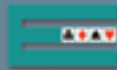


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# Warmed up for the Barometer



The 100.000th deal (see page 5)

Yesterday the players completed the semi-finals in the Open, Women's and Senior Pairs Championships. Today they start the two-day finals and every event will use Barometer scoring, which adds greatly to the excitement for both players and spectators. It should prove to be an interesting experience for many of our visitors, as this form of scoring is virtually unknown in, for example, North America. The VuGraph will be in operation for every session with bilingual commentary in French & English. All the finals will take place in the Palais.

## Schedule of play

Today

10.00-14.00 O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B and C 1st Session)  
15.30-19.30 O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B and C 2nd Session)

## Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize giving ceremony of the European Open Pairs Championships (Seniors, Women, Open) will be held tomorrow 28 June in the Theatre (VuGraph) at 19.45.

The following will be awarded:

- The three best classified pairs in each final (Title and Medals).
- The three best European Pairs in each category, coming from Europe - same country - best classified in the final (European Trophy to the Federation and replicas to the players).
- The three best classified pairs in the finals B & C.

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**OPEN PAIRS**

**Semi - Final - 2nd Session**

**Reality and Imagination in the Palais**

In every pairs event, many things happen and possibly even more might have happened. Those who read on now might find ingredients from these two quite different sources stirred into a tasty cocktail. First cheers go to board 1:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Well, EW make 3♠ here and NS go one off in 4♥. But when South introduces his clubs why would West refrain from doubling? On a spade lead it might well be more than one off now, as South gets fatally shortened, but any other lead will allow declarer to make the contract. This certainly is the case if you lead your singleton diamond...A swing of 70 or even 90 MPs (top=118) hinges on making the proper lead.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West would open INT in 2nd position and North overcalls 2♥. East bids a number of spades and South either makes a fitbid in clubs or simply raises hearts. On a spade lead, 4♥ is one down, but EW are cold for 4♠. Or are they?

Say South leads a heart and North switches to the ♣Q. Certainly when South made a fitbid in clubs, declarer will know that covering this makes no sense. Now, if South guesses to overtake the ♣A nevertheless to give his partner a club ruff, North will score the ♦Q in the end to set the contract. But if not, how should declarer play? Say East ruffs the heart continuation and leads a top spade which holds the trick. The ♠A falls the king but

now the only way to come back to his hand is by leading a middle diamond from dummy. This works alright.

Probably a better way of tackling the hand is to take a diamond finesse first by playing low to the jack. If this holds, try the ♠A, extract North's second diamond (a third diamond in North can do no harm) by playing the ace and continue trumps. If North has the king you are home. If the diamond finesse loses you have entries to your hand with the ♦10 and ♦8 and thus you will just be able to come back to your hand to first run a top trump and then draw the last trump to land the contract. A difference of about 90 MPs again.

Precision style club opening bids have their effects on the auction from time to time:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

If North opens 2♣ South might have a shot at 3NT and now, what can West do? Stay quiet and lead a spade is not the winning option as it leads to the opponents making 11 tricks for 108 mp. One EW pair ended up as high as 6♥ when West overcalled 4♣ and East expected him to hold a much stronger hand. Beating 3NT by two tricks would give EW 100 MPs. Please note that making 4♥ requires careful play when North switches to the ♦Q at trick 2. Ruffing the second round, playing one top trump and ducking a spade should work.

On board 13 Villas-Boas scored an unexpected clean top:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amoedo		Villas Boas	
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	All Pass

2♣ was Stayman and 3♣ was MSA, 3♦ showing the suit. East was not sure about 3♥ (which in fact was natural) so he made the fine waiting bid of 3♠, leaving all options open. As he felt distinctly unhappy with the option partner next went for, he corrected the final contract, only to find out that neither five-level contract could be made legitimately.

A heart was led to the king and ace and the ♣J ran to the queen. A heart was returned and a low club went to the king. On the next club, South again played low, this being all declarer needed. Heart to the jack and over now to spades, cashing the 13th heart when in dummy. When hearts broke and it was North who happened to hold the ♠A, the ♣A left the scene through the back door. A swing of 109 MPs.

The other board at this table again produced problems for EW, and again they did not always solve them properly:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

East opens 1♦ and South bids 2♥. Your bid please, West!

Double works best as East will surely pass and collect 800. Getting to 3NT is not easy, so making the 11 tricks available in that denomination on a heart lead was worth 113 mp. Even +430 was well over average. Bidding 3♣ is OK too, unless East feels free to go over 3 NT now.

The following board was remarkable too:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

As long as EW did not double, NS were bound to score well. Even going down three in any spade contract, undoubled, was over average!

Curious things happened on board 17:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

After two passes, South opens One Club and West doubles. North will end up in 2♠ and East leads the ♥10. Plan the play.

Well, the ♥K will probably be wrong, in view of the bidding and the lead, as will the ♠K. So why not go up with the ♥A and play ♠A, ♠Q? West wins and continues diamonds and, upon winning the ♦K, East returns the ♥9! So you play the queen after all, and this time the finesse suddenly is right. Bridge is a hot game. The overtrick was worth 27 mp.

A few people went down in 4♠ on board 19. What should the defence have been?



Miguel Villas-Boas, Brazil

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 9 8 7 6 4 ♥ K ♦ 10 3 ♣ A 10 5	N W     E S	♠ 10 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ Q J 9 7 5 4 2 ♣ K 4	♠ J 5 3 2 ♥ 10 9 8 6 4 2 ♦ K ♣ J 6
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Against 4♠, North underleads the ♦A and South returns a trump. If West does not go up with the ace now, he loses two trumps and two diamonds. A variation might be the lead of the ♦A and another. South ruffs and returns a trump on which declarer plays the queen. A more normal result was 11 or even 12 tricks on a club lead.

Board 22 was an easy enough small slam. As we are in France here, we cannot reveal which French pair were the only ones to record a minus score on the board for EW. This was what happened:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ K J 10 9 4 2 ♦ Q J 9 5 2 ♣ -	N W     E S	♠ K 9 7 5 4 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ J 10 4 3	♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ 10 ♣ A K Q 8 6
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West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
		7♥	All Pass

5♠ showed either two aces and the trump king or two key cards and the trump queen (or extra length, for that matter). As soon as EW have sorted this out, we will let you know.

What about this one?

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT had been explained as 15-17 with a type of hand North did not want to open 1NT on.

Would you play the ♣10 or the ♣K if partner leads the ♣3 (3rd-5th) and dummy plays the nine?

As West can see that the hand is lying well for declarer he would be well-advised to take the king, even more so because it does not look very likely that North has bid 3NT with nothing at all in clubs. Making the wrong choice costs you only 25 MPs, as 3NT is a meagre score anyway for EW with many NS pairs in 4♠.

Defence sometimes looks so easy:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 5 2 ♥ 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ J 6	N W     E S	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ 10 9 7 5 ♣ K 7 3	♠ Q J 7 6 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 10 2
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The bidding may very well have been like this:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	3♦	4♦	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

West leads the ♣J, covered by king and ace. East cashes the ♣Q followed by the ♣10. What should West discard? He should of course tell his partner that it's safe to continue the suit - which it would not had West's trump holding been ♦Kx or so.

West knows at this point that declarer is (probably) 6-4 in the minors with a singleton heart. This leaves room for only two spades, so any spade tricks will not run away. Also, partner must hold something in spades. Discouraging spades might thus be the best way to induce partner to continue the club in case declarer has one club left as well. After all, if partner holds five clubs playing to promote the  $\heartsuit Q$  is just swapping one defensive trick for another.

The last board of the session was a real beauty:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p><math>\spadesuit</math> 5  <math>\heartsuit</math> K Q J 9 5  <math>\diamondsuit</math> K J 9 8 7 6  <math>\clubsuit</math> 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p><math>\spadesuit</math> K Q J 10 7 3  <math>\heartsuit</math> A 7  <math>\diamondsuit</math> 3  <math>\clubsuit</math> A K 9 6</p>	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> 6 4  <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 6 4 2  <math>\diamondsuit</math> 10 4 2  <math>\clubsuit</math> J 10 8 7</p>
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East to play  $6\clubsuit$  after North showed a red two-suiter. South leads the heart 4 (3rd-5th) or the  $\heartsuit 2$  (4th).

This would be a genuine textbook hand had West held the  $\clubsuit 8$ . Win the lead, draw trumps, eliminate the diamonds, cash the  $\clubsuit A$  and play a heart. Whoever plays clubs now gives away a free finesse. A red suit gives a ruff and discard.

Without the  $\clubsuit 8$ , the hand can always be beaten if North takes care that it's not he, but SOUTH who has to win the second round of hearts. He thus should duck the second heart, even when it's led from dummy at an early stage: two rounds of spades, club to the queen and a heart up. Would you have resisted this temptation, here in the heat and the battle?

## Championship Diary

Herman, who is not only the scribe but also the abacus, has calculated that during the fourth round of yesterday morning's session, the one hundred thousandth board of these championships was played.

Christian Bordonneau, the local director in charge of one of the rooms for the Seniors' Pairs, informs us that the most frequent complaint he's received is that it's too cold in the room. There's no pleasing some people ...

Only a Norwegian can do this: play the first board, become dummy on the second, and then have enough time left to go from the second floor of the Palais to the bar across the road for a drink, and be back on time for the next round. Of course in respect of Regulation 26 he had a soft drink.

We noticed that the pair Sergeant - Pepper is competing in the Open Pairs - supported no doubt by their Lonely Hearts Club Band.

## A Day in the Life

by Herman De Wael

As part of my functions of Scribe of the Appeals Committee, I calculate the relative frequency of appeals during European Championships, and express this as the "BAR" (Board Appeal Ratio). At these championships, the BAR is currently at a relatively low value of 0.26 appeals per 1000 boards. I will let you know the final figure in tomorrow's bulletin.

In order to calculate the BAR, I need to count the total number of boards played at the championships, and I do this meticulously by checking the number of players in every session, especially here, where the heat means that nearly every time, some pairs have dropped out. That is what I call "checking the holes", and now I know how many holes it takes to fill the Palais de l'Europe.

On Wednesday evening, I just had to laugh when the figure had reached the high 90,000's, and I calculated that we would reach the sixth digit sometime Thursday morning. After checking Thursday's holes, I calculated that the 105th table to play the seventh board of the first session would be the special one. Of course it is impossible to find which one of 256 tables in 10 rooms in 3 buildings is the 105th to start play, so I decided to simply use the 105th table, starting from A1, as the special one. That turned out to be K4.

