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POLISH POWER PLAY



Micke 'Moose' Melander, Chairman of the Organising Committee

Poland is the first country to sit proudly at the top of the table in the Open series with 69VP. The defending champions, Italy are second by virtue of having a better IMP ratio than third placed Turkey, who have the same number of victory points. They are followed by two more teams with strong credentials, Norway and Russia. Then come two teams with considerable Championship experience, Germany and Sweden, and two with rather less, Faroe Islands and Wales.

Austria set the Pace

In the Women's series the five handed Austrian team are first to hit the front, their total of 42 VP leaving them one ahead of the favourites France. The Turkish women match the performance of their Open team by finishing the day in third place, ahead of Sweden, Italy and England.

Today's VuGraph Matches

OPEN TEAMS - Round 4

Denmark v France 10.30

WOMEN'S TEAMS - Round 4

Austria v France 14.15

OPEN TEAMS - Round 6

Germany v Russia 17.40

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NOTICE!!!

The starting time for the Swedish Senior Teams Championship is 12.30

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	SERBIA/MONT.	35 - 17	19 - 9
2	BYE	DENMARK		0 - 18
3	ITALY	FRANCE	50 - 36	18 - 10
4	FAROE ISL.	ICELAND	54 - 31	20 - 10
5	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND	26 - 72	6 - 24
6	SAN MARINO	GERMANY	42 - 66	10 - 20
7	PORTUGAL	HUNGARY	62 - 41	19 - 11
8	IRELAND	GREECE	49 - 27	20 - 10
9	ISRAEL	POLAND	14 - 42	9 - 21
10	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	77 - 42	22 - 8
11	TURKEY	BULGARIA	45 - 39	16 - 14
12	SPAIN	LATVIA	11 - 47	8 - 22
13	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	41 - 50	13 - 17
14	SWITZERLAND	WALES	38 - 51	12 - 18
15	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	50 - 40	17 - 13
16	CROATIA	NETHERLANDS	36 - 35	15 - 15
17	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	27 - 49	10 - 20

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	RUSSIA	17 - 37	11 - 19
2	FRANCE	BYE		18 - 0
3	ICELAND	ITALY	26 - 55	9 - 21
4	ENGLAND	FAROE ISL.	35 - 29	16 - 14
5	GERMANY	CZECH REP.	62 - 26	22 - 8
6	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO	86 - 26	25 - 3
7	GREECE	PORTUGAL	28 - 38	13 - 17
8	POLAND	IRELAND	70 - 12	25 - 4
9	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	33 - 52	11 - 19
10	BULGARIA	NORWAY	32 - 43	13 - 17
11	LATVIA	TURKEY	21 - 60	7 - 23
12	ROMANIA	SPAIN	7 - 90	-2 - 25
13	WALES	SCOTLAND	27 - 39	13 - 17
14	BELGIUM	SWITZERLAND	33 - 25	16 - 14
15	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	44 - 27	19 - 11
16	LITHUANIA	CROATIA	48 - 59	13 - 17
17	SERBIA/MONT.	FINLAND	65 - 49	18 - 12

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	FRANCE	53 - 25	20 - 9
2	BYE	ICELAND		0 - 18
3	ITALY	ENGLAND	76 - 16	25 - 3
4	FAROE ISL.	GERMANY	48 - 31	19 - 11
5	CZECH REP.	HUNGARY	72 - 48	20 - 10
6	SAN MARINO	GREECE	45 - 65	11 - 19
7	PORTUGAL	POLAND	35 - 74	7 - 23
8	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	26 - 117	0 - 25
9	ISRAEL	BULGARIA	48 - 50	14 - 15
10	NORWAY	LATVIA	81 - 42	23 - 7
11	TURKEY	ROMANIA	86 - 28	25 - 4
12	SPAIN	WALES	43 - 71	9 - 21
13	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM	33 - 55	10 - 20
14	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	46 - 46	15 - 15
15	SWEDEN	LITHUANIA	81 - 22	25 - 4
16	CROATIA	FINLAND	52 - 91	7 - 23
17	DENMARK	SERBIA/MONT.	44 - 46	15 - 15

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 4

10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ICELAND	RUSSIA
2	ENGLAND	BYE
3	GERMANY	ITALY
4	HUNGARY	FAROE ISL.
5	GREECE	CZECH REP.
6	POLAND	SAN MARINO
7	AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL
8	BULGARIA	IRELAND
9	LATVIA	ISRAEL
10	ROMANIA	NORWAY
11	WALES	TURKEY
12	BELGIUM	SPAIN
13	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND
14	LITHUANIA	SWITZERLAND
15	FINLAND	SWEDEN
16	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	CROATIA
17	DENMARK	FRANCE

ROUND 5

14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	RUSSIA	ENGLAND
2	BYE	GERMANY
3	ITALY	HUNGARY
4	FAROE ISL.	GREECE
5	CZECH REP.	POLAND
6	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA
7	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA
8	IRELAND	LATVIA
9	ISRAEL	ROMANIA
10	NORWAY	WALES
11	TURKEY	BELGIUM
12	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS
13	SCOTLAND	LITHUANIA
14	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND
15	SWEDEN	CROATIA
16	ICELAND	DENMARK
17	FRANCE	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO

ROUND 6

17.40

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GERMANY	RUSSIA
2	HUNGARY	BYE
3	GREECE	ITALY
4	POLAND	FAROE ISL.
5	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.
6	BULGARIA	SAN MARINO
7	LATVIA	PORTUGAL
8	ROMANIA	IRELAND
9	WALES	ISRAEL
10	BELGIUM	NORWAY
11	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
12	LITHUANIA	SPAIN
13	FINLAND	SCOTLAND
14	CROATIA	SWITZERLAND
15	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	SWEDEN
16	DENMARK	ENGLAND
17	FRANCE	ICELAND

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	CROATIA	41 - 17	20 - 10
22	ENGLAND	POLAND	50 - 32	19 - 11
23	DENMARK	AUSTRIA	22 - 58	8 - 22
24	TURKEY	HUNGARY	61 - 22	23 - 7
25	SWEDEN	ICELAND	56 - 31	20 - 10
26	FRANCE	NORWAY	37 - 32	16 - 14
27	LEBANON	ISRAEL		15 - 15
28	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	41 - 48	14 - 16
29	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	66 - 40	20 - 10
30	FINLAND	CZECH REP.	54 - 15	23 - 7
31	ITALY	FAROE ISL.	56 - 37	19 - 11

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	55 - 35	19 - 11
22	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND	39 - 56	11 - 19
23	ITALY	DENMARK	71 - 45	20 - 10
24	FINLAND	TURKEY	28 - 32	14 - 16
25	SPAIN	SWEDEN	44 - 62	11 - 19
26	CROATIA	FRANCE	29 - 98	2 - 25
27	POLAND	LEBANON	77 - 68	17 - 13
28	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	63 - 37	20 - 10
29	HUNGARY	IRELAND	44 - 58	12 - 18
30	ICELAND	ISRAEL	47 - 48	15 - 15
31	FAROE ISL.	NORWAY	38 - 43	14 - 16

Championship Diary

For a modest fee our resident photographer Ron Tacchi will take your picture with the elk. You can then mount it. We reserve the right to publish it in the Bulletin!

Thomas Brenning, working here on the IT System, was delighted to discover he had been allocated a suite at his hotel. However, it is a rather old building, and Thomas, who is a mere 1.98 metres tall, was somewhat discomfited to discover the ceiling of his room only extended to a height of 1.92 metres! Henceforth he will be known as The Hunchback of MalmöMassan!

As noise levels in the Bulletin Room escalated (not surprising if you know the Editor) as the hands from the match between France and Italy were discussed, Ron Tacchi suggested that the discussion should be by email!

Bridgebase are covering all of Italy's matches - Tacchi has offered to commentate when they play Bye.

May we politely remind you that we do not keep copies of the Bulletin in our office. If they are not delivered to your hotel have a word with the information desk in the main hall.

