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POLAND'S POLISHED PERFORMANCE



The Festival is in full swing

The overnight leaders Poland continue to dominate proceedings in the Open series, winning all of their matches by wide margins to open up a substantial lead at the top of the table. They are already 16 VP clear of second placed Turkey, four ahead of Sweden in third.

Fourth placed Italy were heavily defeated by fifth placed Germany, and then the log jam of chasing teams is led by Denmark, Norway and Israel.

Allez la France

In the Women's series there is a new leader, France having moved into the position they are expected to occupy at the end. Sweden are second, and the top two have a little breathing space over England, third, Austria, fourth and Netherlands, fifth.

Today's VuGraph Matches

<i>OPEN TEAMS - Round 7</i>	
Italy v Poland	10.30
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Spain v Sweden	17.40

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Casino Cosmopol

Bring your badge and there will be no entry fee.

Every night between 19.00 and 22.00 there is a free bus service to the Casino Cosmopol.



OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ICELAND	RUSSIA	49 - 55	13.5 - 15.5
2	ENGLAND	BYE		18 - 0
3	GERMANY	ITALY	58 - 15	24 - 6
4	HUNGARY	FAROE ISL.	54 - 35	19 - 11
5	GREECE	CZECH REP.	75 - 41	22 - 8
6	POLAND	SAN MARINO	96 - 20	25 - 1
7	AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL	58 - 58	15 - 15
8	BULGARIA	IRELAND	78 - 43	21.5 - 7.5
9	LATVIA	ISRAEL	34 - 79	6 - 24
10	ROMANIA	NORWAY	63 - 22	23 - 7
11	WALES	TURKEY	25 - 73	5 - 25
12	BELGIUM	SPAIN	67 - 54	18 - 12
13	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND	75 - 41	22 - 8
14	LITHUANIA	SWITZERLAND	101 - 42	25 - 4
15	FINLAND	SWEDEN	19 - 64	6 - 24
16	SERBIA/MONT.	CROATIA	101 - 25	25 - 1
17	DENMARK	FRANCE	97 - 52	24 - 6

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	26 - 66	7 - 23
2	BYE	GERMANY		0 - 18
3	ITALY	HUNGARY	61 - 18	24 - 6
4	FAROE ISL.	GREECE	36 - 101	3 - 25
5	CZECH REP.	POLAND	19 - 63	6 - 24
6	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA	58 - 55	16 - 14
7	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	24 - 45	11 - 19
8	IRELAND	LATVIA	41 - 48	14 - 16
9	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	27 - 42	12 - 18
10	NORWAY	WALES	58 - 28	21 - 9
11	TURKEY	BELGIUM	20 - 35	12 - 18
12	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	34 - 39	13 - 16
13	SCOTLAND	LITHUANIA	83 - 36	24 - 6
14	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	34 - 42	14 - 16
15	SWEDEN	CROATIA	72 - 37	22 - 8
16	ICELAND	DENMARK	28 - 41	12 - 18
17	FRANCE	SERBIA/MONT.	39 - 50	13 - 17

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	RUSSIA	38 - 31	16 - 14
2	HUNGARY	BYE		18 - 0
3	GREECE	ITALY	28 - 46	10.5 - 18.5
4	POLAND	FAROE ISL.	41 - 6	22 - 8
5	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.	79 - 30	25 - 5
6	BULGARIA	SAN MARINO	50 - 26	20 - 10
7	LATVIA	PORTUGAL	35 - 40	14 - 16
8	ROMANIA	IRELAND	16 - 45	9 - 21
9	WALES	ISRAEL	16 - 64	5 - 25
10	BELGIUM	NORWAY	20 - 19	15 - 15
11	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	9 - 49	7 - 23
12	LITHUANIA	SPAIN	30 - 24	16 - 14
13	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	33 - 21	17 - 13
14	CROATIA	SWITZERLAND	40 - 7	22 - 8
15	SERBIA/MONT.	SWEDEN	26 - 53	9 - 21
16	DENMARK	ENGLAND	51 - 21	21 - 9
17	FRANCE	ICELAND	27 - 34	14 - 16

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7

10.30

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

ROUND 8

14.15

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

ROUND 9

17.40

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

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	CZECH REP.	56 - 56	15 - 15
22	ENGLAND	ITALY	27 - 40	12 - 18
23	DENMARK	FINLAND	34 - 56	10 - 20
24	TURKEY	SPAIN	38 - 47	13 - 17
25	SWEDEN	CROATIA	65 - 17	25 - 5
26	FRANCE	POLAND	75 - 33	24 - 6
27	LEBANON	AUSTRIA	34 - 73	7 - 23
28	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	8 - 72	3 - 25
29	IRELAND	ICELAND	60 - 33	21 - 9
30	ISRAEL	NORWAY	55 - 61	14 - 16
31	NETHERLANDS	FAROE ISL.	123 - 35	25 - 0

ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	ITALY	GERMANY	31 - 44	12 - 18
22	FINLAND	ENGLAND	23 - 51	9 - 21
23	SPAIN	DENMARK	69 - 37	22 - 8
24	CROATIA	TURKEY	43 - 45	15 - 15
25	POLAND	SWEDEN	34 - 57	10 - 20
26	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	24 - 51	9 - 21
27	HUNGARY	LEBANON	56 - 35	19 - 10
28	ICELAND	SCOTLAND	31 - 52	11 - 19
29	NORWAY	IRELAND	24 - 28	14 - 16
30	FAROE ISL.	ISRAEL	27 - 72	6 - 24
31	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.	44 - 34	17 - 13

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	FINLAND	23 - 41	11 - 19
22	ENGLAND	SPAIN	48 - 32	18 - 12
23	DENMARK	CROATIA	55 - 43	17 - 13
24	TURKEY	POLAND	52 - 34	19 - 11
25	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	46 - 44	15 - 15
26	FRANCE	HUNGARY	54 - 21	22 - 8
27	LEBANON	ICELAND	6 - 60	3 - 25
28	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	45 - 33	17 - 13
29	IRELAND	ISRAEL	31 - 31	15 - 15
30	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	33 - 37	14 - 16
31	CZECH REP.	FAROE ISL.	73 - 12	25 - 3

Gifts Galore

Visit the Bridgeshop on the ground floor and you will find t-shirts, caps, Championship bags, souvenirs and presents, as well as exclusive bridge equipment from the Danish Bridge Federation.

I'm just wild about Harry's

Buffet tickets to Harry's Restaurant are sold in the Bridgeshop on the ground floor. There will be a special midsummer buffet on Friday & Saturday.

Championship Diary

Reading the second edition of the Bulletin at breakfast Patrick Jourdain tells me, 'This man Duboin is a good player. He made the same bid as me on every hand except one, where I made a better one.'

By our count there are seven women appearing in the Open series - surely a record? (We are prepared to bet that it will be broken at the Olympiad in Istanbul later this year.)

The disappointed supporters of the Spanish football team requested a minute's silence before play started on VuGraph...from Barry!

Yesterday morning a senior player reported to the line-up desk - nothing like getting your team in early! At almost the same moment Eitan Levy arrived there with some disconsolate Israeli players. He explained they were unhappy with a penalty and wanted to appeal. The reply was swift - they need a Director - and its you!

When Brian Senior offered to cover the England-Croatia match we foolishly didn't bother to check the program, and it was only this morning we discovered he was watching the football!

While pursuing his photographic duties Ron Tacchi is frequently called upon to assume the role of dummy while a player takes a natural break. His parting shot as play finishes is to remark 'Oh, that wasn't the 7NT hand.'

Anna Gudge points out that the correct address for bridge purposes is www.ecatsbridge.com. Sorry!

The women in the Closed Room have to share facilities with the men. One player informed a Director that this was not exactly an ideal situation, as 'Like their declarer play, their aim is not always perfect!'

Sports News

Athletics - European Cup

Men		Women		
1	Germany	107.5	1 Russia	142
2	France	105	2 Ukraine	97
3	Poland	104	3 France	92.5
4	Great Britan & N.I.	102.5	4 Germany	92
5	Russia	99	5 Poland	86.5
6	Italy	72	6 Greece	79
7	Sweden	67	7 Spain	66
8	Netherlands	62	8 Great Britain & N.I.	63

Football - Euro 2004-06-21

Frei given 15-day ban. Switzerland's Alexander Frei has been provisionally suspended by Uefa for 15 days pending an appeal for allegedly spitting at England's Steven Gerrard. The striker had been pulled out of the Swiss team just hours before Monday's Euro 2004 game against France. The suspension has been put in place pending an official hearing - which would be this week if Switzerland reach the last eight of the competition. On Thursday, Italy's Francesco Totti received a three-game ban for spitting.

Formula 1

Ralf Schumacher has been allowed home following his US GP crash but has been ruled out of testing this week. Schumacher has flown back to Salzburg to recover from back injuries suffered when his BMW Williams hit a wall on the fastest part of the Indianapolis track. "Ralf is well but has a bruised back and strained back muscles. He will not be taking part in scheduled testing in Jerez," said a Williams statement.