So let me introduce to you: the 100,000th board of these Championships.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vulnerable.

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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Salomone	Bruhn	Bertello	Eriksen
	$1\diamond$	Dble	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	2NT	Pass
$3\clubsuit$	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Asger Bruhn opened hostilities with  $1\diamond$  and Renato Bertello was unstoppable. Giovanni Salomone introduced both his suits and was rather sad ("what do I bid when I am negative?") when he put his dummy down. Christian Eriksen did pick his partner's long suit by leading the  $\diamondsuit J$ , but Renato made the grade when he was able to set up the clubs for 10 tricks.

**OPEN PAIRS**

**Semi - Final - 2nd Session**

**The A Train**

Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell are among the most recognized pairs in the bridge world. In Menton, they are trying to add to their large collection of trophies with a victory in the Open Pairs at the 1st European Open Bridge Championship.

In the second semifinal session of the Open Pairs, they took a giant step toward their goal with a 65.92% game, enough to lead at that point.

Some luck is required for a game of that standard, of course, but you don't achieve the status of Meckstroth and Rodwell without excellent play as well. The second board of the session is a good example.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q J 8 ♥ A 9 5 4 ♦ J 7 5 2 ♣ 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ 7 4 3 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ 9 7 5 2
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b> <i>Rodwell</i>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b> <i>Meckstroth</i>								
		Pass	Pass								
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♣								
All Pass											

East started with the ♥K, switching to a trump at trick two. Rodwell won with dummy's ♣K to play a diamond to the queen and king. East could have scuttled the contract by returning the ♣9, but he exited with a low club, putting Rodwell in dummy again. It was a break, but Rodwell still had to play perfectly to land the contract.

Rodwell finessed the ♦10, then ran all his clubs, putting unbearable pressure on West, who could not afford to discard a diamond at any time. This was the position when Rodwell led his last club.

♠ A Q ♥ 9 ♦ J 7 ♣ -	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 9 ♣ -
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On the ♣Q, Rodwell discarded dummy's ♠6, and West was done. If he discarded the ♠Q, Rodwell could simply duck a spade, establishing the king. Whether West returned a diamond or a heart, Rodwell would have two of the last three tricks. Plus 110 was good for 82.39 out of 118 matchpoints.

Successful matchpoint players are often on the edge of disaster only to emerge in triumph. Here's a case in point.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 8 7 5 ♥ A Q 7 6 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 7 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A K 10 6 5 3 2 ♠ 6 2 ♥ K 10 9 3 2 ♦ J 10 8 7 2 ♣ J ♠ K J 3 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ A K 6 5 3 ♣ 9 8
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	S										
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b> <i>Rodwell</i>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b> <i>Meckstroth</i>								
	2♣*	Pass	2♦								
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT								
Pass	3NT	All Pass									



Eric Rodwell, USA

The 2♣ bid was natural and limited; 2♠ denied a four-card major.

Had West led a heart, there would be no story except for minus 200 for North-South. West's spade lead, of course, would be made by most players. That was small comfort, however, when the smoke cleared. Meckstroth won the ♠10 in dummy, cashed the ♣A, noting the fall of the jack, then ran three rounds of diamonds. When he played the ♣9 and overtook with dummy's 10, he had 11 tricks for plus 660 and 107.81 matchpoints.

While Meckstroth and Rodwell seem to thrive on super-light opening bids, the opponents don't always do so well. Just ask East in the following deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

Meckstroth led a low club, ducked to Rodwell's king. A club was returned to the ace, and declarer erred by playing the ♠10 from dummy. This went to the jack, king and ace, and Meckstroth cashed three more clubs. The dispirited declarer discarded two hearts from dummy, so Meckstroth got out with the ♥8. Dummy's ♠Q 9 were good, but Meckstroth still controlled the suit. East played a diamond to his queen and, hopeful of sticking Rodwell in with the ♥K for another diamond play (South's 8 looked like top of nothing), he played the ♥Q from hand. Meckstroth won and cashed the ♠8 for three down and 116.97 matchpoints.

The Americans got another gift on the next board when East-West doubled Meckstroth in 4♠ and forgot to beat it (that was 115.95), and they got away with proverbial murder on Board 10, preempting the opponents out of their heart game, going one down in 3♠ for 92.56 matchpoints.

Meckstroth and Rodwell got most of the matchpoints on Board 11 because of their typically aggressive bidding and a favorable lie of the cards.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Meckstroth's 1♣ was strong and artificial, and West's 1♥ was explained as showing heart shortness. Rodwell's double showed 6-7 high-card points with any pattern. After the heart fit was found, Rodwell like his hand more, so he bid the game.

A low diamond went to the 7, queen and ace. It would not have helped for East to play low. Meckstroth always had the spade finesse in reserve.

Declarer won the ♦A and played a low heart, taken perforce by West, who started a forcing defense against Meckstroth by playing the ♦J. Meckstroth ruffed, played a heart to the queen and got off dummy with a club. East went in with the ace and played back a diamond. Meckstroth could not afford to ruff, so he discarded a low club. West won the ♦K, but there were no more tricks for the defense. A club was return to the queen and king, and Meckstroth played a heart to dummy to discard a spade on the ♦10. Few pairs bid the game - in America, such a contract is often described as "filthy" - so Meckstroth and Rodwell earned another 108.83 matchpoints.

The following deal shows how a pair can get on such a roll that anything they do works out well.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East-West had the preponderance of the high-card points, but North-South had trumps. Rodwell had only seven tricks legitimately, but even down two for minus 300 was going to be a good score because East-West have an easy game in 3NT.

East started with a low club to the ace, and West defended well by switching to a diamond to the jack, queen and ace. Rodwell took his last chance for a play in clubs, leading low to his 10. East won the king and switched to a trump. West took out both of dummy's spades before playing another diamond to the 10 and king. A third diamond was ruffed and Rodwell led a low heart from his hand.

East could have assured a two-trick set by playing the ♥A, but he played low. Rodwell went up with the king and moments later was claiming down one for minus 100 and 103.48 matchpoints. Of some consolation to East is that taking the ace would have saved only 4 matchpoints. They had lost the board in the auction.

A 65% game is outstanding, but that means 35% of the matchpoints got away somehow. Here was one where a light opening meant a very good score to the Americans' opponents.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Good bidding to get to the game, but the opening 1♦ bid did the trick for the defense. On any lead but a diamond, South has time to knock out the ♥A and claim 12 tricks. After the diamond lead, 11 tricks is the limit, so the Americans had to settle for 32.56 matchpoints.

Their worst round occurred when an Italian pair judged very well stop in 3♥ when many pairs would be in game. Nine tricks were the maximum, and minus 140 was a mere 26.46 matchpoints for Meckstroth and Rodwell. The same East-West pair judged well again on the next board to bid an excellent slam. The fact that 45 other pairs also bid it helped Meckstroth and Rodwell somewhat, but they still received only 46.59 matchpoints.

The next-to-last board, however, helped make up for the disappointment of the previous round.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		3♦	1♠
3♣	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♠		All Pass

West could have assured defeat of the contract with any number of leads, including the ♣K (East doesn't even have to ruff). Say the ♣A wins in dummy, South unblocking. Declarer will want to get the hearts going, so he plays a heart to the king and ace. West returns the ♣10 and South must cover. Now East ruffs and cashes the high spades. Declarer can unblock the ♥Q and ruff a diamond in dummy, discarding another diamond on the ♥J, but he still has a diamond loser for down one.

If declarer wins the ♣A in dummy and does not unblock the queen, when West comes in with the ♥A, West must switch to a trump. East plays three rounds, and South is left with three losing diamonds.

This defensive plan is easy looking at all the cards, so it is not surprising that West started with the ♣10, and Meckstroth could not be defeated. He ducked the opening lead, unblocking the queen when East ruffed with the ♠J. East tried taking two spades out of dummy with the ace and king, but when he continued with the ♦K, Meckstroth won and played the ♥K. West won the ace and Meckstroth claimed. No matter what West played back, Meckstroth could use the ♣A and ♥J to pitch losing diamonds. Plus 730 was worth 109.85 matchpoints.

Two of North America's most famous players were still in the hunt for gold in Menton.



## Tiger Bridge

Mark Horton

Some of you may be lucky enough to have a copy of Tiger Bridge by Jeremy Flint & Freddie North. One of the chapters discusses the idea of doubling when you know the opponents are limited and you suspect the cards may be lying badly for them.

In the quarterfinal match between Reps and Chemla, Josef Piekerek made a typical 'tiger double'.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Gotard</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>Piekerek</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

South reckoned he had three tricks coming and the auction had suggested the opponents were limited. He led a diamond and declarer won with the queen and played a spade to the queen and a club to the queen. South took the next spade with the ace and played a second diamond. Declarer won in dummy, played a spade to his king, cashed the ace of clubs, played a diamond to dummy, cashed the last spade and played a heart. North went up with the ace and played his remaining heart. South could win and play a diamond and declarer was one down.

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South dutifully led a club and declarer won with the queen. She played a spade and South went in with the ace to play a second club. Declarer won, played a spade to the queen and the four of hearts. When North played low it was all over. South could win with jack and return a spade but declarer won in hand, crossed to the ace of diamonds and played the winning spade. North knew he was about to be endplayed, so he threw the ace of hearts. That certainly avoided the endplay, as the Tigress in the East seat now claimed nine tricks.

## Jörgen Lindqvist 1945-2003

His many friends will be sad to learn that Jörgen died last week losing a long battle with cancer. Our thoughts go to his family, Ethel, Thomas and Lisa.

He represented Sweden during the 70s and early 80s partnering PO Sundelin, Anders Brunzell and Tjolpe Flodqvist. He became European Champion and finished third in the Bermuda Bowl in 1977. After his successful career as a player he turned his talents into teaching the game and was one of the most loved and appreciated tutors in Sweden. Last year he returned to the international scene to successfully coach the Swedish team in Salsomaggiore into a berth in this year's Bermuda Bowl. He had hoped to be able to play here in Menton but sadly this was not to be.

We will remember him as a wonderful personality, a great teammate and partner, and an excellent player. Here is an example of his creativity from earlier this year:

Dealer East. East/West Vul

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

West	North	East	South
		2♣*	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

\*The opening showed 20-21 balanced or any game force.

West led a trump which East won with the ace to return the suit. In theory there was now no way to make the contract. But what about real life?

That trump lead was killing as it had taken away two ruffs in dummy. There remained six trump tricks, two aces and one ruff.