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 3

10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	CZECH REP.
22	ENGLAND	ITALY
23	DENMARK	FINLAND
24	TURKEY	SPAIN
25	SWEDEN	CROATIA
26	FRANCE	POLAND
27	LEBANON	AUSTRIA
28	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY
29	IRELAND	ICELAND
30	ISRAEL	NORWAY
31	NETHERLANDS	FAROE ISL.

ROUND 4

14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	ITALY	GERMANY
22	FINLAND	ENGLAND
23	SPAIN	DENMARK
24	CROATIA	TURKEY
25	POLAND	SWEDEN
26	AUSTRIA	FRANCE
27	HUNGARY	LEBANON
28	ICELAND	SCOTLAND
29	NORWAY	IRELAND
30	FAROE ISL.	ISRAEL
31	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.

ROUND 4

17.40

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	FINLAND
22	ENGLAND	SPAIN
23	DENMARK	CROATIA
24	TURKEY	POLAND
25	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA
26	FRANCE	HUNGARY
27	LEBANON	ICELAND
28	SCOTLAND	NORWAY
29	IRELAND	ISRAEL
30	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
31	CZECH REP.	FAROE ISL.



Journalists' Excursion

Thursday 24 June 2004

Departure from Stortorget, outside the City Hall, at 9.00.

Guided tour of the Carlsberg brewery, the one that claims to make probably the best beer in the world.

Return to Malmö at approximately 13.30

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 3 rounds

1	POLAND	69.00
2	ITALY	64.00
3	TURKEY	64.00
4	NORWAY	62.00
5	RUSSIA	58.00
6	GERMANY	53.00
7	SWEDEN	53.00
8	FAROE ISLANDS	53.00
9	WALES	52.00
10	BELGIUM	49.00
11	THE NETHERLANDS	49.00
12	HUNGARY	46.00
13	FINLAND	45.00
14	AUSTRIA	44.00
15	DENMARK	44.00
16	PORTUGAL	43.00
17	ENGLAND	43.00
18	ISRAEL	42.00
19	GREECE	42.00
20	SPAIN	42.00
21	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	42.00
22	BULGARIA	42.00
23	SWITZERLAND	41.00
24	SCOTLAND	40.00
25	CROATIA	39.00
26	LITHUANIA	37.00
27	FRANCE	37.00
28	ICELAND	37.00
29	LATVIA	36.00
30	CZECH REP.	34.00
31	SAN MARINO	24.00
32	IRELAND	24.00
33	ROMANIA	19.00

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING after 2 rounds

1	AUSTRIA	42.00
2	FRANCE	41.00
3	TURKEY	39.00
4	SWEDEN	39.00
5	ITALY	39.00
6	ENGLAND	38.00
7	FINLAND	37.00
8	IRELAND	34.00
9	SPAIN	31.00
10	GERMANY	31.00
11	ISRAEL	30.00
12	NORWAY	30.00
13	THE NETHERLANDS	29.00
14	POLAND	28.00
15	LEBANON	28.00
16	FAROE ISLANDS	25.00
17	ICELAND	25.00
18	SCOTLAND	24.00
19	HUNGARY	19.00
20	DENMARK	18.00
21	CZECH REP.	18.00
22	CROATIA	12.00

Casino Cosmopol



Bring your badge and there will be no entry fee.

Please note that you must have a passport or a valid photo identity card and be at least 20 years old to be allowed onto the premises. Mobile phones must be switched off and photographic equipment is strictly forbidden. Security staff will search your bags.

Guests at the Casino Cosmopol are expected to be dressed smartly, as they would good meal out, and preferably wear a jacket.

Every night between 19.00 and 22.00 there is a free bus service between Casino Cosmopol and central Malmö.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 1

Italy v France - The Big Match

While the Editor exercised his prerogative to watch Italy v France, Brian Senior looked in on our hosts, who faced Belgium. Italy is the hottest of favourites - would they be fast out of the blocks - and Sweden are expected to book a Bermuda Bowl spot.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

[9		[K Q 10 5 4
] 10 8 6 4 3		] A Q
{ K 9 8 2		{ A 7
} Q J 10		} A K 9 3
[8 6	N	
] J 9 2	W E	
{ Q 6 5 3	S	
} 8 7 4 2		
[A J 7 3 2		
] K 7 5		
{ J 10 4		
} 6 5		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rombaut	Lauria	Palau
	Pass	2}*	Pass
2{*}	Pass	2[	Pass
2NT	Pass	3}	Pass
3{	Pass	3]	Pass
5}	All Pass		

Five Clubs needed several good things to happen, but the great shuffler had decreed otherwise. South led the five of clubs



Jean-Christophe Quantin, France

and declarer won with the ace and played the king of spades. South took the ace and switched to the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer tried to cash the queen of spades but North ruffed, played a diamond to South's ten and scored another ruff. There was still a heart to come, so that was three down and -150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Bocchi	Multon	Duboin
	Pass	2}*	Pass
2{	Pass	2[	All Pass

In the French system Two Diamonds would have been game forcing, so West was free to pass Two Spades. Despite being three tricks lower, there was no way to cope with the lie of the cards and the contract had to go one down, -50, but three early IMPs for France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

[8 5 3		[K J 7 2
] A Q 3		] 7 2
{ K Q 9		{ 8 6 5 3 2
} K 9 6 5		} A 2
[A Q 10 9 6 4	N	
] 10 5	W E	
{ A 7 4	S	
} Q 3		
[-		
] K J 9 8 6 4		
{ J 10		
} J 10 8 7 4		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rombaut	Lauria	Palau
			3]
3[	4]	4[	Pass
Pass	5]	All Pass	

South's opening bid persuaded North to take a fifth heart, and, with the queen of clubs onside eleven tricks were easy.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Bocchi	Multon	Duboin
			2]
2[	3]	4[	5}
Pass	5]	Dble	All Pass

Some pairs have ways of showing two-suited hands at a low level - but it made no difference to Giorgio Duboin who was not

afraid to show his second suit at the five level. East's double gave Italy 5 IMPs and the lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

[9 7	[A K Q 4
] J 7	] K 10
{ Q 8 7 6 5 4 3	{ A 10
} Q 8	} A J 7 6 3

[10 3 2	[J 8 6 5
] Q 5	] A 9 8 6 4 3 2
{ K J 9 2	{ -
} 10 9 5 4	} K 2

N	E
W	S



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rombaut	Lauria	Palau
Pass	Pass	1}	3]
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4{	All Pass		

South's overcall put the question to East. 3NT was a possibility but risked missing a spade fit. When Versace could only bid diamonds in response to the double Lauria must have feared the worst, but there was nowhere to go. He need not have worried. The opening lead of the queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace and declarer won the next heart in hand and played a diamond to the ten. The rest was easy; +130.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Bocchi	Multon	Duboin
Pass	Pass	2}*	2]
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This hopeless contract was three down on a heart lead; -300 and 10 IMPs to Italy, now ahead 15-3.