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 6 rounds

1	POLAND	140.00
2	TURKEY	124.00
3	SWEDEN	120.00
4	ITALY	112.50
5	GERMANY	110.00
6	DENMARK	107.00
7	NORWAY	105.00
8	ISRAEL	103.00
9	BULGARIA	102.50
10	BELGIUM	100.00
11	GREECE	99.50
12	AUSTRIA	98.00
13	RUSSIA	94.50
14	THE NETHERLANDS	94.00
15	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	93.00
16	ENGLAND	93.00
17	HUNGARY	89.00
18	SCOTLAND	85.00
19	PORTUGAL	85.00
20	FINLAND	84.00
21	LITHUANIA	84.00
22	SPAIN	81.00
23	ICELAND	78.50
24	FAROE ISLANDS	75.00
25	LATVIA	72.00
26	WALES	71.00
27	CROATIA	70.00
28	FRANCE	70.00
29	ROMANIA	69.00
30	SWITZERLAND	67.00
31	IRELAND	66.50
32	CZECH REP.	53.00
33	SAN MARINO	51.00

WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING after 5 rounds

1	FRANCE	108.00
2	SWEDEN	99.00
3	ENGLAND	89.00
4	AUSTRIA	89.00
5	THE NETHERLANDS	87.00
6	TURKEY	86.00
7	IRELAND	86.00
8	FINLAND	85.00
9	ISRAEL	82.00
10	SPAIN	82.00
11	ITALY	75.00
12	GERMANY	75.00
13	NORWAY	73.00
14	HUNGARY	71.00
15	CZECH REP.	71.00
16	ICELAND	70.00
17	SCOTLAND	63.00
18	POLAND	55.00
19	DENMARK	53.00
20	LEBANON	48.00
21	CROATIA	45.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	42.00

Systems for Unlisted Partnerships

A captain who enters a partnership at line-up for which no system has been registered needs to show on his line-up form which of the registered systems they will play. No changes can be made in the convention card except for deletions - which must also be notified. The players should also check at the table that their opponents have all the correct information.

*Grattan Endicott
Systems Desk Manager*

OPEN TEAMS

Round 4

Netherlands v Scotland
Scotland down in sea of Dutch IMPs

Netherlands, one of the teams expected to be challenging for a Bermuda Bowl spot, faced Scotland in Round 4 of the Open series. The Editor was on hand to see the Dutchies enjoy much the better of a lively set of boards.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ Q 10 3 2 ♦ A K 10 8 7 5 ♣ —	♠ Q 8 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 6 4 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7 2	<div style="text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 10 9 ♥ A K 8 7 6 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 6 3
♠ A 7 3 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A K J 5 4			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
4♣*	5♣	1♥	2♣
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

I am not a fan of overcalling on a five-card suit at the two level, but South does have fair values that might otherwise be difficult to express. When West splintered North, perhaps unwisely, raised the ante, and the overall effect was to push

East/West to a slam that they would have been unlikely to bid given a free run. It was a poor contract, but with ♠Q84 in the North hand declarer could not be defeated; +980.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
3♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

I don't care much for double either, but it did no harm this time. Declarer played safe for eleven tricks, but it meant Netherlands picked up 11 not unlucky IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ 8 7 ♦ 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ A Q 10 7 4 2	♠ Q 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ K ♦ A K ♣ J 8 6 5	<div style="text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 2 ♥ A J 10 6 5 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K 9
♠ A J 8 4 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ Q J 8 7 4 ♣ 3			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
INT	2♠	1♥	Pass
All Pass		3♥	4♠

Looking for a ruff, East led the two of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the ace. When West showed out declarer played a heart, but East could win, put West in with the ace of clubs and ruff a diamond. One down, and slightly hard on North.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
INT	2♠	1♥	Pass
All Pass		3♥	4♠

Looking to give his partner a ruff, East led the ace of hearts and a second heart. Now declarer could win in dummy, pitching a club, and play a club. The contract was secure and in due course declarer claimed ten tricks; +420 and another 10 IMPs.



Kenneth Baxter, Scotland

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

An undistinguished auction, where East felt an ace was enough to double. He led the six of hearts and West put in the eight, declarer winning with the king to play a club to the nine and West's king. Back came a spade and declarer was booked for three down. However, North's false card in hearts reduced the damage as East was taken in and played back a heart, reducing the penalty to +100. However, Scotland were not yet out of the woods on this deal as you will see from the events at the other table:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
2♥*	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Facing a limited three-suiter, East had no reason to bid. When South did, North was more or less forced to try 3NT. East led the six of hearts and West won with the ace and, perhaps unwisely, played a low club. Declarer put up the queen and when that held claimed nine tricks; +400. Netherlands by 37-2 VP was slightly flattering, and Scotland were about to hit back.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
4♠	1♣*	1♠	2♥
	5♦	All Pass	

The intervention put North under pressure. A card-showing double would be my choice, and you would expect South to go on to Five Hearts. In Five Diamonds declarer managed seven tricks, -200.