Jörgen decided to try an old gambit. He exited with a small club from both hands. The defenders played diamonds. Jörgen ruffed the second, ruffed a club in dummy and a diamond in hand, and ran all the spades. Both defenders 'knew' that partner had the club ace so they held on to hearts in the three-card ending letting declarer win two club tricks and make ten tricks and the impossible game.

## 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](mailto: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.

With your help and support.

For You.

For Europe.

For Bridge.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

**The EBL Executive Committee**

## IT WAS A PLEASURE...

I will not refer to the weather as this has already been done in many articles.

As you collect your Bulletin every morning, I hope you were, as many have told me, informed and amused. Perhaps you wonder how and by whom these some 300 pages were produced.

You must give credit to what I consider a great team.

**Mark Horton**, co-editor, has so many friends playing in this championship that they queue up to tell him about the good and sometimes the bad hands and he writes them up for you in his inimitable style.

**Brent Manley**, editor of the ACBL Bulletin, and **Jos Jacobs** never missed THE match of the day, so that you get a full report of it.

**Guy Dupont** and **Philippe Brunel** who delivered two pages every day in French, spicy, witty and after they had fought for hours over the exact right word to use. They were much appreciated, at least so I heard.

**Franco Broccoli** wrote regularly an outstanding *Cose di casa nostra*, two pages full of interesting hands. Somebody told me that they would learn Italian for the next time so they would get the full flavour of it.

**Ron Tacchi** was everywhere during the championship running (*gently jogging ed.*) around taking photos of players and delivering us the right ones at the right time.

**George Hadzidakis** was responsible for the lay-out and has done an excellent job even if we allowed him very little time to deliver the final product.

It was a great pleasure to work with all these guys all of whom played the game as a team!

We must not forget the team that worked all night photocopying and assembling the bulletins.

I was also involved with the VuGraph.

Your applause for *Zia Mahmood* was so loud that it could be heard throughout Menton. May I say he deserved still more, he is just the best and most entertaining VuGraph commentator.

Thanks a lot Zia for your help.

Hope to see you soon, perhaps in Monte Carlo in November.

## The Convention Card Desk

So there I was, standing with about 40 photocopies of various convention cards that I had done for as many pairs from all over the world, when this nice young lady came to me and asked to look at them. After she had thumbed through them she pulled one out.

"Can I have this one, please?"

It was plainly not made out by anyone of her nationality.

"Why do you want it?"

"Well, I play five-card majors and I need a convention card."

I gave her a copy.

*Grattan Endicott*

## Correction

In the story 'A Brilliant Recovery' which appeared in yesterday's bulletin, it was Rafal Jagniewski of Poland who led the five of diamonds. His partner Boguslaw Pazur was South. Messrs Piekerek & Gotard were not involved, save as kibitzers at the table.

# La Gazette du Palais

par Guy Dupont et Philippe Brunel

## Vers un peu de fraîcheur ?

2ème tour des éliminatoires, donne 6. E / EO

Interview express d'un bridgeur météorologiste :  
 - Jean-Pierre Rocafort, vous êtes ingénieur à la météorologie nationale. La canicule va-t-elle durer jusqu'à la fin des championnats?  
 - Je ne sais pas. Je suis en vacances. Voyez les prévisions à la télé. C'est très bien fait.

### A qui la faute ?

La réussite du coup suivant dépendait de la force des adversaires. Lequel fallait-il mettre à la faute ?  
 Mais prenez plutôt place en défense, en Nord.

Demi-finale 2, donne 26, E / T

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



Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
D. Maurin	J.M. Voldoire	1♠	Passe
2SA	3♥	4♣	Passe
4♦	Passe	4SA	Passe
5♥	Passe	6♠	(Fin)

Sud, votre partenaire, entame du 4 de ♥. Le déclarant prend votre Valet de l'As, tire deux tours d'atout, joue ♣ pour la Dame et avance le 8 de ♥. **Comment défendez-vous ?**

Simple, direz-vous, mais beaucoup ont filé en fournissant la Dame de ♥. Piégé en main, ils ont dû rejouer coupe et défausse (ou ♦ dans la fourchette), permettant au déclarant de se débarrasser d'un ♣ perdant.

Main d'Est : ♠ RDVI073 ♥ A7 ♦ 3 ♣ AR96  
 Main de Sud : ♠ 64 ♥ I0642 ♦ I042 ♣ VI087

Le coup est peut-être tout aussi délicat pour le flanc si le déclarant joue ♥ vers le mort : Sud doit absolument plonger du 10.

### Lorsque le riche réfléchit, le pauvre espère

Face à un contrat sans issue, le déclarant retrouve quelques couleurs lorsqu'un adversaire se plonge dans une longue réflexion. Plus la réflexion dure, plus l'espoir augmente.

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

♠ DV 10 3
♥ DV 8 3 2
♦ D 5
♣ 7 2



♠ A 6 2
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ A R 8 7
♣ A 6

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	S.Mothashami		J.M Runacher
Passe	3♠ *	Passe	2SA
Passe	6♣	Passe	3SA
			6SA

Ayant atterri à un contrat assez poussé, Sud devait se montrer à la hauteur de ses ambitions. Ouest entama de la Dame de ♠ pour le Roi, duqué, et Est réfléchit longuement avant de continuer dans la couleur. Ne voyant a priori que peu de positions gagnantes, le déclarant tira néanmoins As-Roi de ♦ (défausse d'un ♠ du mort) et nota, avec satisfaction, la chute de la Dame. Et si les ♦ étaient 6-2 ? Un squeeze viendrait à son secours. Six tours de ♣ plus tard, la position était amenée :

♠ 9	♠ -
♥ 10	♥ R 7
♦ -	♦ V
♣ R	♣ -



♠ D
♥ DV
♦ -
♣ -

♠ -
♥ A 9
♦ 7
♣ -

Un top qu'Est aurait pu transformer en zéro, en retournant ♥ à la deuxième levée.

### Carte magique

Tony Cuenca a trouvé la carte magique pour réaliser une levée de plus que le gros de la troupe, sur cette donne de la deuxième séance des demi-finales par paires :

Donne 7, S/P

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

<b>Ouest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Cuenca</i>		<i>Attali</i>	
	(Fin)		1 ♥
3 ♠			

Nord entame à ♥, pour le 9 de Sud, qui insiste de l'As. **Comment Cuenca a-t-il joué ?**

Après avoir coupé et donné deux tours d'atout, la plupart des déclarants ont réussi à limiter leur perte à ♣ à deux levées, en cherchant l'As sec en Sud. Ce qui était le cas. 140 pour eux. Cuenca, lui, a trouvé un maniemment très particulier : il a présenté un imaginaire Valet de ♣. Qui blâmera Nord d'avoir couvert de la Dame ? Toujours est-il que sur la Dame, le déclarant a appelé un petit du mort. Quand l'As s'est écrasé, il restait à Cuenca à capturer le 10 de ♣ en impasse. Dix levées, 170, et un top.

Après les enchères, on connaît l'As de ♣ en Sud. Le seul mauvais cas aurait été de trouver la Dame de ♣ sèche en Nord. Mais Cuenca a estimé ce risque très limité : si tel avait été le cas, Nord aurait probablement choisi d'entamer de son singleton.

### Un Contre Révélateur

Une manche contrée bien négociée par Michel Abécassis, lors des quarts de finale du championnat par équipes, contre l'équipe allemande Reps :

Donne 27, S/P

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

<b>Ouest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>D. V. Arnim</i>	<i>Abécassis</i>	<i>S. Auken</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
Passe	1 ♥	Passe	Passe
Passe	4 ♥	X	2 ♥ (Fin)

Sabine Auken, en Est, entame de l'As de ♠ et rejoue ♠. **Comment Abécassis a-t-il gagné ?**

Il a encaissé du Roi et joué un petit ♥, sous l'As. Est a pris de la Dame et contre-attaqué de la Dame de ♦, pour l'As. Le déclarant a débloqué l'As de ♣ et rejoué un petit ♥, pour le Roi de Sabine Auken, qui a poursuivi à ♦, pour le Roi. Abécassis est monté au mort par le Valet de ♥, a présenté la Dame de ♣ couverte et coupée, puis il a tiré l'As de ♥, purgeant le dernier atout. Il lui restait à encaisser Dame-10 de ♠ et la Dame de ♣.

### Jack Defends Computer-Bridge Title against Bridge Baron

In one of the strongest comebacks in computer-bridge history Bridge Baron came back from a 47 IMP deficit, with 16 boards to play, and defeated Wbridge5 143-139 in the semi-finals. In the other semifinal match Jack defeated Micro Bridge 167-81.

<b>Wbridge5</b>	20	60	40	19	139
<b>Bridge Baron</b>	36	19	18	70	143
<b>Jack</b>	36	33	59	39	167
<b>Micro Bridge</b>	9	26	12	34	81

One board that gave Wbridge5 some of its early lead was board 16 of the third quarter.

Board 16. Dealer West. East/West Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
BB	WB	BB	WB
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
WB	BB	WB	BB
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦A at both tables, and shifted a trump. Both declarers played best for 10 tricks, playing a heart to the ace and a club toward their hands, avoiding East getting on lead to return a second trump.

Jack will defend its title against Bridge Baron in a 64-board final.

## Cose di casa nostra

by Franco Broccoli

Nel primo dei tre turni previsti per le finali open, women e senior, l'organizzazione decide di mettere in rama le donne. L'incontro è Italia/Olanda e il C.T. Carlo Mosca schiera Monica Buratti e Darinka Forti sotto le telecamere e Caterina Ferlazzo e Gabriella Manara in chiusa. L'Olanda risponde con Pasman/Simons in rama e Van Zwol/Hoogweg contro le siciliane.

Quando c'è il Vu Graph, per sincronizzare le due sale, in aperta si parte con due mani di vantaggio senza confronto. In questo resoconto, invece, si segue l'ordine naturale dei board.

Il tempo di registrare una mano pari senza storia a 4♠mi (Board 1) e subito arriva un po' d'azione:

Board 2. Dichiarante Est. N/S in zona.

♠ 6 2 ♥ A K J 10 7 5 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 10 4	♠ Q 8 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A 5 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	O     E	S	♠ A K J 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ A Q 7 5
N						
O     E						
S						
♠ 10 9 7 5 4 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ J 2						

Rama

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Forti</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Simons</i>
		ISA	passo
2♦	passo	2♥	passo
4♦	passo	4♠	passo
4SA	passo	5♠	passo
6♥	tutti passano		

Darinka Forti trasferisce le sue cuori sulle spalle della compagna e comunica di avere una mano interessante con il controllo di quadri. Sulla base di questa informazione, le carte di Monica Buratti diventano preziose in quanto completano perfettamente la mano della compagna (niente a quadri, tutto il resto). E allora semaforo verde al tentativo di slam con la cue bid a picche (picche e fiori). La successiva richiesta di carte chiave appura il possesso di tutti i controlli, compresa la Dama d'atout. Sud ha attaccato Fante di quadri, per un pezzo del morto e l'Asso della Pasman che è tornata nel colore abbreviando di molto la mano. 6♥ mi, +980.

