSKI - MARKOWICZ	42.47
23 DAMIANI - FAIGENBAUM	51.24	49 FICUCCIO - GOVONI	41.76
24 BAXTER - MCGOWAN	50.80	50 AWAD - AWAD	41.69
25 SEAMON - LEVKOFF	50.65	51 BENBASSAT - DELORME	41.13
26 HIRST - JOURDAIN	50.29	52 DALLACASAPICCOL - MACI	36.24

SENIOR PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 1 session - provisional)

	1st		
1 SIMM - SULA	66.79	22 BOESIGER - SPENGLER	50.76
2 FLEISCHMANN - FLEISCHMANN	60.76	23 ELIE - LOMBARD	50.28
3 GROMOLLER - SCHNEIDER	60.11	24 PATUZZI - POLLAK	50.00
4 DE LEMOS - PASQUINI	59.09	25 GAZONNOT - HUBY	48.99
5 BALLESTRA - DANNAY	57.51	26 JANSZA - POKORNA	48.46
6 ALBARET - GUITTA	55.12	27 COLUCCI - DA PRADA	48.23
7 COUPERE - DIEUDONNE	54.30	28 KRAUSE - KRAUSE	47.97
8 CORTE-REAL - OLIVEIRA	54.26	29 CORACHAN - GRACIA	47.70
9 HOBSON - GARTHWAITE	54.12	30 FREI - IMHOF	47.37
10 GHIRAGOSSIAN - GUTH	54.08	31 CROCOLI - DE SANDRO	47.04
11 GOMMERS - SEIJ	53.52	32 JAKK - RAUDE	46.83
12 BARDIN - BARZAGHI	53.19	33 MONTWILL - MONTWILL	46.70
13 LIEBERMAN - ZILBERBUSH	53.16	34 CONNORS - CONNORS	46.69
14 DE SIMONE - PRIMAVERA	52.78	35 LEVIT - RAND	45.23
15 CALVITTO - PALAZZO	51.89	36 LHOIR - MANDRON	45.17
16 BAHNIK - JAROS	51.62	37 GULDEN - DROOGENDIJK	44.72
17 HANSART - PIERROT	51.61	38 ARCIERI - MAGLIETTA	42.23
18 KOSIANKO - PUCZYNSKI	51.42	39 CABEZAS - VAISBERG	41.55
19 OLSSON - FRANZEN	51.17	40 GAZZARI - MOCHI	34.00
20 MANCA - RIZZUTI	51.01	41 CLEARY - CLEARY	32.60
21 GRENSIDE - HOGER	50.93		