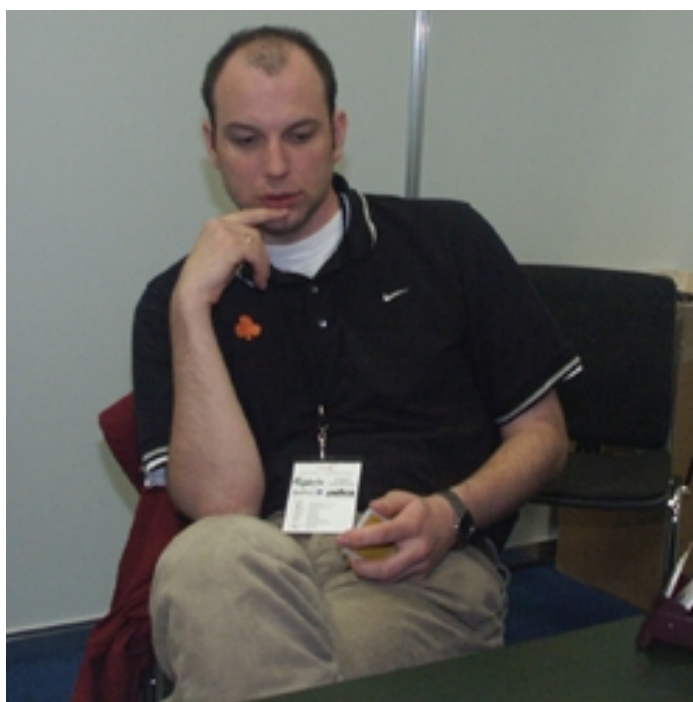
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
4♦*	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	Dble	4♠	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

South led the five of clubs and North took the king with the ace, cashed the king of hearts and played a trump. Declarer won in hand and played a club to the ten; +790 and 11 IMPs to Scotland. However, it proved to be only a temporary respite.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Simon de Wijs, The Netherlands

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
Pass	2♣*	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	4♣	4♥
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

Perhaps South would do better to double Four Clubs, intending to bid Four Hearts over the likely retreat to Four Diamonds. Still, Five Hearts can be made with careful play. East led the three of hearts and declarer won and fatally played the queen of spades. East won and switched to the ace of clubs followed by the queen. Declarer won with dummy's king and took a second round of trumps, followed by a spade finesse. The 5-1 break meant a second spade had to be lost; -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
Pass	2♦*	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

I have a sneaking feeling that you might not agree with every one of the bids in this auction. East led the ace of spades and switched to the three of hearts. Declarer won in dummy, cashed a second heart, ruffed a diamond and played a club. In due course he established a club for a spade discard; +850 and 14 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

♠ A 3

♥ K Q 8 7 4

♦ A 5 3 2

♣ J 10

N

W E

S

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
Pass	1♦*	1♠	2♥
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♠*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

I leave you to decide if you want to be in a slam on a finesse. If North had bid Four Hearts over Four Diamonds I suspect South would have taken a pot at it; +440.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
Pass	1♦	2♠	3♠*
4♣	4♦	4♠	4NT*
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Declarer won the opening club lead with the ace and took the diamond finesse; 13 tricks, +940, and another 11 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ K 6 3 2

♥ 10 9

♦ J 9 7 6 4

♣ 9 4

N

W E

S

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeWijs	McGowan	Muller	Baxter
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♥	1♠
			All Pass

North led the two of hearts and declarer won and played a low club. North won with the queen and switched to the jack of spades. Declarer won and went back to hearts. Ten tricks could not be prevented; +420.

There is a way to defeat Four Hearts, but North is hardly likely to find it. When West plays a club, North must play the two! Declarer can win with the jack of clubs and will doubtless play a club, but now either South or North wins and plays two rounds of hearts, leaving declarer with two more losing clubs. This relies on no more than partner having the nine or ten of clubs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Murdoch	Bertens	Piper	Bakkeren
1♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

North led the queen of diamonds and declarer won and played a club to North's queen. He took the diamond return in dummy and played a second club to the ace. The club return allowed South to ruff and the contract was one down, yet another double figure swing to the Netherlands, who had won going away, 75-41 IMPs, 22-8 VP.

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Round 4

Austria v France

Going into their fourth round vugraph encounter, Austria and France were tied at the top of the Women's Series on 65 VPs from three matches. Austria had a great start on Board 1, though the swing came in a most unusual manner.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Grumm	D'Ovidio	Weigkricht
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Cronier	Smederevac	Willard
	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			



Terry Weigkricht, Austria

The French North/South pair had an auction that may well have been replicated at a number of tables, but was Sylvie Willard a little precipitate in launching into Key Card or should Benedicte Cronier not have cuebid when holding no ace? No doubt they will have decided that by now. For what it is worth, I think that South might have cuebid 5♦ instead of bidding 4NT. Anyway, short of receiving a diamond lead, this slam is not going to make and Susanne Kriftner's actual choice of the ace of hearts ensured a one-trick set; -50.