Sweden appeared to have a great result on this board when allowed to make it when South led a spade. A club towards the queen produced four club tricks and nine in all for +600. However, this was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
Neve	Lindkvist	Conraets	Fredin
Pass	Pass	2}	3]
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4{	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Magnus Lindkvist led the]Q to the king and ace and Olivier Neve won the heart return with the jack. He played a diamond to the ten and had just two trumps to lose for +710 and 3 IMPs

to Belgium. Even a club lead does not beat the contract - unless declarer judges to finesse, fearing that he has two heart losers - as the club loser can go on the third spade.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

[9 7 6 5 4	[Q
] A J 7	] K Q 5 4 2
{ J 7	{ A K 9 6 3
} J 7 5	} 3 2

[A J 10 3 2	[K 8
] 3	] 10 9 8 6
{ 8 4	{ Q 10 5 2
} K Q 10 9 4	} A 8 6

N	E
W	S

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Rombaut	Lauria	Palau
	Pass	1]	Pass
1[	Pass	2{	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North looked no further than the unbid suit and South took the ace of clubs and returned the suit. Declarer won and must have been please to see the jack of clubs appear on the next round of the suit. He cashed his club winners and played a heart to the king. When that held he ducked a diamond to South's queen, won the diamond return and cashed the other top diamond. When he played the queen of spades South covered, sur-rendering a couple of overtricks; +460.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	1]	Pass
1[	Pass	2{	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the seven of spades to the king and ace. That removed an important entry from declarer's hand and when declarer not unnaturally played a diamond to the king and a club to the nine and jack, the contract was doomed. The contract can be made, but only by the computer! Another eleven for Italy, and 26-3.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	[A 10 7 6 4		
	] 10 4		
	{ K J 2		
	} A K 7		
[K J		[9 8 5 3	
] A J 7 6 5 3		] K 2	
{ 10		{ 7 5 4	
} J 9 6 5		} 10 8 3 2	
	[Q 2		
	] Q 9 8		
	{ A Q 9 8 6 3		
	} Q 4		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palau</i>
		Pass	1{
1]	1[	Pass	1NT
Pass	2}	Pass	2{
Pass	2]	Dble	2[
Pass	4[	All Pass	

3NT would have been easily defeated, so in a sense North/South did well to avoid that contract. However, Four Spades on the 5-2 fit was impossible and declarer finished two down.

As you can see, Five Diamonds is very good, unbeatable as the cards lie. Perhaps South should rebid his suit, although the soft values might be regarded as a pointer the other way. Could the Italian pair do better?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		Pass	1{
1]	2]*	Dble*	2[
3]	Dble	Pass	3[
Pass	4[	All Pass	

Two Hearts was game forcing with spades and East's double showed a doubleton heart honour. We would be moving in to deep waters to investigate what might happen if South passed rather than bid Two Spades, so maybe this hand is just too difficult. No swing.

As half-time approached France struck a significant blow:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	[K J		
	] A K Q 7 4		
	{ Q 9 8 2		
	} K 2		
[10 8 6		[Q 9 5 3	
] -		] J 9 8 3 2	
{ A K J 10		{ 5 3	
} 10 9 7 6 4 3		} A Q	
	[A 7 4 2		
	] 10 6 5		
	{ 7 6 4		
	} J 8 5		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palau</i>
		Pass	Pass
1{	1]	All Pass	

Not only did Versace open, but he also gave a lot of thought to making another move. Maybe you are beginning to realize why Italy keep on winning - they almost never give their opponents an easy ride. East led the five of diamonds and West took the king and switched to a spade for the jack, queen and ace. Declarer tried a club to the king and East won and played back a spade. Declarer won and cashed a top heart, discovering the 5-0 split. He abandoned trumps, playing a club, and the defenders could not prevent declarer making his two small trumps for +80.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1]	Pass	2]
Pass	4]	Dble	All Pass

East hit the jackpot to the tune of +800 and 13 IMPs.

Time to drop in to the other match again:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	[J 9 6		
	] 4		
	{ A Q 10 8 3		
	} A 9 7 6		
[A 10 8 4		[5 3 2	
] 10 9 5		] A J	
{ 5 2		{ K J 9 6 4	
} K 10 5 4		} Q J 2	
	[K Q 7		
	] K Q 8 7 6 3 2		
	{ 7		
	} 8 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Conraets</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
			1]
Pass	1NT	Pass	2]
Pass	2NT	Pass	4]
All Pass			

The Belgians stopped in 3] at the other table, chalking up a painless +170. Against Fredin, Neve led the {2, Polish style. Fredin could have made his contract by rising with the ace of diamonds and playing on trumps immediately, but it looked like a free finesse and he duly put in the queen, losing to the king. Philippe Conraets switched to a spade to the ace and now a second diamond doomed declarer to defeat. When he played on hearts the third round of diamonds created a trump promotion for down one and 6 IMPs to Belgium when the same swing could have gone in the other direction.

France picked up a swing in similar fashion on that deal and then had the effrontery to take the lead:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	[A Q 8 4 3	
	] Q 10 5	
	{ -	
	} A Q 6 3 2	
[10 7		[K J 9 6 5 2
] K 9 8 7		] 6 4 3
{ J 9 6 4		{ K 5 2
} J 10 9		} 7
	[-	
	] A J 2	
	{ A Q 10 8 7 3	
	} K 8 5 4	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palau</i>
Pass	1[	Pass	2{
Pass	2]	Pass	3}
Pass	4}	Pass	4{
Pass	4[	Pass	6}
All Pass			

Declarer won the club lead in dummy and ran the queen of hearts to West, who won and played a second club. Declarer won in hand, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. When the king appeared he claimed; +1370.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1[	Pass	2]
Pass	2[	Pass	2NT
Pass	3}	Pass	3{
Pass	3[	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer made ten tricks, but France had 12 IMPs to lead 34-30.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	[A Q 7 6	
	] Q 3	
	{ K Q 6	
	} A Q J 5	
[K 5 2		[10 8 4 3
] A K 6		] 8 5
{ A 9		{ J 8 5 3
} 10 9 8 3 2		} K 6 4
	[J 9	
	] J 10 9 7 4 2	
	{ 10 7 4 2	
	} 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2{*
Pass	4]	All Pass	

When South protected, Ron Tacchi, watching on Bridgebase, hazarded a shrewd guess that he must be showing hearts. Given the small number of points in the South hand we think we may be on to a good thing by offering a prize to anyone who protects on less during the course of the Championships. Duboin was rewarded when his partner had enough to go to game. East led a trump and West won and played ace and another diamond. Declarer won in dummy and played the queen of hearts to West, who exited with the two of clubs. Declarer went up with the ace, ruffed a club, drew the outstanding trump, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played the queen of clubs. When the king popped up he ruffed and took the spade finesse, +420.



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palau</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2]
Pass	4]	All Pass	

South's protection here was no less impressive than that of his Italian counterpart.

West cashed the top hearts and then played the two of clubs. Declarer went up with the ace, ruffed a club, drew the trump and played a diamond to the king. He ruffed the jack of clubs and played a diamond. When the ace came up this was the position:

	[A Q 7	
] -	
	{ Q	
	} Q	
[K 5 2		[10 8 4
] -] -
{ -		{ J 8 5
} 10 9		} -
	[J 9	
	] 10	
	{ 10 7	
	} -	

East still has to play and if he discards a diamond declarer can discard a spade on West's club continuation, ruff a diamond and claim. On the other hand if East discards a spade then declarer must ruff the club queen and advance the jack of spades. Very neat, but at this point declarer claimed! Nothing was said, but during the next hand East/West queried this. In due course a ruling was delivered, split results, -50 for France and -420 for Italy, which meant Italy had gained 10 IMPs.

This one was flat in 4] making in Belgium v Sweden. Carcassonne played it as North on a trump lead and Sundelin won then

switched to a low spade - the right defence if partner held either the [Q or a diamond trick. This time it just made declarer's job easy as she ran the spade to the jack and had ten tricks when the ace of diamonds proved to be onside.

In the other room Fredin was declarer as South after a 1NT opening from West. Neve cashed a top trump and switched to the two of clubs. Fredin won the }A and played the queen of hearts to Neve's king. Neve continued with a second club to the jack and ruff and Fredin drew the last trump then played a spade to the queen, cashed the [A and ruffed a spade. A diamond to the king and a second spade ruff was followed by a second diamond up and that was ten tricks.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	[10 6 4	
	] Q J 5 4 3	
	{ 10 8 6	
	} 8 2	
[7 5 3		[K 2
] A 10 6		] 2
{ K Q J 7		{ 9 4 3
} 9 7 5		} A K Q 10 6 4 3
	[A Q J 9 8	
	] K 9 8 7	
	{ A 5 2	
	} J	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palau</i>
		1}	1[
Pass	Pass	3}	Dble
3[	4]	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5}	Dble
All Pass			

A rock solid auction from the Italians to a contract that could not be touched; +550.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		1}	1[
Dble	Pass	3}	Pass
3[	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Duboin put the eight of hearts on the table and that was that, one down for -50 and 12 IMPs for Italy.