In un incontro parallelo lo stesso contratto lo giocava Ovest. Nord ha attaccato atout e il dichiarante ha battuto due colpi finendo al morto con la Dama. Sulla piccola quadri per il Re, Nord ha filato senza battere ciglio. Il dichiarante ha eliminato l'ultimo atout avversario e ha giocato picche per Asso e Re accogliendo con felicità la caduta della Dama di Nord. Sul Fante di picche è andata via la fiori e sulla quadri per la Dama....*ohiohio!*

Chiusa

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
		ISA	passo
4♦	passo	4♥	tutti passano

Valutazione diversa per Van Zwol che ritiene di dover cercare troppe carte dalla compagna. C'erano.

4♥+2, +480. Primo swing per l'Italia.

I board 3 e 4 spostano 3 imps per surlevée a favore dell'Olanda negli stessi contratti. Poi arriva qualcosa di più corposo:

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

♠ J 9 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ 7 6 4 3 ♣ A 5 4 2	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ A K J 7 5 3 ♦ Q J ♣ 9 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	O     E	S	♠ A 10 6 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 10 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 8
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			♠ K 7 5 4 2 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ K 7 3			



Monica Buratti, Italy

**Rama**

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Forti</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Simons</i>
	1♥	passo	1♠
passo	2♥	passo	2SA
passo	3SA	tutti passano	

La coppia olandese scivola verso il contratto a SA sperando di sfruttare al massimo la fonte di prese rappresentata dalla lunga a cuori. A volte è giusto. Altre volte... Forti ha attaccato con il 7 di quadri per la Dama del morto che è rimasta in presa. Simons ha proseguito Dama di picche per l'Asso di Buratti che, avendo gradito l'attacco e non sapendo dell'Asso di fiori dalla compagna, ha intavolato il Re di quadri, affrancandosi due prese nel colore. Ora, riuscendo a fare sei prese a cuori, si arriverebbe a mantenere 3SA con sei cuori, due quadri e una picche. La Simons, in presa con l'Asso di quadri, seguendo il principio *o tutte mie, o tutte vostre*, ha intavolato il 10 di cuori facendolo girare fino alla Dama di Est. 3SA-4, - 400.

**Chiusa**

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
	1♥	passo	1♠
passo	2♥	passo	3♥
passo	3SA	passo	4♥
tutti passano			

Il contratto della sala chiusa è più normale, rispetta il fit no-bile e si può portare a casa facilmente con qualche carta piazzata. Gabriella Manara ha tagliato il terzo giro di fiori d'attacco, ha incassato l'Asso di cuori notando il 9 di Est, ha intavolato la Dama di quadri (Re, Asso) e ha fatto girare il 10 di cuori (Est avrebbe anche potuto mettere il 9 da qualsiasi combinazione di due carte). Hoogweg ha preso con la Dama d'atout ed è tornata



Femke Hoogweg, The Netherlands

quadri. In seguito, sulla piccola picche di Nord, ha impegnato immediatamente l'Asso riducendo ad una le prese di caduta della dichiarante. 4♥-1, -100.

Nel board 6 le olandesi cadono di due prese a 3SA contro le toscane (3SA-1 nell'altra sala) e nel 7 Caterina Ferlazzo realizza dieci prese a 3SA rispetto alle nove della Pasman.

**Board 8. Dichiarante Ovest. Tutti in prima.**

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

**Rama**

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Forti</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Simons</i>
passo	1♠	passo	2♠
passo	3♥	passo	3♠

tutti passano

Simons, nonostante l'appoggio quarto a picche, il Re quarto nel colore laterale della compagna e un singolo (che non fa mai male), non reputa le sue carte meritevoli della partita e tira il freno a mano. La compagna rispetta la decisione ma realizza 11 prese dopo l'attacco Asso di fiori e il ritorno atout. 3♠+2, +200.

**Chiusa**

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
passo	1♠	passo	3♠
passo	4♠	tutti passano	

Licita più sbrigativa e, a conti fatti, più efficace in sala chiusa. Stesso attacco, stesse perdenti nei minori (due), stesse prese. 4♠+1, +450.

**Board 9. Dichiarante Nord. E/O in zona.**

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

## Rama

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Forti	Pasman	Buratti	Simons
	1♦	passo	1♥
1♠	3♣	3♠	contro
passo	4♦	passo	4♥
tutti passano			

Gran bello slam a cuori, ma pessima manche a cuori (!). Scherzi a parte, se si guardano solo le carte di N/S si potrebbe dire che 6♥ non è male, affidato come è praticamente solo alla 3/2 in atout (e un po' anche alla mancanza di sorprese a quadri - il blocco in atout dà molto fastidio). Aprendo la visuale sulle 52 carte, invece, si vede che la cattiva divisione dei colori rossi riduce radicalmente le prese. Forti ha attaccato Re di picche per il taglio del morto e Simons ha tirato l'altro pezzo d'atout ed è rientrata in mano a quadri per continuare a battere. Vista la cattiva divisione, si è lanciata sulle quadri (con due carte in Est sarebbe arrivata in porto), con scarso successo. Alla fine ha perso due picche, una cuori e una fiori. 4♥-1, -50.

## Chiusa

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Van Zwol	Manara	Hoogweg	Ferlazzo
	1♦	passo	1♥
1♠	3♦	3♠	3SA
passo	4♦	passo	4♥
passo	5♦	tutti passano	

Manara, al contrario di Pasman, non accetta la proposta fatta dalla compagna di giocare a cuori e chiude a 5♦. Per re-



Gabriella Manara, Italy

galare 5♦ ci vuole l'attacco fiori oppure, nella fattispecie, una certa ingordigia di Ovest alla terza presa. Perché Est ha attaccato Asso di picche che Manara ha tagliato al morto proseguendo con due colpi di cuori. Van Zwol, mancando un'occasione per una bella giocata, ha tagliato (avrebbe dovuto scartare picche in quanto, a quel punto, anche lo scarto di una fiori avrebbe consentito un finale vincente per la dichiarante. Purtroppo in queste pagine non c'è abbastanza spazio per tutti gli approfondimenti). Il regalo da greci offerto da Manara a Van Zwol ha portato 400 alla squadra Mosca. Van Zwol, dicevamo, ha tagliato e ha cercato di fare del suo meglio tornando piccolo la fiori per la compagna per mandare in fuorigioco il morto con il ritorno nel colore, ma Manara ha tagliato il ritorno fiori e ha intavolato la Dama di Cuori chiudendo la pratica. 5♦ mi, +400

## Board 10. Dichiarante Est. Tutti in zona.

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

## Rama

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Forti	Pasman	Buratti	Simons
		passo	passo
1♦	passo	2SA	tutti passano

Forti non rialza a manche il limite a Senza della compagna e la coppia toscana si trova impegnata in un parziale senza particolari problemi. Il blocco delle cuori consente di totalizzare nove prese anche con l'attacco nel colore. Nella fattispecie Sud ha attaccato picche, per la Dama di Nord e l'Asso di Buratti che ha affrancato le quadri. 2SA+1, +150.

## Chiusa

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Van Zwol	Manara	Hoogweg	Ferlazzo
		passo	passo
1♦	passo	2♣	passo
3♦	passo	3SA	tutti passano

2♣ mostra il fit a ♦

Stesso attacco, stesse prese. In un incontro parallelo hanno raggiunto il contratto di 5♦. 3SA mi, +600.

(continua)

# OPEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 3 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	3rd	total					
1 MECKSTROTH - RODWELL	56.12	65.92	55.79	59.28	66 CZUL - PIETRASZEK	49.32	44.15	57.27	50.25
2 GOTARD - PIEKAREK	64.08	58.08	52.77	58.31	67 ROMBAUT - DADOUN	45.99	53.67	50.92	50.19
3 GIBBONS - COOKE	53.57	50.69	67.56	57.27	68 TUTKA - GAWECKI	46.11	52.00	52.31	50.14
4 SANDQVIST - HOLLAND	71.00	44.68	55.89	57.19	69 GLADYSH - KRASNOSSELSKI	46.78	52.11	51.24	50.04
5 PEICHEV - ARONOV	56.41	61.29	53.12	56.94	70 MOEN - ERGA	48.84	51.78	49.41	50.01
6 MADSEN - MADSEN	57.76	60.53	52.41	56.90	71 MOSS - GRUE	51.75	48.09	50.16	50.00
7 PROOIJEN - BRINK	52.59	58.86	57.34	56.26	72 JOHANNSSON - JONSSON	47.17	51.11	51.41	49.90
8 ATABEY - KOLATA	61.85	54.11	52.90	56.29	73 SOLARI - MUS MARC	49.82	53.15	46.43	49.80
9 DE FALCO - DEL BUONO	47.72	61.33	58.14	55.73	74 BACH - EVANS	40.26	54.41	54.79	49.82
10 PAZUR - JAGNIEWSKI	59.11	54.81	52.71	55.54	75 HACKETT - WATERLOW	56.78	42.61	49.86	49.75
11 MEJANE - DUMAZET	62.35	48.54	56.29	55.73	76 LORMANT - ELLIA	44.51	54.86	49.65	49.67
12 HOEYLAND - HOEYLAND	52.69	56.99	57.54	55.74	77 FRITSCHKE - MARSAL	51.09	39.04	58.49	49.54
13 ANDREEV - VOROBEL	59.53	56.60	50.63	55.59	78 FISCHER - SAURER	47.59	52.13	48.77	49.50
14 VERHEES - JANSMA	56.92	51.55	57.91	55.46	79 SCHILHART - BUCHLEV	49.75	45.42	53.08	49.42
15 STARKOWSKI - TUSZYNSKI	56.65	58.27	50.11	55.01	80 RINGUET - MATEOS-RUIZ	50.96	45.83	51.49	49.43
16 WIJS - MULLER	58.39	49.45	57.68	55.17	81 KEMENY - TRENKA	49.18	52.83	46.08	49.36
17 ASSAEL - ZORLU	56.49	62.65	47.44	55.53	82 IZISEL - PILON	41.43	56.95	48.96	49.11
18 POLETYLO - WOJCICKI	63.01	48.33	54.13	55.16	83 CICHOCKI - ZURAKOWSKI	46.81	48.65	50.77	48.74
19 BALDURSSON - JONSSON	57.51	55.73	50.78	54.67	84 COHEN - LEBOVICH	46.17	52.70	47.27	48.71
20 BIZON - KOWALSKI	59.87	49.53	54.07	54.49	85 FORRESTER - MCINTOSH	55.88	49.18	40.62	48.56
21 MORATH - GUSTAWSSON	65.17	53.61	44.90	54.56	86 PEDERSEN - BARDSEN	48.01	46.78	50.52	48.44
22 WLADOW - ELINESCU	55.70	50.05	57.73	54.49	87 KOISTINEN - BACKSTROM	50.47	47.40	48.09	48.65
23 EIDI - MARTENS	55.10	51.47	55.88	54.15	88 DIKLIC - MILADIN	48.71	46.38	51.54	48.88
24 BESSIS - LEVY	44.36	50.60	66.81	53.92	89 THOMPSON - CLARK	55.73	35.80	53.23	48.25
25 MULTON - PALAU	51.86	47.88	61.42	53.72	90 VOZABAL - SVOBODA	45.74	45.92	52.49	48.05
26 REPS - LUDEWIG	53.92	59.83	47.17	53.64	91 COMPERNOLLE - DEBUS	54.97	46.65	42.35	47.99
27 FAGIER - SCHERDIN	57.35	50.96	52.33	53.55	92 AUKEN - ARNIM	53.70	46.36	44.49	48.18
28 CHMURSKI - PUCZYNSKI	53.77	47.62	59.04	53.48	93 SILVERSTONE - STOCK	45.98	41.57	56.04	47.86
29 ZNAMIROWSKI - OPALINSKI	46.99	56.61	56.42	53.34	94 PEDERSEN - BECK	51.72	47.72	44.09	47.84
30 WIKNER - PETERSSON	45.02	57.23	57.68	53.31	95 FARAH - HAMDAN	47.25	53.44	42.66	47.78
31 OZDIL - MESBUR	50.88	56.24	52.67	53.26	96 LEWACIAK - MICHALEK	44.31	49.61	48.54	47.49
32 FURUTA - TERAMOTO	56.35	49.37	53.60	53.11	97 SHARKANAS - JANKUNAITE	46.57	39.49	55.70	47.25
33 BIRMAN - LEVIN	57.85	58.61	42.37	52.94	98 JAGGER - PAGAN	45.01	54.95	42.78	47.58
34 SADEK - ELAHMADY	53.00	51.98	53.72	52.90	99 MAARI - KOWALSKI	44.53	49.49	47.42	47.15
35 USZYNSKI - RENOUIARD	56.51	48.92	53.10	52.84	100 BURG - BUCHMAYR	46.70	40.43	54.21	47.11
36 VICENT - GODED	46.60	53.85	57.73	52.73	101 MAGNUSSON - BERTHEAV	46.31	48.11	46.05	46.82
37 ROBSON - BAKHSHI	54.16	50.96	52.95	52.69	102 ZONCHEV - SHOKOV	47.45	43.91	48.83	46.73
38 AABYE - HELNESS	51.97	55.59	50.27	52.61	103 FILIOS - PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS	46.01	42.22	51.45	46.56
39 OURSEL - FLEURY	53.38	52.94	50.98	52.43	104 IYILIKCI - ZOBU	47.70	44.69	47.05	46.48
40 ANIL - RAJESH	61.96	45.92	49.36	52.41	105 RALKO - WOJAS	39.14	48.87	51.18	46.40
41 WESTRA - EIJK	51.14	54.90	51.07	52.37	106 DE MARTINIS - FIORETTI	41.60	46.58	50.64	46.27
42 PIKUS - LUCKO	51.34	50.56	55.24	52.38	107 MARIPUU - SESTER	41.46	52.70	42.92	45.69
43 HALLBERG - RYMAN	50.80	52.73	53.31	52.28	108 APTEKER - GOWER	47.79	48.17	42.10	46.02
44 VINCIGUERRA - MARI	52.25	54.10	50.42	52.26	109 HAAS - MARACHE	52.45	45.71	39.87	46.01
45 BERTENS - BAKKEREN	45.00	56.15	54.15	51.77	110 GRAGLIA - CARRE	43.74	49.23	44.90	45.96
46 VIVES - VIVES	42.77	57.72	54.89	51.79	111 CARROLL - GARVEY	50.74	35.71	51.37	45.94
47 OLANSKI - KWIECIEN	46.02	51.87	57.31	51.73	112 THOMA - NASDER	42.95	53.12	41.69	45.92
48 GAROZZO - DUPONT	59.44	48.98	46.70	51.71	113 SENIOR - WOLFARTH	43.66	48.51	44.75	45.64
49 DIEDEN - BLOMDAHL	53.77	49.21	51.75	51.58	114 LUPU - LUPU	38.04	41.01	57.71	45.59
50 GAEK - PROKHOROV	53.63	54.35	46.28	51.42	115 ISPORSKI - KOVACHEV	42.12	48.86	45.13	45.37
51 INGIMARSSON - EINARSSON	50.54	47.30	56.11	51.32	116 ZHMAK - GARUSOV	44.29	53.70	37.06	45.02
52 NEUT - BOMHOF	44.24	60.90	48.80	51.31	117 SIKORSKI - HENCLIK	43.53	48.75	41.10	44.46
53 NOBERIUS - TORNQUIST	46.80	59.72	47.42	51.31	118 BONGIOVANNI - ROMANSKI	34.84	51.48	46.41	44.24
54 CHAGAS - BRENNER	45.99	52.77	55.01	51.26	119 CARPENTIERI - GUARINO	47.14	38.48	46.65	44.09
55 FRANCES - TORRES	48.84	57.08	47.41	51.11	120 RUBENIS - JANSONS	48.88	38.43	43.91	43.74
56 HISHMAR - VARENNE	46.66	48.31	58.29	51.09	121 GERIN - BOULOGNE	38.88	49.48	42.25	43.54
57 FANTONI - LANCIANO	52.94	47.69	52.36	51.00	122 MARTIN - BOSS	46.41	42.24	41.88	43.51
58 HANLON - MCGANN	52.06	56.86	43.91	50.94	123 BORIN - EFRAIMSSON	46.00	42.27	42.19	43.49
59 GROMOV - PETRUNIN	55.11	41.91	55.26	50.76	124 ANCESSY - BRUNET	46.00	45.64	37.90	43.18
60 AMOEDO - VILLAS	54.83	42.44	54.92	50.73	125 TEODORESCU - NEGOESCU	38.43	49.58	41.03	43.01
61 SAUR - GAMLEMSHAUG	49.49	48.95	53.35	50.60	126 CHOUR - SOLNTSEV	44.92	50.79	32.40	42.70
62 HACKETT - DE BOTTON	53.87	44.71	53.24	50.61	127 MECKSTROTH - MECKSTROTH	48.24	43.96	34.58	42.26
63 GILBOA - WAX YACOV	53.89	53.90	43.86	50.55	128 KOWALEWSKI - BUZE	49.87	36.06	39.82	41.92
64 CABANES - GAUTRET	52.08	50.18	49.13	50.46	129 BASTIANSEN - SANDVIK	40.80	39.68	44.90	41.79
65 GROMOLLER - KIRMSE	48.42	52.19	50.54	50.38	130 MILO - VOLPI	39.26	45.40	36.33	40.33
					131 SABATE - PARTIARROYO	38.54	40.88	39.76	39.73



# OPEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 3 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	3rd	total					
1 JEANNETEAU - QUERAN	60.07	61.36	64.69	62.04	68 MUSSO - RIOLO	54.59	43.50	59.06	52.38
2 WERNLE - SCHIFKO	51.59	61.62	65.51	59.48	69 PALAZO - BANCHEREAU	56.23	44.08	53.22	52.19
3 BOMPIS - DE ST.MARIE	65.73	53.95	58.21	59.25	70 MANDRUTA - DOBRIN	50.58	46.42	59.66	52.18
4 HENRI - LAFOURCADE	57.73	59.19	59.95	58.92	71 LEONETTI - ROBERTI	47.72	48.76	59.47	51.97
5 BUSSEK - ROHOWSKY	61.34	56.76	56.69	58.26	72 PAUNCZ - VIKOR	50.07	54.68	50.68	51.83
6 KUJAWA - OLECH	59.54	62.88	52.28	58.20	73 SALOMONE - BERTELLO	52.09	56.89	46.36	51.75
7 DRIJVER - SCHOLLAARDT	67.96	56.55	49.97	58.19	74 ROTARU - LUNGU	54.65	53.83	46.72	51.75
8 KOKISH - BARAN	58.34	55.38	60.60	58.10	75 REGEL - SIN DEUT	50.98	53.21	51.03	51.74
9 BRUGGEMAN - GROOT	61.48	57.10	54.57	57.72	76 SEBBANE - THUILLEZ	48.49	51.69	54.76	51.65
10 MATRICARDI - CORCHIA	60.17	60.56	52.51	57.72	77 PEHLIVAN - UZUM	46.40	50.63	57.63	51.51
11 ARMSTRONG - MELBOURNE	59.73	53.45	59.78	57.64	78 ARAIZI - CHLIAPAS	55.98	52.33	45.97	51.46
12 BITRAN - ROCAFORT	61.77	59.16	51.20	57.38	79 EBENIUS - UPMARK	43.58	61.62	49.18	51.40
13 ARASZKIEWICZ - PASTERNAK	59.74	54.29	57.55	57.22	80 JANSSON - BJORKLUND	50.49	59.73	43.88	51.40
14 RYNNING - BRANDSNES	63.27	55.19	53.03	57.20	81 HAYASHI - TAKANO	45.17	55.65	53.07	51.25
15 TURCI - RAFFA	61.00	45.67	64.11	56.89	82 BOGACKI - LUNA	51.73	45.61	56.12	51.21
16 DARNICHE - ELIE	58.72	52.01	59.63	56.78	83 GIARD - BENOIT	50.01	54.88	48.56	51.15
17 OZKAN - YILMAZ	55.30	62.24	52.80	56.75	84 KRISHNAKUMAR - KIRUBAKARA	59.91	45.94	47.22	51.01
18 MORITSCH - GUERRA	54.03	58.60	56.34	56.29	85 BENASSI - DEVINCENZO	39.38	60.06	53.24	50.91
19 TOMESCU - STIRBU	56.61	45.85	65.98	56.15	86 NEVE - FRONTAUVA	49.51	55.15	47.82	50.80
20 SIMON - TERRANEO	62.90	57.17	48.22	56.14	87 DELMOULY - POTIER	57.24	39.28	55.88	50.77
21 FRANK - BRAUNSTEIN	51.32	62.21	54.77	56.03	88 SERGENT - PEPPER	54.32	50.68	47.30	50.76
22 TCHAMITCH - BAROUDI	59.30	52.86	55.69	55.96	89 MOIR - CROFTS	45.29	50.01	57.08	50.76
23 ASLAN - AKGUL	60.32	54.99	52.24	55.89	90 BELLA - CARZANIGA	46.76	56.02	49.44	50.74
24 KROJGAARD - CASPERSEN	55.12	63.99	48.50	55.89	91 MAURIN - VOLDOIRE	46.47	54.77	49.33	50.61
25 CLAIR - TOTARO	61.43	54.07	52.19	55.87	92 FRENCKEN - VANDERVORST	46.67	53.41	51.56	50.55
26 HOMONNAY - DUMBOVICH	49.18	54.01	63.87	55.74	93 LEPADAT - JOVESCU	49.08	58.83	43.63	50.49
27 VAINIKONIS - PSZCZOLA	52.80	53.76	60.22	55.58	94 PRICE - SIMPSON	43.93	58.78	48.43	50.41
28 ISTVAN - SZILAGYI	45.08	57.83	63.79	55.55	95 STERKIN - KHIOUPPENEN	47.36	51.59	52.10	50.39
29 ASH MIKE - MCPHEE	51.98	51.29	63.41	55.51	96 LO PRESTI - MAZZADI	47.23	51.91	55.39	50.34
30 SAVIN - MATEI	55.55	56.97	53.63	55.39	97 LODATO - TROMBETTA	53.38	51.58	46.07	50.33
31 SVENDSEN - HAUGE	51.17	53.97	61.08	55.37	98 ROZAK - KUSION	44.99	51.74	53.98	50.21
32 STOPPA - STRETZ	45.81	62.88	57.23	55.35	99 JAUNIAUX - COLINET	46.47	57.78	46.08	50.17
33 MORTAROTTI - RUSSO	63.22	48.06	54.40	55.27	100 WINKLER - LAKATOS	47.85	54.03	48.62	50.12
34 SMITH - CZERNIEWSKI	51.11	63.16	51.39	55.17	101 ENGEL - BAUSBACK	49.39	58.91	42.12	50.11
35 BERG - JORGENSEN	62.94	51.39	50.82	55.06	102 DELIBALTADAKIS - KANNAVOS	48.91	49.22	52.15	50.11
36 HAMMELEV - MONSTED	46.89	66.52	52.21	54.99	103 GONCA - ALFEJEVA	49.04	52.22	49.11	50.11
37 HONTI - HARANGOZO	52.99	51.59	60.31	54.94	104 PETERSON - ANDERSSON	51.94	58.71	39.59	50.07
38 GIERULSKI - SKRZYPCZAK	56.68	55.82	52.11	54.85	105 NORMAN - VANG	48.87	48.12	53.19	50.06
39 AUKEN - BLAKSET	51.11	55.81	57.01	54.69	106 CLEEF - ZWART	44.22	55.87	49.43	49.88
40 WRANG - FALLENIUS	60.73	49.18	53.59	54.53	107 FERRARI - CARAMANTI	49.01	41.29	58.62	49.63
41 HOILAND - DRANGSHOLT	48.62	48.87	66.17	54.53	108 VERSACE - CORSO	48.65	47.80	52.09	49.54
42 BOVE - DI STEFANO	49.86	52.59	60.57	54.33	109 OSTERGAARD - JENSEN	55.76	53.80	39.00	49.53
43 FISSORE - CATELLANI	54.92	56.95	50.85	54.26	110 YALCIN - DONG	50.99	47.49	50.17	49.50
44 BROGELAND - GILLIS	50.30	61.67	49.84	53.93	111 GWINNER - KUNZLI	52.90	51.37	44.09	49.46
45 BAREKET - LENGY	54.54	54.50	52.56	53.93	112 KARAIVANOV - TRENDAFILOV	46.47	47.22	54.08	49.29
46 KIRCHHOFF - ABRAM	54.39	53.11	55.75	53.89	113 GULHEIM - SKJAERAN	46.92	46.61	54.22	49.24
47 JELENIEWSKI - KRAJEWSKI	56.26	50.61	54.66	53.85	114 GOTTLIEB - ZUCKER	48.95	59.04	39.77	49.23
48 KYTCHANOV - KHANTIMIROV	52.07	55.94	53.43	53.83	115 LITVAK - RUDAKOV	52.01	40.51	55.24	49.21
49 SHAH - MADALA	50.28	54.85	56.32	53.80	116 DYBDAHL - BROWN	51.12	50.91	45.47	49.15
50 OVESEN - KINDSBEKKEN	48.75	54.56	57.38	53.59	117 YUEN - SMITH	53.28	41.76	52.29	49.12
51 BOWLES - MOHANDES	59.56	43.56	57.54	53.57	118 AGENES - GIAVARINI	56.11	45.32	44.21	49.02
52 SCHRODEL - ZEITLER	61.29	44.20	55.15	53.51	119 OSAULENKO - SHUDNEV	51.52	49.34	46.04	48.97
53 MEIJS - TER LAARE	54.24	44.66	61.28	53.45	120 COMBESCURE - DECHELETTE	43.84	46.17	56.73	48.96
54 BEAUMIER - NAHMIAS	52.63	55.08	52.47	53.41	121 GAGLIARDI - SPINELLI	39.83	53.92	52.96	48.88
55 ESKIZARA - DALKILIC	41.84	55.97	61.83	53.24	122 CHADHA - ORSMOND	48.70	46.91	54.03	48.85
56 JONSSON - SIGURDSSON	49.07	58.22	51.98	53.10	123 KARBANOVICH - ZHURAVEL	53.37	52.05	40.94	48.80
57 NATALE - DI BELLO	51.30	58.08	49.65	53.04	124 PETROZZIELLO - GIANNOTTI	44.80	42.31	59.13	48.76
58 MARKOVIC - DRENKELFORD	53.90	43.74	61.29	52.98	125 BAREL - SCHNEIDER	50.24	57.16	38.81	48.75
59 DEL VIGO - FILIPPINI	58.33	51.58	48.94	52.97	126 WILDE - TUWANAKOTTA	50.38	46.77	49.04	48.74
60 INTONTI - SABBATINI	51.23	56.03	51.41	52.86	127 PIECZKA - ROG KAZIMIERZ	51.31	51.65	43.32	48.71
61 RUNDGREN - HALLBERG	45.86	54.40	57.73	52.65	128 KOSICKA - SLEMR	43.63	48.38	54.15	48.71
62 VOINESCU - TACIUC	52.09	52.36	53.19	52.55	129 HENRIQUES - BARBOSA	56.28	47.94	41.33	48.69
63 KARAMANLI - KARAMANLIS	48.64	53.23	55.68	52.55	130 PAL ACZEL - VARGA	40.13	50.97	54.85	48.67
64 FRANCES - BARBAROUX	51.63	59.77	49.15	52.53	131 HELLING - HEIN	56.39	45.62	44.04	48.63
65 MINTZ - LIMOR	49.48	54.24	53.74	52.50	132 SAVELLI - CATUCCI	45.94	46.22	53.67	48.61
66 MARINO - MARINO	48.00	51.07	58.26	52.46	133 BURN - DHONDY	48.63	50.41	46.77	48.61
67 ZACK - NAFTALI	57.98	43.92	55.23	52.39	134 NICOLODI - TEREZINI	41.64	48.29	55.81	48.58
					135 POITIER - SAINT	57.58	35.12	53.09	48.55

136	SEMP - HAYET	45.01	55.79	44.73	48.49	170	MESMAECKER - VANDERBIST	38.13	48.38	50.43	45.64
137	BREMARK - NYSTROM	48.15	54.26	43.14	48.47	171	ODDEN - HOGSTAD	46.18	53.01	37.60	45.57
138	TATARKIN - KHAZANOV	50.58	47.08	47.63	48.46	172	PEICHEV - BARANTIEV	47.94	42.54	46.08	45.46
139	HOLMGREN - WESTLIN	44.22	48.06	53.02	48.43	173	O'LUBAIGH - DELANEY	50.44	42.01	43.73	45.38
140	KEAVENEY - QUINN	41.24	46.62	57.33	48.43	174	DEL GAUDIO - MIGNOLA	38.25	47.26	50.41	45.34
141	ATHUIL - BUREAU	52.29	46.73	45.36	48.19	175	AJELLO - NOZZOLI	43.92	45.99	45.83	45.27
142	CRENN - CRENN	38.74	52.01	53.66	48.18	176	DUDZIK - ZAWADZKI	46.59	43.30	45.69	45.16
143	VARDAPETAYAN - BALOJAN	41.35	54.10	48.95	48.13	177	WILMOTT - MCGUIRE	47.12	40.97	47.10	45.07
144	SAMY - SAMY	54.44	40.21	49.72	48.12	178	FAIK - AYDIN	43.17	45.08	47.00	45.07
145	DOBROIU - HEAGU	53.42	47.81	43.08	48.05	179	STURE - BERG	46.82	47.14	40.80	44.94
146	BAKIR - BING	44.94	52.37	45.97	47.75	180	POPLILOV - SAGIV	42.79	39.79	52.22	44.93
147	MAMULA - BARRETT	42.74	48.84	51.25	47.67	181	CAMERINI - CAMEO	55.83	35.71	42.66	44.78
148	SAPORTA - ZIMMERMANN	50.84	47.56	44.41	47.63	182	MAUBERQUEZ - ALLIX	53.17	45.07	35.92	44.70
149	SOUDAN - FRUTOS	45.28	44.70	52.89	47.57	183	PANERO - CHAMPION	47.67	47.35	38.10	44.32
150	KAJAN - UZZAN	46.90	41.54	54.10	47.53	184	HANSSEN - FJELLSTAD	48.68	45.76	38.32	44.24
151	MOFAHKAMI - ODELLO	48.14	46.40	47.75	47.47	185	DANIC - COLOMBO	50.62	42.69	39.12	44.15
152	ATTALI - CUENCA	52.96	44.22	44.81	47.30	186	MARJAI - GERO	47.71	49.42	35.05	44.05
153	VEYER - JONG	50.53	45.05	45.73	47.12	187	MARMONTI - MASSA	47.52	42.54	41.24	43.72
154	WETTENSCHWILER - RANIS	53.48	46.69	41.86	46.89	188	MARRAY - HAMPSON	41.34	36.72	49.39	43.67
155	KAPLAN - ROMANOWSKI	47.62	51.35	41.64	46.89	189	RUSSO - KUCHARSKI	39.35	50.35	41.29	43.65
156	STAML - JAHE	52.11	34.87	50.40	46.82	190	TSEVIS - KOUTOUGOS	48.44	34.58	47.83	43.64
157	SONSER - BARRETT	52.52	42.38	45.30	46.76	191	ABLEY - EDDLESTON	38.48	50.44	40.48	43.10
158	BRUHN - ERIKSEN	39.35	48.89	51.87	46.72	192	GONFREVILLE - COHEN	46.02	44.98	37.13	42.70
159	MURCIANI - ASTRUC	48.57	41.87	49.56	46.67	193	MARTIN - HYNES	45.82	40.58	40.64	42.35
160	SHEATHER - SHEATHER	39.39	44.88	55.58	46.58	194	PORAT - STERN	34.29	49.55	43.03	42.30
161	CARELLI - COMELLA	42.50	54.33	42.73	46.48	195	DI MEMMO - GENTILE	37.86	52.30	36.71	42.07
162	HARINGS - KROES	45.64	50.99	42.60	46.39	196	SAKRAC - UCAN	31.90	41.22	52.91	42.03
163	BJORKMAN - SANZEN	46.41	46.05	46.35	46.31	197	ZEIN - KADDOURAH	43.92	36.66	42.88	41.15
164	GUARIGLIA - UCCELLO	50.70	44.93	43.32	46.30	198	FOUGT - JESPERSEN	46.10	30.10	42.74	39.63
165	BOASSA - DE MONTIS	35.78	57.13	45.30	46.13	199	DELLA - BIANCHI	49.31	32.15	37.02	39.54
166	VANDEREET - GELDERS	47.02	50.23	40.89	46.08	200	FLACKS - KEALHER	34.66	45.78	35.25	38.55
167	ILLA - FORT	39.79	43.23	54.25	45.75	201	BACKSTROM - ERKKILA	43.51	38.92	30.73	37.70
168	LEDGER - SQUIBB	52.58	43.35	41.12	45.69	202	MCEWING - BRUCE	35.04	41.09	35.34	37.13
169	DAURER - HOFLINGER	46.19	46.53	44.16	45.64						