When Daniele Gaviard-Allouche made a take-out double of the forcing spade raise and Catherine D'Ovidio failed to take it out, Terry Weigkricht had an unusual decision to make with the South cards. She eventually made the winning decision when she passed out 2NT doubled. Gaviard led the jack of hearts and Weigkricht rattled off the spades. She got the ending wrong, thereby holding herself to eleven tricks, but this unusual way of achieving +790 was still worth 13 IMPs to Austria.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Grumm	D'Ovidio	Weigkricht
	2♠	3♦	Pass
INT	All Pass		Pass
4♥			

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Cronier	Smederevac	Willard
	2♠	3♦	Pass
INT	4♦	Pass	4♠
3♠	Pass	5♥	All Pass
Pass			

In each case 3♦ was a transfer to hearts, at least invitational. Gaviard contented herself with a jump to 4♥ and that shut Iris Grumm out. Grumm led a spade and that was ten tricks for +620.

Kriftner tried a cuebid along the way and now Cronier took the opportunity to show her second suit. When Willard gave preference back to spades, Kriftner left the decision to her partner and Jovi Smederevac judged to go on to 5♥. Had Willard led her partner's first suit, that would have been the losing decision as there are two spades and a diamond to be lost. Even a passive lead sees declarer with nowhere to go for a spade discard, but

Willard led the ten of diamonds, and covering in dummy established a finesse position against the jack so that Smederevac had eleven tricks; +650 and 1 IMP to Austria.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ J 5 4 2 ♦ A J 6 5 2 ♣ K 9 2	<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		♠ 10 9 7 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ 4 3
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West Gaviard	North Grumm	East D'Ovidio	South Weigkricht
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠

West Kriftner	North Cronier	East Smederevac	South Willard
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠

It looks as though 4♠ is doomed to defeat thanks to the two missing key cards being badly placed. Both Easts led the ♠10 and declarer drew trumps then ran the queen of clubs. Gaviard ducked but won the next club and switched to a heart. D'Ovidio won and cashed a second heart and that was one down for -50.

Kriftner won the first club and also switched to a heart but Smederevac won the ace and switched to a diamond. Kriftner won the ace and returned a diamond and Cronier ruffed, crossed to dummy with a club and ruffed another diamond. When the king fell she crossed to dummy again in clubs and took a heart pitch on the established diamond; +420 and 10 IMPs from nowhere for France.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West Gaviard	North Grumm	East D'Ovidio	South Weigkricht
1♥	Dble	2♥	2NT
3♥	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West Kriftner	North Cronier	East Smederevac	South Willard
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Would you bid with the South cards over the simple heart raise? Willard did not and Kriftner, who could see that there might be game on the other way, made sure that there would be no second chance for her opponents to get together. However, Cronier had a painless second double and Willard an equally painless pass. The defence had no difficulty in coming to the six tricks that were their due and that was three down for -500.

Weigkricht bid 2NT to show the minors and Gaviard's reraise to only 3♥ left room for Grumm to show slam interest. Not knowing which suit her partner intended as trumps, Weigkricht signed off in the lower one and 5♣ became the final contract. Gaviard cashed the ace of hearts then switched to her diamond, Weigkricht putting up the ace. It all hinged on the trump guess, of course. If the diamond switch was really a singleton, then West rated to have the trump length, but Weigkricht wasn't convinced that this had to be the actual diamond position. After some thought she cashed the ♣K and led low to her ten so was down one; -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West Gaviard	North Grumm	East D'Ovidio	South Weigkricht
2♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass	5♣	Pass

West Kriftner	North Cronier	East Smederevac	South Willard
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
		7♦	All Pass

D'Ovidio showed a strong hand with her 3♦ rebid and was then unwilling to cuebid despite finding a spade fit. Gaviard took control, however, then jumped to the diamond slam on finding that she was facing three key cards. She presumably did not believe that her partner would have signed off if holding ♠AKQ and ♦AQ. That worked out perfectly and D'Ovidio soon chalked up +1370.