In Belgium v Sweden, both Easts played in 3NT after South had overcalled in spades and West made a negative double. Labaere led the queen of spades, hoping that his side would get in before declarer had nine tricks. He was to be disappointed, of course; +400. Peter Fredin found the spectacular lead of the king of hearts and, of course, continued hearts when that was ducked. Of course, any heart would have done the job, but the king added a tiny extra chance in case declarer had a singleton honour. That was done one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Sweden.

The official score was 50-36 to Italy, but counting the ruling the result in Victory Points was 18-10. Take my word for it, no one will stop Italy.



Jean-Jacques, France

OPEN TEAMS

Round 2

Israel v Austria

Austrian players are not noted for their dull, down the middle approach to the game. This first deal from the second round Open match against Israel was a good example. In the Open room the deal was a quiet 4[+1 for +450 to Austria.

Board 6. Dealer East. East/West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ginossar	Schifko	Pachtman
		Pass	1{
1]	1[	4]	Pass
Pass	4[	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	5]	Dble
All Pass			

Sascha Wernle could not bear to pass over the 1{ opening when holding 14 HCP, so tried a four-card overcall. That caught Martin Schifko with a very shapely hand with support and a pre-emptive raise seemed appropriate, despite the vulnerability. Eldad

Ginossar thought for some time before bidding 4[when 4] came around to him, wondering if perhaps there could either be a slam his way or a penalty. When 4[came back to Wernle he doubled, imagining that his partner might have more high cards at this vulnerability. He was swiftly informed that he had made an error when Ginossar redoubled. That was about to make an overtrick but Schifko ran to 5], which was doubled. There was little to the play and that was a quick four down for -1100 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ginossar	Schifko	Pachtman
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Dble	2NT	Pass
3}	3]	Dble	All Pass

With 4[cold - we'll come to that in a moment, Martin Schifko did very well to jockey his opponents into a hopeless heart contract then double it. He did slightly less well in the defence, but that proved to be a relatively cheap error. Schifko led a club to the queen and king and Wernle switched to a trump. Ginossar won that and played two more rounds of the suit. Schifko won and cashed the ace of diamonds before switching back to clubs. Wernle won and played a third round, ruffed. Ginossar exited with a trump to the queen and Schifko was end-played, forced to either lead his spade or put dummy in with a diamond, to the same effect. That was still one down for -200, but it could have been two down had Schifko cashed the]Q when he had the chance, forcing declarer to lose a spade trick.

In the other room, Austria made 4[to gain 13 IMPs, which may look quite normal at first glance. However, what happens if the defence cashes its three winners then gives a ruff and discard?

Say that declarer ruffs in dummy and throws a heart from hand. He can play]A and ruff a heart, but must then draw trumps to avoid an overruff, so has no trump left in dummy to take a second heart ruff-down one. OK, so let's ruff in hand and throw a diamond from dummy. Now the hearts can be established but there is no entry to cash them. So does the contract have to fail? No-declarer must pitch dummy's singleton heart on the third club. Now he ruffs a heart, plays [J then a second spade to hand, ruffs another heart and comes to hand with a diamond ruff to draw the last trump and cash the hearts - no problem.



Martin Schifko, Austria

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ginossar	Schifko	Pachtman
Pass	1}	3{	Dble
Pass	4]	All Pass	

With 3NT fated to go down on a diamond lead, it seems that the Israelis had done well to reach the four-three heart fit - until the bad trump split comes to light. Double dummy, 4] is easy enough to make by playing on clubs and not drawing trumps. Eventually, declarer can ruff the long winning clubs in dummy and West's small trumps become irrelevant. In real life, however, 4] went down. The lead was a diamond and declarer won the king, crossed to dummy with a trump and played a club. On the diamond return he threw his low spade on the ace and played another club. A third round of diamonds forced North to ruff and now there was no way to avoid two more losers. Indeed, attempting to draw trumps led to down two for -100.

Five Clubs is the spot, as it happens, and Austria did reach clubs at the other table. Alas, that was at the six level, and the two trump losers meant one down; -50 but 2 IMPs to Austria.

Board 12. Dealer West. North/South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ginossar	Schifko	Pachtman
Pass	1[	Pass	2}
Pass	3]	Pass	3[
Pass	4}	Pass	4{
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4NT	Pass	5{
Pass	5[	Pass	6[
All Pass			

Six Spades was the contract at both tables and it was a matter of whether or not declarer could pick the club position. Both cashed the ace then led to the queen for a push at one down. Elsewhere, some declarers guessed well, and some guessed less well. But read a separate article to see how declarer can do better than rely on the guess if he thinks he can read the distribution.

Board 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ginossar	Schifko	Pachtman
Pass	2NT	3{	1]
Pass	Pass	4[	4]
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

In the other room, Austria made 4] without breaking sweat for +620. Schifko took the unilateral view to go on to 4[over 4] and was rewarded when Wernle turned up with four-card spade support. Ron Pachtman cashed a top heart and switched to a club. Schifko ruffed in hand and played the king of diamonds, ducked, and a second diamond. Ginossar won that and played a second club, again ruffed in hand. Schifko threw a club on a winning diamond and Ginossar ruffed and returned another club. Schifko again ruffed in hand, cashed the ace of spades and played a diamond. Ginossar had two trump tricks but that was all; two down for -300 but 8 IMPs to Austria.

The final score was 52-33 IMPs to Israel, converting to a useful 19-11 VP win against a dangerous opponent.

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OPEN TEAMS

Round 2

Norway v Bulgaria

The second match on vugraph featured neighbouring Norway playing against the completely new Bulgarian team. None of the Bulgarian players who became such familiar guests in these Championships are playing, which made it difficult to predict the outcome of this match. Another factor to be taken into account when predicting about this match would be the absence of Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, though the Norwegian team playing here is by no means short of international experience. The easiest of predictions came true very quickly: the vugraph audience were to enjoy a good match, be it very, very slow. In fact, the first eight boards took about an hour and a half...

As usual, Boards 19 and 20 were shown first on rama, but in this match nothing very much happened on them. When Board 1 hit the wall, the fireworks were lit immediately.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

[4 2] A 9 8 3 { Q 9 8 7 } J 10 8	<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		[K 10] J 6 { A J 10 6 3 2 } 7 5 4	[A Q 8 7 5 3] K Q 7 { K } A K Q [J 9 6] 10 5 4 2 { 5 4 } 9 6 3 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Charlsen	Stefanov	Bentzen
	2}	3{	Pass
5{	Dble	All Pass	

Two Clubs was game forcing, so the Bulgarians decided to go all out to disturb their opponents' auction. In a way they managed this quite effectively but they had to pay the price for it. Down three; +500 to Norway.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Batov	Sælensminde	Dyakov
	1}	2}	Pass
3{	Dble	Pass	3]
Pass	3[	Pass	4[
All Pass			

A transfer jump and a little pre-emptive raise were not enough to terrify the Bulgarians. They duly reached their spade game and were allowed to play there. Well judged by the Norwegians, who lost just 450 in this room to go into the lead by 2-0.

On the very next board, Bulgaria suffered a heavier loss when their opponents outbid them at both tables:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

[10 4] 10 7 6 3 { J 10 8 7 4 } 8 6	<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		[J 9 8 2] A 9 8 { - } A K 10 5 4 2 [A Q 6 3] Q 5 4 2 { 9 3 } 9 7 3	[K 7 5] K J { A K Q 6 5 2 } Q J
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Charlsen	Stefanov	Bentzen
Pass	3NT	2}	Pass
		4}	All Pass

As we all know, these protective 3NT bids do not require a stopper in the opponent's suit any more. Either partner will have it or offer the necessary help, or the suit will be blocked anyway. Well, had South's } 9 been the } 10, this modern approach would have proved right once again. So East's decision to believe his opponent and retreat to 4} can be considered completely reasonable.