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## WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 3 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	3rd	total					
1 ERHART - SMEDEREVAC	63.61	60.13	60.97	61.57	23 POPLILOV - ZUR-CAMPANILE	52.60	54.44	43.61	50.22
2 D'OVIDIO - ALLOUCHE	52.84	58.16	60.69	57.23	24 MISZEWSKA - NOEL	53.36	50.96	46.25	50.19
3 AVON - BELOGH	53.82	59.08	58.33	57.08	25 PECCOUD - MORETTI	53.60	46.43	49.72	49.92
4 KELLNER - WEIGKRICHT	53.46	58.76	58.33	56.85	26 BABAC - OZAN	47.98	47.50	53.47	49.65
5 LEVY - HEREDIA	57.63	61.47	49.17	56.09	27 SIVELIND - SIVELIND	55.46	49.94	41.81	49.07
6 FARHOLT - RAHELT	54.42	49.42	60.00	54.61	28 POMARES - FUSARI	57.99	44.88	44.03	48.97
7 CIVIDIN - COLONNA	52.81	54.68	55.97	54.49	29 RYMAN - RYMAN	49.06	42.39	53.61	48.35
8 POULAIN - LACROIX	55.98	52.60	53.61	54.07	30 BINDERKRANTZ - BEKKOUCHE	47.63	41.29	54.31	47.74
9 KOCH - KLEMMENSEN	57.75	55.31	47.50	53.52	31 ROSSARD - RACZYNSKA	48.61	46.50	48.06	47.72
10 CRONIER - WILLARD	49.14	52.32	57.78	53.08	32 GEIGER - GEIGER	49.28	54.06	38.19	47.18
11 THUILLEZ - JEANNIN-NALTET	54.20	51.36	52.36	52.64	33 PIGEAUD - TANANBAUM	54.75	44.17	42.50	47.14
12 ROSETTA - DE LUCCHI	49.13	60.88	47.64	52.55	34 DOWLING-LONG - MORAN	48.43	38.72	52.50	46.55
13 GACKOWSKA - BREWIAK	56.34	57.12	43.89	52.45	35 CHORUS - BAK CLAARTJE	45.41	45.70	47.92	46.34
14 GRONKVIST - FORSBERG	52.37	48.10	56.67	52.38	36 BECK - HEGEDUS	41.73	51.61	44.72	46.02
15 GROMOVA - PONOMAREVA	51.92	48.31	54.44	51.56	37 GALAKTIONOVA - ROMANOWSKAYA	41.39	45.96	49.72	45.69
16 GIRARDIN - FISHPOOL	48.71	46.72	58.33	51.26	38 WEBER - NEHMERT	42.64	37.82	56.39	45.62
17 DE SERAFINI - DEI POLI	46.85	54.87	51.25	50.99	39 BAIETTO - BALDASSIN	47.11	43.98	44.31	45.13
18 MENIL - RENOUX	56.70	49.35	46.53	50.86	40 LORDOU - TILLYRI	36.37	49.71	48.19	44.76
19 RUDENSTAL - TENGA	52.12	51.66	48.61	50.80	41 LEVIT-PORAT - AS ILANA	43.78	46.23	40.28	43.43
20 OLIVIERI - ARRIGONI	49.62	51.74	50.42	50.59	42 MOEN - FOSSAN	36.04	46.31	47.08	43.14
21 DUMON - CLEMENT	53.43	48.58	49.44	50.48	43 LEON - HONTORIA	36.57	43.55	49.17	43.10
22 BUKET - WITTEVEEN	47.65	53.84	49.31	50.26	44 PICCIONI - PASQUARE'	40.94	44.63	35.42	40.33

## WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 3 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	3rd	total					
1 MIDSKOG - BERTHEAU	62.80	51.44	59.21	57.81	24 CROCI - FERRE'	60.89	49.56	43.69	51.38
2 SENIOR - PENFOLD	54.56	63.54	54.34	57.48	25 LEMAITRE - COCHET-COMBESCU	50.90	44.92	58.07	51.29
3 KREFELD - KIRSTAN	53.49	58.59	55.55	55.88	26 FAIRCLOUGH - HECHT-JOHANSEN	57.81	40.64	53.55	50.66
4 CATTANI - VENNI	49.10	52.36	61.84	54.44	27 O'FARELL - MEEHAN	50.94	56.57	43.65	50.38
5 BARTHE - CHATARD	56.21	57.30	48.57	54.03	28 COCCA - COCCA	54.90	54.88	39.68	49.82
6 MCCALLUM - BAKER	51.99	47.10	62.90	54.00	29 TETAL - LINDE	41.46	52.99	52.05	48.83
7 BREVIK - HARDING	57.92	48.33	55.70	53.98	30 GROMOLLER - PANTLE-REICHERT	40.60	49.62	53.99	48.07
8 KEREKES - MEZEY	62.13	41.32	58.21	53.89	31 SMYKALLA - LUSSMANN	44.69	47.72	51.68	48.03
9 JAGGER - NELSON	50.63	58.70	52.17	53.83	32 DEBEAUD - HABBARD	48.24	45.78	49.95	47.99
10 MARTELLINI - MARTELLINI	56.70	55.51	48.92	53.71	33 ANASTASIADOU - KIRITSI	46.74	47.15	49.79	47.89
11 KOWALSKA - ADAMCZYK	58.84	45.73	55.71	53.43	34 BONORI - CAPODANNO	46.65	43.87	52.12	47.54
12 LANGER - GERSTEL	52.33	50.32	56.93	53.19	35 BOSLY - CONTARINI	47.39	42.16	52.96	47.50
13 GRZEJDAK - KATER	51.61	58.17	48.97	52.92	36 BASILICO - MOSCATELLI	41.94	48.57	50.43	46.98
14 SCHRECKENBERGER - LISS	48.31	56.11	53.42	52.61	37 GROSMANOVA - DITETOVA	42.57	51.75	45.75	46.69
15 VILLE - CURETTI	53.37	43.53	60.46	52.46	38 OIKONOMOU - KANELLOPOULOU	44.25	48.94	46.71	46.63
16 SAUVAGE - GUILLEBON	55.63	48.69	52.36	52.23	39 PANELLA - FRANCO	41.81	45.98	43.00	43.60
17 GREGSON - COOK	47.55	58.30	50.70	52.18	40 PARNIS-ENGLAND - VELLA	45.84	48.91	34.92	43.22
18 EVELIUS-NOHREN - KARLSSON	52.83	50.20	52.90	51.97	41 CAGNER - PARADISI	47.96	42.82	38.33	43.04
19 LYNCH - O'NEILL	47.95	58.29	49.62	51.95	42 FRANCOLINI - CHIAVARELLI	43.85	42.45	42.55	42.95
20 CUTELLI - LANDI	47.97	49.47	57.69	51.71	43 MULTIMAKI - CAROLI	41.93	43.27	42.62	42.61
21 LAVAGGI - COLAMARTINO	52.29	57.27	45.30	51.62	44 LINARA - VOULGARI	47.71	39.84	40.14	42.57
22 RAIMBAULT - MULTON	47.02	48.49	58.95	51.49	45 CIOFFI - DE IANNI	40.94	46.74	39.15	42.28
23 KEMPLE - BEARPARK	56.01	54.82	43.50	51.44					