At the other table Kriftner followed a canapé sequence to show her red suits and Smederevac started a series of cuebids then took control and bid the grand slam, gambling out the spade position after her partner had failed to show any support for the suit. A bit unlucky, perhaps, but I like the French auction better and I like their result even more as 7♦ was doomed to failure; -100 and 16 IMPs to France. Of course, I would like even more an auction that began with a 1♦ opening bid from East, but then I am a simple soul who believes in longest suit first.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 10 7 ♥ K J 9 8 3 ♦ 9 ♣ Q J 7 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ J 5 2 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ A 5 4 3	♠ 9 8 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A K 10 6 4 3 ♣ 9 8 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Weigkricht</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	3♥	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Kriftner</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

This proved to be a good hand for four-card majors as the Austrians bid quickly to INT and played there on a low diamond lead. That was the end of the South hand, of course, and Smederevac came to nine tricks for a useful +150.

The French five-card major style found the spade fit and that convinced Weigkricht to compete in diamonds. There is no reason in this auction why South's failure to open should indicate that she has a side-suit of hearts, as a six-four red-suit hand could double 2♠, but Grumm presumably saw things differently as she converted to 3♥. Now I disagree strongly with D'Ovidio's 3♠ bid. OK, she was maximum for her constructive 2♠ raise, but that is a ten-loser hand and there is nothing about it to suggest that an unLAWful 3♠ bid will be a winner. Sure enough, 3♠ turned a plus score into a minus. The defence started with three rounds of diamonds for a ruff and there was still a heart to lose as well as a trump; -50 and 5 IMPs to Austria.



Danièle Gaviard-Allouche, France

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q 10 9 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ A J 10 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ A 6 4	♠ K ♥ K Q J 9 7 6 2 ♦ A J 4 ♣ 8 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Weigkricht</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Kriftner</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Both sides bid nicely to the cold grand slam that was missed at a surprising number of tables. In both cases East took control. Kriftner responded to 5NT and let Smederevac make the final decision, while Gaviard accepted the invitation herself and bid the grand. No swing; +2210 for Austria and +2220 to France.

The match ended in a deserved win for France by 44-24 IMPs, 19-11 VPs.

Appeal No. 1

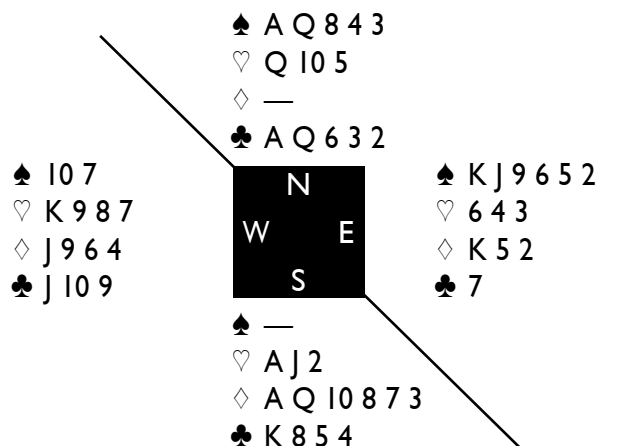
Bulgaria v Turkey

Appeals Committee:

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Jean-Claude Beineix (France), Maria Erhart (Austria), Steen Møller (Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium)

Open Teams Round 1

Board 12. Dealer West. North/South Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
<i>Kolata</i>	<i>Zahariev</i>	<i>Atabey</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Comments:

Precision bidding, 2♦ Game-Forcing

Contract:

Six Clubs, played by North

Result:

12 tricks, N/S +1370

The Facts:

East called the Director after the bid of 6♣, complaining that there had been a break in tempo when the tray came back with 5♣.

The Director:

Asked West how long the break in tempo had been, and found it was less than 15 seconds. All the players agreed with this timing.

The Director considered the Code of Practice, which contains:

It is considered there can be no implications if a tray returns after 15 seconds or less. This period may be extended in the later stages of a complicated or competitive auction without necessarily creating implications.

There was then no alternative but to consider that there had been no unauthorized information at all.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 16A

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players except North and both Captains.

The Players:

East explained he had called the Director because of the break in tempo. The bidding had been going on in a normal, quick tempo, until the bid of 5♣. He had asked if 4♠ had denied the ♥ and ♦ cues, and this had been confirmed. Everybody now understood that the slow 5♣ showed the heart control.

West was asked what had happened after the tray had come back with 4♠. He stated that South had thought for something like 9-10-11 seconds before bidding 5♣. The rest of the bidding had gone more quickly. West said he had asked if North had shown 5-5 in the black suits, and that South had confirmed this. South said that he had thought some time, but not more than 12 seconds, and that all the players had agreed to this. South stated that 3♣ would have shown more than 5-4 in the blacks, and he denied having told West it was 5-5.

North/South told the Committee, through their captain, that there were no written system notes that said that 3♥ was an advanced cuebid, but it would be natural to assume that it was. South had three ways of showing a club fit: 3♦-4♣, 3♥-4♣ and 4♣ direct. The second must imply a heart control.

The North/South captain said it seems normal to bid 6♣.