On the actual lay-out East was wrong, as he had no trump loser after all. As the loss of two hearts and three spades was inevitable, Norway chalked up a nice +100 in the Closed Room.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Batov	Sælensminde	Dyakov
		1}	Pass
1]	Dble	Rdble	2[
Pass	3{	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The redouble was support, showing exactly three hearts. The quiet approach by the Norwegian E/W worked out well. From the auction, South was not able to deduce what was exactly going on in the club suit, so he showed his heart stopper with 3NT over North's cautious 3{ without minding the suit opened on his right. Perfectly reasonable once again, but wrong: his } 9 should have been at least the } 10.

This time, the price to pay was four tricks. With a club stopper, there are ten tricks, without it the defenders could cash the first seven tricks on either a heart or a club lead. This proved as easy at the table as on paper, so another 300 to Norway for 9 more IMPs.

The score stood at 14-0 when Bulgaria struck their first blow, and a big one too:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

[8 5] J 10 3 2 { K 9 } 10 8 7 5 4	<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 style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center;"> </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		[4] A Q 8 { Q J 8 7 4 2 } K Q J	[Q 9 7 6 3] K 7 5 { 10 6 3 } A 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Charlsen	Stefanov	Bentzen
	1[	2{	4[

All Pass

At this table, Norway overreached a little to a vulnerable game that stood no chance because of the duplication in hearts; Bulgaria +100.

But in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Batov	Sælensminde	Dyakov
	1[	Dble	4[
4NT	Pass	5{	Dble
5]	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Erik Sælensminde's decision to double first would have been perfectly practical if he would have had the chance to double 2[or 3[later. After Dyakov's nice bounce to game Brogeland's view



Thomas Charlsen, Norway

was obscured. A save looked a good proposition, with the spade game probably on, but finding the right denomination was not so easy now. Of course, 5{ is the best spot though it still will go down three on a club ruff, but Brogeland groped his way to 5] on his rounded two-suiter. On a spade lead and continuation, dummy has to ruff and declarer may run into serious trouble but in the end, he will land on his feet when trumps break 3-3 and restrict his losses to 500.

Anyway, +100 and +500 was worth 12 IMPs and thus almost erased the whole Bulgarian deficit. The match was fully open again.

Though both sides did well to beat a NT game let through at a few tables, nothing very much happened between Boards 6 and 9. But then:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

[K 9 5] 6 4 { Q 6 } A K J 9 4 2	<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 style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center;"> </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		[7] Q J 10 5 { A J 10 7 4 } 7 5 3	[A Q 8 6] A K 9 8 7 2 { 8 } 10 6
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	[J 10 4 3 2] 3 { K 9 5 3 2 } Q 8											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Charlsen	Stefanov	Bentzen
		Pass	Pass
1NT	2}	2{	3?
Pass	4[	All Pass	

2} of course showed majors.

How can you go down in 4[? It looks as if you cannot lose more than two clubs and a diamond, as the hearts can be set up with two ruffs, drawing three rounds of trumps in the process. Well, this is true, as we shall see, but Aronov and Stefanov produced a brilliant defence to lead declarer astray. After cashing the three minor-suit winners, Julian Stefanov simply continued a club. Now what should declarer do?

If he ruffs in hand, he fatally shortens his trumps. He will not be able to draw three rounds of trumps and ruff two hearts later with only four trumps left. At the table, he ruffed the third round of hearts with his last trump but, when Aronov could overruff, Bentzen was one down. Bulgaria +100.

If he ruffs in dummy, he will be short of entries to both ruff out the hearts and enjoy the established suit.]A, heart ruff, [J, spade to the queen, heart ruff will not work as West will over-ruff. Drawing the last trump makes dummy entryless.

The hand caused quite a discussion in the vugraph theatre. All commentators were highly praising the defence, and rightly so but, only after the match was over, Barry Rigal, our Chief Commentator came up with the right solution.

Ruff in dummy, discarding your singleton HEART from hand. Now, you can start ruffing hearts immediately, the [Q providing the entry for the second ruff in the suit and the [A the entry to the established hearts as well as the necessary move to draw the last trump. A magical hand indeed!

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Batov</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Dyakov</i>
		Pass	Pass
1}	1]	1NT	Pass
Pass	2]	Pass	Pass
3}	All Pass		

In the Open Room, they would not have anything of all this when Batov preferred a heart overcall. Thus, the spades were lost for Bulgaria and so was the board, in spite of the pretty defence found by their teammates. When N/S did not cash all their tricks Brogeland even made an overtrick to gain 1 more IMP for Norway.

The board below created large swings all over the place:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	[A Q 10 7 3		
	] 3		
	{ K 5		
	} A Q 5 4 2		
[2		[9 6 5 4	
] J 10 7 2		] 9 8 5 4	
{ Q J 10 7 4		{ 9 8 3	
} J 9 6		} K 3	
	[K J 8		
	] A K Q 6		
	{ A 6 2		
	} 10 8 7		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Bentzen</i>
Pass	1[	Pass	2]
Pass	3}	Pass	3[
Pass	4}	Pass	4{
Dble	4]	Pass	4NT
Pass	5[	Pass	5NT
Pass	6{	Pass	6[
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Batov</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Dyakov</i>
Pass	1[	Pass	2]
Pass	3}	Pass	3[
Pass	4}	Pass	4{
Dble	4NT	Pass	5}
Pass	5NT	Pass	6[
All Pass			

A very natural and similar auction at both tables. In fact, bidding the slam was not the issue, as nearly all tables reached either 6[or 6NT. Against proper defence, there is no legitimate endplay, though E/W may well run into trouble on the run of the spades. In any case, West will have to keep all his three clubs. There are several ways to tackle the club suit. One might cash the } A first and then lead up to the queen, one might as well use the 1087 in dummy to triple-finesse the KJ9 and thus decide to run the } 7. The latter play, executed on vugraph by Dyakov, this time was the

winning line. Very well done and 17 IMPs back to Bulgaria who all of a sudden were in the lead by 29-18.

They lost 6 and 5 on the next two boards, so with the scores about level the last board flashed onto the screen:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	[Q J 8 7		
	] Q 5		
	{ A 8 5		
	} K Q 8 2		
[A 10 5 4 3 2		[9 6	
] 10 6 4		] A J 8 3	
{ -		{ 6 3	
} A 5 4 3		} J 10 9 7 6	
	[K		
	] K 9 7 2		
	{ K Q J 10 9 7 4 2		
	} -		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Bentzen</i>
		Pass	1{
1[	3NT	Pass	4{
Pass	4NT	Pass	5{
All Pass			

Well done, par reached and an overtrick when the defenders tried to cash the } A first. Norway +620.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Batov</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Dyakov</i>
		Pass	1{
1[	Dble	Pass	2[
Dble	3NT	Pass	4]
Pass	6}	Pass	6{
Dble	All Pass		

On rama, a clear Bulgarian misunderstanding was set to turn into a sensational swing in their favour. Batov's double of course (?) promised hearts, so by bidding 2[Dyakov was not only showing a strong hand, but he was suggesting heart support too, as he proved later by going from 3NT to 4]. This was not quite what Batov had intended, so he thought it was time for some more positive action now. Holding two aces, Brogeland duly doubled the final contract, but now he had to find a lead. The commentators were predicting a large swing to Bulgaria, as according to them the } A (the ace of Brogeland's shorter suit) would be his most logical choice, though this time it would result in 1540 to Bulgaria.

Under the eye of the TV camera, Boye Brogeland would have nothing of all this. With lightning speed he selected a red card, the] 4, as his opening lead, thus leaving all commentators speechless in admiration. Erik Sælensminde won the ace, not thinking about playing the] J or that sort of thing, and quickly finished off the good work by returning the [9.

So the last board of this long session quite unexpectedly took little time to produce a swing in the unexpected direction. The +100 to Norway at this table made it 12 IMPs for the board and gave them a 17-13 VP win, 43-32 in IMPs.

Perfect Profiles

We will be chasing you for team profiles (we will be sending Ron Tacchi!) This one, of Wales's Adrian Thomas, was recommended to us by Anna Gudge of www.ecats.co.uk

Born in Cwmbarn back in 1958 which means that, unlike the majority of the members of the rest of the Welsh Malmö team, I am not yet eligible for the Welsh Seniors Squad, (appearances are deceptive)

Although never married, I was the steady (!) part of a relationship with Wales's best known lady player? Though more for her after dinner jokes and operatic talents than her bidding style, which hinges on an individual losing trick count assessment which produces not many losers but not many winners either.