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1 FRANKEN - VERHEES	53.36	52.20	65.59	57.05	27 MISMETTI - VANINI	51.24	52.09	44.50	49.28
2 OMERNIK - POCHRON	58.12	57.87	54.37	56.78	28 MOHTASHAMI - RUNACHER	47.56	50.27	49.68	49.17
3 SAGIV - SCHWARTZ	58.24	54.47	56.02	56.25	29 FARGEOT - SENIKIES	44.60	50.19	52.29	49.03
4 ROUQUILLAUD - ELBAZ	58.10	50.98	57.62	55.57	30 OSTERBERG - WICKSTROM	52.90	52.30	41.33	48.85
5 OHANA - PALADINO	57.74	48.58	58.23	54.85	31 BORST - KAMERBEEK	52.34	46.99	47.06	48.79
6 FRANCO - RESTA	53.03	58.79	51.55	54.46	32 BOREWICZ - OTVOSI	45.18	55.52	44.22	48.31
7 DAMIANI - FAIGENBAUM	51.24	50.92	61.10	54.42	33 DALLACASAPICCOL - MACI	36.24	52.94	55.33	48.17
8 NORRIS - FLEMMING	60.43	50.76	51.55	54.24	34 HUMBURG - MATTSSON	53.13	45.88	45.17	48.06
9 JEZIRO - RUSSYAN	52.62	58.60	51.35	54.19	35 LUCK - GOLDENFIELD	43.76	50.31	50.07	48.05
10 BOEGEM - JANSSENS	57.19	54.63	49.40	53.74	36 KLUKOWSKI - MARKOWICZ	42.47	55.24	45.76	47.83
11 BINDI - BENSOUSSAN	57.24	49.90	53.26	53.46	37 PRIDAY - PRIDAY	49.51	42.06	51.80	47.79
12 HIRST - JOURDAIN	50.29	57.79	51.74	53.27	38 DOREMANN - HEATH	49.35	48.34	45.58	47.76
13 SZENBERG - WALA	45.04	61.48	52.66	53.06	39 CANAL - DUNOGUIER	46.91	45.54	50.29	47.58
14 BROUWER - GROENENBOOM	54.90	52.87	51.29	53.02	40 FICUCCIO - GOVONI	41.76	46.93	53.43	47.37
15 KLESSER - WENGLAAR	57.75	49.68	51.33	52.92	41 SEAMON - LEVKOFF	50.65	45.25	46.00	47.30
16 KLAPPER - WILKOSZ	48.63	58.44	51.51	52.86	42 HOGGLUND - WESTMAN	46.18	38.98	56.59	47.25
17 MASSAROLI - POZZI	59.23	51.10	47.19	52.51	43 CHUCRALLAH - MERHY	48.36	42.24	49.83	46.81
18 CHMELIK - SCHROEDER	52.45	53.64	50.04	52.04	44 MELMAN - ZELIGMAN	48.51	43.13	48.35	46.67
19 LASOCKI - WIELEMANS	51.88	51.40	51.24	51.51	45 THERKELSSON - WENANDER	57.17	40.12	42.70	46.66
20 BAXTER - MCGOWAN	50.80	50.67	52.30	51.26	46 DAN ORA - SAXON	46.79	48.13	41.69	45.54
21 BRAV - SHKEDY	48.23	55.29	49.58	51.03	47 BERTILI - BYSTROM	49.87	44.18	41.77	45.27
22 HASSETT - HIRST	46.51	53.67	52.44	50.87	48 BENBASSAT - DELORME	41.13	48.93	44.23	44.76
23 BUER - MUNKVOLD	54.81	49.19	46.07	50.03	49 GORDON - JACKSON	45.49	43.39	45.30	44.73
24 HJERKINN - PEDERSEN	46.46	41.52	61.58	49.85	50 FOUSSIER - SERF	43.30	41.14	46.14	43.53
25 RUE DEREK - STANLEY	54.22	40.46	54.76	49.81	51 AWAD - AWAD	41.69	52.94	34.19	42.94
26 ALEKSANDRZAK - ZDZIENICKI	42.79	52.66	53.16	49.53	52 CHAVANAZ - MORIN	42.61	50.66	-	31.09

## SENIOR PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

(standings after 3 sessions - provisional)

	1st	2nd	3rd	total					
1 ALBARET - GUITTA	55.12	64.03	57.20	58.78	21 KOSIANKO - PUCZYNSKI	51.42	47.17	53.52	50.70
2 HOBSON - GARTHWAITE	54.12	54.73	58.74	55.86	22 JAKK - RAUDE	46.83	53.28	51.65	50.59
3 BAHNIK - JAROS	51.62	58.01	57.03	55.55	23 CORTE-REAL - OLIVEIRA	54.26	49.05	47.41	50.24
4 SIMM - SULA	66.79	47.99	50.97	55.25	24 LHOIR - MANDRON	45.17	53.43	50.95	49.85
5 JANSZ - POKORNA	48.46	52.67	64.27	55.13	25 GAZONNOT - HUBY	48.99	47.01	52.15	49.38
6 LIEBERMAN - ZILBERBUSH	53.16	55.20	56.43	54.93	26 KRAUSE - KRAUSE	47.97	46.10	53.83	49.30
7 LEVIT - RAND	45.23	56.86	62.04	54.71	27 CALVITTO - PALAZZO	51.89	48.93	47.00	49.27
8 BARDIN - BARZAGHI	53.19	51.24	55.81	53.41	28 COUPERE - DIEUDONNE	54.30	40.01	53.38	49.23
9 CONNORS - CONNORS	46.69	56.80	55.91	53.13	29 MANCA - RIZZUTI	51.01	45.82	48.85	48.56
10 HANSART - PIERROT	51.61	51.39	56.25	53.08	30 COLUCCI - DA PRADA	48.23	57.01	37.94	47.73
11 FREI - IMHOF	47.37	54.99	56.59	52.99	31 ARCIERI - MAGLIETTA	42.23	51.77	48.98	47.66
12 GRENSIDE - HOGER	50.93	51.40	55.70	52.68	32 CROCOLI - DE SANDRO	47.04	43.53	51.95	47.51
13 BALLESTRA - DANNAY	57.51	53.16	47.14	52.60	33 CORACHAN - GRACIA	47.70	47.11	47.22	47.34
14 OLSSON - FRANZEN	51.17	60.94	45.34	52.48	34 DE SIMONE - PRIMAVERA	52.78	49.75	39.34	47.29
15 FLEISCHMANN - FLEISCHMANN	60.76	53.50	43.03	52.43	35 PATUZZI - POLLAK	50.00	41.34	46.18	45.84
16 GOMMERS - SEIJ	53.52	51.38	52.21	52.37	36 CLEARY - CLEARY	32.60	55.78	48.48	45.62
17 BOESIGER - SPENGLER	50.76	49.99	55.42	52.06	37 MONTWILL - MONTWILL	46.70	47.06	38.84	44.20
18 DE LEMOS - PASQUINI	59.09	45.82	50.91	51.94	38 GULDEN - DROOGENDIJK	44.72	43.65	43.59	43.99
19 GHIRAGOSSIAN - GUTH	54.08	52.27	49.10	51.81	39 ELIE - LOMBARD	50.28	40.99	40.26	43.84
20 GROMOLLER - SCHNEIDER	60.11	48.41	45.25	51.26	40 CABEZAS - VAISBERG	41.55	32.54	46.72	40.27
					41 GAZZARI - MOCHI	34.00	48.37	36.63	39.67



## World Transnational Open Teams Championships 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2003



### MONACO, AN ELEGANT MULTI-FACETED DESTINATION

A small independent sovereign state tucked away in the south-eastern corner of France, sheltered by the slopes of the French Alps and benefiting from a mild and temperate climate. The Principality of Monaco lies along a four-kilometre stretch of the Mediterranean coast, amidst spectacular scenery: blue as far as the eye can see - where the sea and the sky meet, with a unique luminosity, the result of more than 300 days of sunshine per year. Not only is the Principality easily accessible from Nice-Côte d'Azur Airport (7 minutes by helicopter) as well as via the European road and rail networks, it also has two deep water harbours located at the foot of the Grimaldi Rock. With the added advantage of having a large number of places of interest concentrated within an area of a few hundred metres, Monaco is truly an exceptional destination.

### THE ACCOMMODATION TO FULFIL YOUR DREAMS

Monaco's cosmopolitan clientele, attracted by its reputation for elegance, refinement and safety, are assured of a warm welcome at any of its twenty hotels. Some of the four and four star de luxe properties are located in Belle Époque splendour around Casino Square. Others are located on the coast, either right on the shore or perched on a headland, with views of the sea, their rich colours are evocative of the "dolce vita" and the pursuit of pleasure. Michelin starred chefs, masters of haute cuisine, offer dinner dishes inspired by the surrounding region that are infused with a multitude of flavours, making Monte Carlo the destination of choice for discerning gourmets.

### LIVE FOR THE EXCITEMENT OF SPORTS AND LEISURE

At the heart of one of the most beautiful bays in the Mediterranean, the sea itself forms the focus for many sporting activities: of course tennis and golf, but also sailing, water-skiing, jet-skis, and even the thrill of parascending! For total relaxation, however, the Thermes Marins, overlooking the Port of Monaco, is second to none. Here one can recharge one's batteries before going shopping in the malls and luxury designer boutiques. At night the casinos, gala dinners, and stunning nightclubs all come to life, making Monte Carlo a special corner of Paradise.

### ACCOMMODATION

The Championships will be played at the Sporting d'Hiver.

Rooms are available in the:

**Monte Carlo Beach Hôtel \*\*\*\***  
shuttles will be arranged to and from the playing area (€165 Double - €150 Single).

**Mirabeau \*\*\*\***  
in walking distance of the playing area (€165 Double - €150 Single);

**Hermitage \*\*\*\***  
adjoining the playing area (€225 Double - €195 Single);

**Hôtel de Paris \*\*\*\*\***  
adjoining the playing area (€260 Double - €230 Single);

*These rates include buffet breakfast, taxes and service. Special rates for Suites have been negotiated.*

The reservations must be done through the SBM: [resort@sbm.mc](mailto:resort@sbm.mc) - Fax + 377 92 16 26 26. In order to obtain the special rates, you must send your reservation on the special entry forms. These can be obtained from the websites connected with the Championships, at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or by contacting Christine Francin in Paris: +33 1 53 23 03 15 or Anna Gudge in England: +44 1787 881920.

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## WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The 4<sup>th</sup> World Transnational Open Teams Championships** is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the vugraph presentation.

Players wishing to compete in this championship are urged to contact their NBO and request nomination by early **15<sup>th</sup> September 2003**. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup and from the Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge.

The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week of the Championships starting in the late afternoon on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

The format will be **Swiss Team** played as 15 (10 boards) matches – 3 on Monday,

4 on Tuesday, 5 on Wednesday, 3 on Thursday – qualifying 8 teams for a quarter final played on Thursday with a 16th round for the rest of the field to determine final ranking.

An IMP pairs will be organised for players who wish to continue to play on Friday; (This year the Monte Carlo Teams event will be cancelled as everybody has the possibility to play the WTOT).

The Semi Final will be played on Friday and the Final will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Systems:** Category 3 systems only (no brown sticker, no HUM) are authorized.

The following **registration dates** are important and should be noted, although they may be subject to change:

<b>Registration of Teams</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Registration of player's names</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Payment of Entry Fees (US\$ 800)</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>

**Entries must be sent to:**  
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email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

WBF - Banque de Baecque Beau - 30118 Ag 00001  
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