The Committee:

Considered that the Director had been absolutely correct in deciding that a delay of less than 15 seconds carries no information, unauthorized or otherwise. Since the players confirmed once again the timing of the events, the appeal lacked all merit.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit:

Forfeited.

Comment:

There are good reasons why a delay of up to 15 seconds should carry no meaning. Nobody should try and guess, nor care, what happens at the other side of the screen. Players might be asking questions or just sipping at their drinks. Also, it would be perfectly legitimate for an opponent to moderate the speed of return of the tray (within the 15 second time-frame obviously).



Talking about cards

One of the good things about bridge is that, no matter how poor your results are, you can always pick up a good story for after-bridge. At after-bridge there is, of course, no such thing as misguessing the trump suit. Jan Lagerman, while enjoying a well deserved glass of beer, tried to tell about a hand with a scary trump guess.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ A Q ♥ 8 ♦ A Q 7 6 4 2 ♣ 7 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 8 6</p>	<p>♠ K 9 5 ♥ K 6 4 2 ♦ J 10 9 5 3 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ J 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ A 5 ♦ 8 ♣ K J 9 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Jan Lagerman	Mårten Gustawsson		
2♦	2♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl

2♦ promised at least six diamonds and denied a four-card major. The lead was the queen of hearts which was ducked and followed by another heart that declarer ruffed.

"Nice contract, eleven easy tricks" said listener number one.

"Well, you have seen all 52 cards, but at the table you must guess the trump suit correctly." replied Jan.

"What trump guess?" said listener number two. "It is obvious that trumps break one-one. North would have pulled five diamonds doubled with a void."

"But surely you might leave it in with only a six-card heart suit. You have after all overcalled two hearts." replied Jan.

"Possibly, but the pass would not have been that swift" interrupted his partner Mårten.

"Anyway, what was your excuse for misguessing the trump suit?"

"I did not want to guess the trump suit so I decided to try to trigger the ruff a winner reflex. I played the queen of spades and overtook with the king, continued with the king of hearts which was ruffed with the eight of diamonds."

This brought down a round of laughter.

Björn Wennerberg was eager to get into the discussion about getting the trump suit right.

Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 8 6 5 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ 10 ♦ K Q J 9 8 7 ♣ J 8 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K Q 3 ♥ K J 9 5 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ 9 6 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ A Q 7 4 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K 10 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Björn Wennerberg		Gunnar Andersson	
1♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♥ showed a heart-suit and three-card support in spades. The opening bid of one spade promised only four cards. It has to be said that four-card majors are a rare sight these days.

The lead was the ten of hearts, covered by the jack and won by the queen. South switched to the ten of diamonds which Björn won with the eight. Björn now read the position correctly when he figured that the ten of diamonds was probably a singleton. Concluding that North's original distribution might very well have been 1-1-6-5, he crossed to dummy with the king of spades and continued with a small spade to the ten, finessing the jack. Björn proceeded to knock out the ace of hearts and discarded the queen of clubs on the established heart trick. Well played Björn but unfortunately all in vain, not only was the king of clubs on-side, the board was cancelled!

Trump suits one might guess correctly but some things are just impossible to work out. The organizers insist that everyone must wear a badge for security reasons, which might be fair enough. But if you do want some kind of security you would not put Ralf Byström in charge of the gates would you?



Bridge Festival Schedule

22 June 2004

Chairman's Cup Rounds Two and Three

10.00 - 12.10	Round four, first session
12.20 - 14.30	Round four, second session
14.30 - 15.30	Lunch
15.30 - 17.40	Round four, third session
17.50 - 20.00	Round four, fourth session
20.00 - 20.15	Fifth round draw

Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver five
18.00	Silver six

Bronze Barometer

19.00	Bronze three, Mixed Pairs
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Swedish Senior Teams Championship

09:10 - 12:40	Six matches
12:40 - 13:00	Coffee break
13:00 - 17.00	Seven matches

Surprisingly, I had half an hour to spare and went down to watch the vugraph. North picked up something like ♠Axx, ♥Axx, ♦Kxx, ♣10xxx and there is not much to be said about this hand. In the closed room the auction began 1♦ from your partner and your right-hand opponent overcalled 1♥. Unfortunately for the vugraph commentators the auction in the open room was even duller, but significantly slower, as was the rather uninteresting play of the cards. They managed to keep battle positions by discussing the various opportunities that are available after the 1♥ overcall. Should one attempt a takeout double, a jump to 2NT or a cuebid of 2♥? It was suggested that one should employ 1♠ as a conventional forcing bid. Just as Barry was going to dwell on the merits of a 1NT rebid the play finished and the next board came up on the screen. I left the room making a note of the fact that bulletin writers only have to cover the interesting boards, whereas vugraph commentators must spend most of their time on the boring boards.