Our main bridge success together was winning the Portland Pairs but of more lasting joy to us both was the birth of our daughter Melanie who has inherited Gilly's dramatic talent and has ambitions already to be either a pop idol or soap star.

Living nearby, we still do many other hobbies together including cycling, skiing, walking, caravanning and trips to cinema.

I studied Psychology at University with the only really lasting effect being to end up (in terms of Wales best known bridge host Maggie Pierce) as Wales first "Social Cripple", and that was before I went into isolationist mode.

Bridgewise my achievements in Welsh terms are excellent but Welsh teams are probably something equivalent to England playing football, capable of beating good teams but unable to achieve the ultimate prize (not since 1966 in football anyhow). In Wales I am their second most capped player, have won all Welsh events at least once (bar two) and was part of a winning Tollemache and Spring Fours Team (old format). I have reached semi-finals of Gold Cup and new Spring Fours on two occasions, beating some well known teams on the way. I was part of the Welsh team that got one board away from winning the Camrose in 2001. Winning the Camrose can now not be achieved in its old format and I am not that bothered about the watered down new version of the event. My partner and I are appearing in our 4th European together - only ever present partnership since Wales became eligible and I have my partner's temperament to thank for that

Ambitions bridgewise, I would like to win either Gold cup or Spring Fours and non-bridgewise is to visit New Zealand. I only got as far as Australia in 1980.

More important is to be a good dad, whatever that means, to my daughter and her recent quote at ten years old is what we all aspire to:

In discussing a recent death on Hydro, a white knuckle ride at a local theme park:

"Well, I'm still going on it, I'm sensible. And anyhow, even if I do die I've had a great life." Bringing tears to my eyes.

Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

For a few years already, Herman De Wael of Belgium has been calculating bridge team ratings. Do contact Herman by e-mail (hermandw@hdw.be) or visit his website (www.hdw.be) for further information.

Just prior to the Europeans, the ratings for the Open series have become:

(The first number is the rating (in VP); the second is the number of (16-board) matches that are taken into account for the rating.)

1	Italy	22,17	128	57	China HongKong	12,70	63
2	United States	20,82	125	58	Serbia & Mont.	12,62	42
3	Norway	20,24	144	59	Guadeloupe	12,30	37
4	Poland	20,12	119	60	Philippines	11,91	55
5	Indonesia	19,36	74	61	Lithuania	11,88	14
6	Netherlands	19,29	60	62	Colombia	11,54	28
7	France	18,97	79	63	Côte d'Ivoire	11,44	5
8	Sweden	18,82	108	64	Luxembourg	11,22	30
9	Bulgaria	18,79	79	65	Malaysia	11,02	62
10	Israel	18,59	67	66	Bahrain	10,92	9
11	Spain	18,54	75	67	Venezuela	10,72	28
12	England	18,50	120	68	Liechtenstein	10,63	57
13	Russia	18,14	65	69	San Marino	10,50	57
14	Denmark	17,81	84	70	Tunisia	10,27	14
15	Iceland	17,53	84	71	Bermuda	10,26	48
16	China	17,50	90	72	Syria	10,22	23
17	Canada	17,45	54	73	Peru	10,07	17
18	Germany	17,44	57	74	New Caledonia	9,82	5
19	Austria	17,29	60	75	Singapore	9,52	62
20	Greece	17,21	57	76	Bangladesh	9,46	23
21	Turkey	17,15	57	77	Latvia	9,37	45
22	Hungary	17,11	57	78	Trinidad&Tobago	8,91	24
23	Australia	16,82	128	79	Reunion	8,79	24
24	Brazil	16,62	78	80	Jordan	8,79	20
25	Japan	16,51	70	81	French Guyana	8,42	6
26	Chinese Taipei	16,45	93	82	Zimbabwe	8,31	18
27	Lebanon	16,21	57	83	Martinique	8,29	18
28	Belgium	16,20	58	84	Cyprus	8,05	38
29	Wales	15,83	115	85	Sri Lanka	7,99	26
30	Egypt	15,83	54	86	Guyana	7,96	11
31	Czech Republic	15,78	57	87	Bolivia	7,86	5
32	New Zealand	15,65	96	88	Paraguay	7,86	17
33	Portugal	15,53	57	89	Tonga	7,79	5
34	India	15,51	80	90	Guernsey	7,74	7
35	Finland	15,45	81	91	Jamaica	7,63	14
36	Ireland	15,39	121	92	Kenya	7,27	27
37	Scotland	15,30	114	93	Isle of Man	7,24	7
38	Argentina	15,20	43	94	Uganda	7,18	7
39	Romania	14,70	57	95	Ecuador	6,99	17
40	Monaco	14,70	56	96	French Polynesia	6,69	13
41	Croatia	14,29	57	97	Mauritius	6,56	27
42	Northern Ireland	14,10	52	98	Malta	6,14	20
43	Estonia	13,98	14	99	Jersey	5,70	7
44	Faroe Islands	13,96	45	100	Barbados	5,65	19
45	Thailand	13,95	55	101	Botswana	4,59	16
46	South Africa	13,90	59	102	Palestine	4,47	18
47	Belarus	13,50	4	103	Saint Lucia	4,13	19
48	Uruguay	13,48	49	104	Tanzania	3,93	17
49	Morocco	13,41	17	105	Saint Kitts&Nevis	3,19	12
50	Slovenia	13,40	57	106	Antigua&Barbuda	2,74	18
51	Ukraine	13,35	49	107	Dominica	0,16	9
52	Switzerland	13,23	57	108	Costa Rica	-4,99	4
53	Pakistan	13,13	67	109	Anguilla	-5,89	8
54	Chile	13,07	25	110	Grenada	-9,88	9
55	China Macao	12,96	47	111	Saint Vincent	-10,33	1
56	Mexico	12,92	13				

National Senior Teams Championship begins today

Team	Players	Club
1. Glyssner	Bertil Arvidsson - Sven-Åke Arvendahl Roland Axelsson - Rolf Glyssner	Grimslövs BK/BK Björken
2. Malaboro	Mats Allgöwer - Bo Appelqvist Lars-Åke Gustafsson - Roland Härsjö	Mölnlycke BS
3. Durlow	Lars Durlow - Arne Persson Lars Backström - Harry Nisell	Malmö BK/BK S:t Erik
4. Härnö-Link	Roland Nyström - Gunilla Hennings Yngve Nilsson - Georg Bratell	Filbyter Bridge/Hjo BS/Härnö BS
5. Odd Fellows	Rune Sjö - Göran Gjerling Owe Wåhlin - Ulfur Arnason	Ryds BK/BK Finn
6. Ragnar	Benny Olsson - Bo Lindbergh Ragnar Johansson - Sylve Larsen	Skövde BA/Uddevala BFMunkedals BS
7. Rävarna	Per Bretz - Sture Rundgren Jan Roos - Hans-Olof Sanderfelt	Våxjö BKBK S:t Eskil/ABB BK
8. Czech Republic	Peter Hebak - ?	
9. ÖMBF	Lars Gustafson - P-G Igelström Torsten Åstrand - Bertil G Johnson	Nyköpings BS/Motala Bridgeallians/Eskilstuna BK
10. Holland	Jaap Trouwborst - Nico Doremans Gert-Jan Förch Rien Verhoef Jan Willem Bomhof - Roald Ramer	Holland
11. Wales	Mrs A Favager - Mr E Favager Mrs D Harris - Mr P Gagne NPC Mr M Close	Wales
12. Finland	Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja Raimo Honkavuori Ranan Rimon Kari Koivula - Jorma Tolvanen	Finland
13. FourL	Lars Bertil Löfström - Lennart Andersson Lars Bertili - Lars-Göran Niklasson	BK S:t Erik/LUCK
14. Lag Roland	Roland Dahlman - Bengt Lund Elvy Lindström - Sven-Erik Nilsson	Arvika BS/ABB BK
15. Två klöver	Göran Tullberg - Britt Nordensson Bengt Larsson - Ingemar Rustan	Bridgeklubben 2 Klöver
16. Kjellkvist	Bertil Ekelund - Torsten Eriksson Uno Kjellkvist - Tommy Kellander	BK Finn/Videdals BK/BK Kvartetten
18. Swensson	Christer Swenson - Kjell Håkansson Anders Gistrand - Rolf Carlsson	Skövde BA/Sundsvalls BK/ Majstångens BK
19. GERMANY	Humburg, Hans - Mattsson, Göran Marsal, Reiner - Schroeder, Dirk Sträter Bernhard - Kratz, Ulrich	Germany
20. Hallén	Lars Alfredsson - Hans-Olof Hallén Bernt-Åke Jansson Sture Ekberg Johan Dieden	BK Everfresh/Malmö BK/Lindesbergs BS/Kungsbacka BSBK Lavec
21. Ireland	Patsy Meehan - ?	Ireland
22. Österberg	Fredrik Wickström - Jan Nilsson Kenneth Österberg - Lars-Åke Nilsson	Höors BK/Höors BK/Kristianstads BK
23. Holland 2	Ed Franken - ?	Holland
24. V-buf	Göran Olsson - Erik Franzén Göran Rångevall - Thord Lindberg Leif Rångevall	Borlänge BK/Grangårde BS/Upsala BS/ Boden-Sävast BSRåneå BK
25. Wenander	Bengt Alrud - Thomas Therkelson Frank Lidström - Björn Wenander	Salamandern/Wasa
26. Frissan	Bror-Inge Sjöbladh - Lennart Karlsson Gun Karlsson - Mats Gunnarsson	Vimmerby BK/Filbyter Bridge/Filbyter Bridge/Hultsfred/Målilla BK
27. Switzerland	Spengler Walter - Boesiger Hanspeter Frei Joseph - Imhof Hugo	Switzerland
28. L(O)DJUREN	Kjell Holmgren - Olle Ågren Arne Ågren - Per Andersson	Bollnäs BK/Gamla Uppsala BS/BK Hudik

Last year's final was exiting stuff but team Ragnar ensured that Hallén could not overtake them by scoring an 8-0 blitz in the last round.

Here is a dramatic board from last year

Dealer North. None Vul.

[K 7 5 3] A K Q 8 3 2 { 4 } Q 7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		[Q 9 4] 9 6 5 4 { 6 3 2 } J 9 8
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W		E									
	S										
[A 10 8 2] 7 { K J 10 } 10 6 5 4 2	[J 6] J 10 { A Q 9 8 7 5 } A K 3										

West	North	East	South
<i>P. Backlund</i>	<i>O. Ekman</i>	<i>K. Strandberg</i>	<i>S. Fager</i>
	1]	Pass	2{
Pass	2[	Pass	3} *
Pass	3]	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5[*	Pass	6]
Dbl	Pass	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3} was fourth suit forcing, and the double over 6[asked for a diamond lead.

When Fager bid 6NT it soon became clear to him that a diamond lead against 6] wouldn't have bothered declarer much. If he simply plays by ruffing diamonds, six hearts makes with an overtrick. If he tries to ruff a spade in dummy he will have to be satisfied with twelve tricks.

To make his 6NT "Pigge" Fager needed both ace of spades and the king of diamonds to be onside and the contract could not be made.

Chairman's Cup, round one

Boards being sent in different directions characterised the first two games of the Chairman's Cup. When all of us had learnt to send the boards to the next, higher table it was time to concentrate on the cards. Something that Sven-Åke Bjerregård did very well on board number five.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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[ J 9 7 6
] A K 10 9
{ 5
} K 9 7 6
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[ Q 10 3
] J 6 4
{ 7 4
} A Q 4 3 2
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Tommy Gullberg</i>		<i>Sven-Åke Bjerregård</i>
	2]*	Pass	4 }
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2] showed a three-suiter with short diamonds and 4} invited North to bid game.

West lead the ace of diamonds and switched, correctly, to a heart. Sven-Åke won in dummy and draw trumps in two rounds. He continued with the jack of spades from dummy. The entire deal was:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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[ J 9 7 6
] A K 10 9
{ 5
} K 9 7 6
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[ Q 10 3
] J 6 4
{ 7 4
} A Q 4 3 2
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[ A 8 5 2
] 5 2
{ A J 10 9 6
} J 8
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[ K 4
] Q 8 7 3
{ K Q 8 3 2
} 10 5
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East covered the jack with the king of spades and it was all over. Dummy's hearts were protected and Sven-Åke established dummy's spades for a heart discard. Had East ducked the jack of spades West would have won the ace and returned a heart for one down.

Just a little later I was in trouble over what to lead, my hand was [Q76,] 874, { 87652, } A5. My partner opened a Multi 2{ and my right hand opponent overcalled 3}. I competed with 3], pass or convert, and leftie jumped to 6}. What to lead? I chose the six of spades and dummy tabled:

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[ A K J 8 5 4 3
] 9
{ 9 4
} K Q 4
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The lead was won in dummy with the ace and followed by a small spade that was ruffed in the closed hand. Declarer led a club towards dummy and I rose with the ace. The good news is that my partner does hold an ace, the bad one is that I do not know if it is in hearts or diamonds.

Bloody lead, I thought for myself, while I was contemplating the situation. The odds should favour a heart as my partner has promised six of those but declarer's diamonds are obviously not strong enough to discard dummy's singleton heart. I concluded that a diamond must be better and collected my reward when the deal was:

Board 7. Dealer North. None Vul.

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[ Q 7 6
] 8 7 4
{ 8 7 6 5 2
} A 5
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[ 10 2
] Q J 10 6 5 2
{ A 10 3
} 6 3
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[ 9
] A K 3
{ K Q J
} J 10 9 8 7 2
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[ A K J 8 5 4 3
] 9
{ 9 4
} K Q 4
```

Pfeew. What slam would you prefer to declare on East-West's cards?

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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[ K J 10 3
] J 7 6 2
{ J 6 4
} Q 8
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[ 9 8 7 5
] 10 8 5 4
{ Q 5 3
} 6 5
```

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[ A Q
] K 3
{ 10 9 2
} K J 10 9 7 2
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[ 6 4 2
] A Q 9
{ A K 8 7
} A 4 3
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Our opponents reached 6NT which made when declarer guessed the club suit correctly after a diamond lead.

Anders Morath and Beng-Erik Efraimsson bid 6} declared by West, a contract to which there are several advantages. Declarer, Anders Morath, received a diamond lead, cashed the ace of clubs - carefully saving the two for later - and continued with a club to the jack. Had the finesse worked it would have been all

over. When it failed Anders reverted to play on the diamonds, he discarded one diamond in the closed hand on the third heart and ruffed a diamond. When diamonds broke three-three he could discard the queen of spades on the last diamond. The importance of saving the two of clubs became obvious when Anders crossed to dummy on the four of clubs.

On the next board our opponents had a slam tempo in the auction but stopped in game.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>[K 10 4] A J 5 2 { K 10 6 } 6 4 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>[A J 8 6 3] Q 8 3 { A J 5 4 } A</p>	<p>[9 5] K 10 7 4 { Q 3 2 } K 10 8 2</p> <p>[Q 7 2] 9 6 { 9 8 7 } Q J 9 7 5</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Anders Morath, who rarely experiences a finesse that works, received a club lead to the ace in 4 [. He continued with a trump to the king and tried the spade finesse with the jack. A club return forced a first ruff. Anders now tried the heart finesse but the jack was won by the king and a third round of clubs forced a second ruff. It will still not time to draw trumps as the diamonds must be established. A direct finesse with ten of diamonds lost to the queen but North could not force declarer's trumps by playing a fourth round of clubs as it could be ruffed in either hand. North elected to play a red card and Anders could, finally, draw the last trump.

"Do you want a deal?" asked Madeleine Swanström and showed me the following.



Sven-Åke Bjerregård, Sweden

Board 22. Dealer East. E/WVul.

<p>[9 8] Q 10 8 6 { 9 4 2 } K J 5 2</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>[A K Q] 5 2 { A K Q J 5 } 8 7 6</p> <p>[6 5] J 7 { 10 8 7 6 3 } A Q 10 4</p>	
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Madeleine</i>		<i>Kjell</i>	
<i>Swanström</i>		<i>Swanström</i>	
1{*	1](!)	1}*	Pass
2NT	3[	2{	Pass
Pass	Pass	3NT	Dbl
		Pass	

The club opening was the two-way Swedish club and the diamond response was negative.

North led a small heart to the jack and queen. Declarer led a small diamond and the position was exposed. Madeleine tried a small club but East won with the ace and returned a heart for one down.

"I should have ducked the heart" concluded Madeleine. With the club ace onside that will leave the defenders with only four tricks.



Bridge Festival Schedule

21 June 2004

Chairman's Cup Rounds Two and Three

10.00 - 12.10	Round two, first session
12.20 - 14.30	Round two, second session
10.00 - 14.30	Second chance
14.30 - 15.30	Lunch
15.30 - 15.45	Third round draw
15.45 - 17.55	Round three, first session
18.00 - 20.10	Round four, second session
20.30 - 20.45	Fourth round draw

Gold Barometer

10.00	Gold one
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Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver three
18.00	Silver four

Bronze Barometer

19.00	
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Swedish Senior Teams Championship

12.30 - 15.00	Four matches
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.40 - 18.00	Four matches
18.00 - 19.00	Dinner break
19.00 - 22.10	Five matches



Daniel Auby, Stockholm

What do you think about the idea of having the bridge festival together with the European championship?

Interesting experiment; if it is successful I hope that the organizers of the next championship do something similar.

Which tournaments do you plan to play?

Chairman's Cup, assuming that my team-mates manage to qualify for the knock-out stages. Then I'll come on and work a finesse or two.

No Swedish championships then?

I don't play such things; it takes top quality international opposition to attract me.

Anything special that you look forward to?

The grand finale of the European Championship. Sweden has a good team and several other nations have failed to nominate their best players. Luckily, Sweden has a captain that uses his brain to select the team and not any of those trial lotteries.

Your badge claims that your function is Convention Cards and Systems, but what kind of function is that?

It is about solving questions regarding how to fill in the convention cards for the European Championships and whether to accept or deny any last minute changes that the players want to make to their system. Not that Grat-tan Endicott would ever trust me to answer a question, but he does trust me to put information about system changes into the pigeon holes.

Monica Pettersson, Lund

How long will you be staying here?

I'll be here from time to time. On the days that I do not work I will be here all day and if I work only in the evening.

Do you plan to play any bridge?

Some of the side events.

No Swedish Championship finals or Chairman's Cup then?

No, unfortunately not.

Have you been to the vugraph then?

Not yet, but I will be there to watch some of Sweden's games. I hope that Sweden does well so that there will be some exciting games to watch towards the end of the championships.

Jan Becklén, Malmö

Good to see you, how are you doing?

We have eight and four victory points from the first games of the Swiss in Chairman's Cup. I am playing on team Jurek, with Stefan Underdal and four top quality Dutch players.

And how will you end?

My hopes are not very high. I have never survived in the Chairman's Cup until the Tuesday.

How long are you staying?

Well, I live in Malmö and I don't plan to move anywhere in the foreseeable future. I am on holiday these two weeks and the plan is to play bridge and entertain our Dutch guests. The Dutch contingent that are regulars at the Öland bridge week are here in Malmö.

Do you plan to play anything other than the Chairman's Cup?

Absolutely. Mats Pettersson and I will play the Swedish Pairs Championships. Most likely I will play some of the festival pairs events.

Is there anything special that you look forward to during these two weeks?

To not be knocked out of the Chairman's Cup before Tuesday. We are not going to pick any team with Johan "Bankmannen" Nilsson on it.

Mats Qviberg, Stockholm

How long are you here for?

I travel between Stockholm and Malmö five times during these two weeks. I need to pay some attention to my work and prepare for my radio program.

That you are a busy man is well known, but when will you begin your radio career?

Not yet but soon, I will do a summer chat program in a few weeks time. I have been given one and a half hours, to rant about whatever I want and play my favourite music. The producer says that she will listen to my show in the telephone switchboard office to be able to answer all complaints directly.

Will you get any time to play bridge?

Far too little; I will only play two silver tournaments. Official functions and dinner parties will consume large chunks of my time. I would have preferred to be invited to play bridge but the EBU officials insist on dinner parties.

Chairman's Cup, what do you think of this year's competition?

Sadly enough only 80 teams have entered; I hoped for 180. That would have been cheaper for me. I believe that some of the Swedish teams will be very difficult to stop. Personally, I hope that team 10652 wins the event so that Tommy Gullberg collects the cup. I am bored with the old one and want to buy a new one.



ALL ITALIANS UP FOR BRIDGE!



On the Podium

1 Italy	1 Italy	1 Italy	1 Italy	1 Italy	1 Poland	1 Poland	1 Italy
2 Poland	2 Poland	2 Poland	2 Poland	2 Poland	2 Italy	2 Italy	2 Sweden
3 France	3 Sweden	3 Sweden	3 Sweden	3 Sweden	3 Sweden	3 Sweden	3 Turkey

How many victories, losses and draws?

V 27	V 28	V 26	V 26	V 27	V 24	V 27	V 26
L 5	L 3	L 4	L 3	L 4	L 5	L 5	L 4
D 0	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 1	D 3	D 0	D 2

Which are the teams you fear most?

1 Denmark	1 Denmark	1 Norway	1 Norway	1 Sweden	1 Poland	1 Italy	1 Denmark
2 England	2 Poland	2 Sweden	2 Sweden	2 Norway	2 Poland	2 Italy	2 Poland
3 Turkey	3 Sweden	3 Poland	3 Iceland	3 Poland	3 Poland	3 Italy	3 Bulgaria

How many slams without aces are you going to declare?

2 - 3	3	3	3	2	None	I hope not many: The penalty could be something I really care for	I trust there are not going to be any
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Which are other two teams you would like to see at the World Championships?

4 Sweden	4 Norway	4 France	1 Norway	4 The Netherlands	4 Norway	4 Denmark	4 Poland
5 Norway	5 France	5 Iceland	2 The Netherlands	5 Norway	5 England	5 France	5 Russia

What does and doesn't your partner have?

Bocchi di Duboin: He is very nervous and isn't a golfer
 Fantoni di Nunes: He is a chatterbox and isn't slow
 Lauria di Versace: He is a 'player' and is not slim

Duboin di Bocchi: He is a golfer and isn't nervous at all
 Nunes di Fantoni: He is dreadfully slow and is not nervous
 Versace di Lauria: He is a pain in the neck and is not unlucky

Sports News

Formula 1 - US Grand Prix

Ralf Schumacher was taken to hospital after a high-speed crash as brother Michael continued his dominance of the grand prix season with yet another win, ahead of teammate Rubens Barichello. They were followed home by Sato, Trulli, Panis, Raikkonen, Coulthard and Baumgartner. Only eight cars completed the race.

Golf - St. Omer Open

Philippe Lima of France won the St. Omer Open, carding a final round 66.
 P Lima Fr -5, A Tadini It -4, D Geall GB, S Dyson GB -3, J Hepworth GB, I Pyman, C Suneson Sp -2.

Tennis

Mary Pierce warmed up for Wimbledon by beating Klara Koukalova in straight sets at the Ordina Open to win the first grass court title of her career. The Frenchwoman took the first set on a tiebreak against her Czech opponent and proceeded to wrap up a 7-6 6-2 victory.

Frenchman Michael Llodra beat top seed Guillermo Coria 6-3 6-4 to win the final of the Ordina Open on Sunday. The 24-year-old's serve-volley tactics on the grass surface paid dividends, in contrast with Coria who continually made errors on his own serve.