Outside the vugraph room I met Johan Sylvan, P-O Sundelin and Jan Kamras. Jan was briefing the players about the Finnish system.

"Slightly modified Carrot Club, I believe" said P-O.

"That is correct, they play weak twos in the majors" answered Jan.

"But there is a strong diamond opening?"

Slightly modified Carrot Club turned out to be the Magic Diamond!

Grosvenor Deluxe

Do you remember what a Grosvenor Coup is? When an opponent makes a play that gives you your contract, but you don't believe him so you go down anyway, you have been the victim of the Coup.

Alan Mould reported this delicious gambit by Scotland's Ken Baxter from the match against Wales, where declarer was tempted into risking his contract for the sake of some over-tricks.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 10 7 3 ♥ 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ J 5 ♣ 6 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 8 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 10 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 5
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West	North	East	South
McGowan	Thomas	Baxter	Denning
	INT!	3♦	3NT
All Pass			

South might have doubled Three Diamonds, but then there would have been no story. East led a diamond and declarer won with the king, crossed to dummy with a heart and took a club finesse. East won with the ACE and played a second diamond. Declarer won and ran the jack of clubs. Alas, Tacchi was not on hand to capture the look on declarer's face.

Malmö's first Striptease

Under Swedish law, the gentle art of disrobing in public by younger members of the female gender is forbidden. However, at the bridge table there is no restriction against stripping an opponent, as Sabine Auken demonstrated on this board from Germany's match with Croatia. The deal has already appeared in the bulletin, but with a somewhat cursory analysis.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Auken</i>		<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♠ ⁽³⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽⁵⁾
Pass	3♠ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- (1) 2♣ Artificial game force
- (2) 2♥ Clubs
- (3) 2♠ Relay
- (4) 2NT Maximum
- (5) 3♣ Relay
- (6) 3♠ 5-5

East led the three of diamonds and Sabine won in hand and drew trumps in four rounds, discarding a club from dummy. West had to find three discards, and was under pressure. A club was out of the question, so it was a question of which red cards to dispose of.

Knowing her partner could look after the third round of diamonds she elected to part with three diamonds. Confident that West was 1-4-5-3, declarer realised the contract could be made regardless of the location of the king of clubs. She played four rounds of hearts, ruffing the last one in hand and then played a diamond to the ace and a diamond. With all her exit cards removed East had to lead into the club tenace.

Your Editor told Sabine that her play had been matched by someone in the Open series and invited her to guess, the clue being that his name began with B and ended in i. Bocchi! No, Balicki! 'Great' said Sabine, 'I am so pleased I played like Balicki.' When we told Cezary he said 'Great, I am so pleased I played like Sabine!'



A second chance to collect the cup

I have discovered the advantage with the Chairman's Cup second chance. My team, 10652, failed totally and completely in the first qualification for the knockout stages. With a bit more help from both our opponents and ourselves we managed to finish second in the second chance and qualify as the last team.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K J 9 7 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ J 8 7 4 2 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 2 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ Q 5 ♣ K J 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A 10 6 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A 10 7 6 3</p>	<p>♠ 5 4 3 ♥ Q 7 4 2 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ Q 9 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>P Backlund</i>		<i>K Strandberg</i>	
2♠*	2NT	3♣*	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead: Six of diamonds

2♠ was weak showing four spades and a five-card minor. 3♣ was a pass or correct type of bid.

The lead went to declarer's queen. Peter Backlund continued with the king of clubs that was won with the ace. East continued



Peter Backlund, Sweden

diamonds with the king and Peter won the trick with the ace. Peter cashed the queen of hearts and run off another two rounds of hearts. When the 2♠ opener followed to three rounds of hearts it became clear that West's original shape was 4-3-5-1 since the opening bid had promised a five-card minor. Peter played a small club from the closed hand finessed the ten with dummy's nine.

There were three sleeping beauties in action on this deal.

Board 53. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K ♥ A J 8 6 4 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ A K Q 4</p>	<p>♠ J 10 3 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ J 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 6 4 ♥ 5 ♦ K J 7 6 ♣ 10 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 5 ♥ K Q 10 9 3 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ 8 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>K Strandberg</i>	<i>T Gullberg</i>	<i>P Backlund</i>	<i>M Eriksson</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Lead: Three of hearts

Peter Backlund asked for the four from the dummy and was close to being rewarded when I picked out the deuce to give count. I came to my senses and remembered that Magnus Eriksson normally leads away from whatever he has got. When I finally played the seven and it won the trick I burst out laughing. When I had stopped laughing, I switched to the eight of diamonds which was won by the jack. Declarer played a small spade to the king and tried a small diamond to the king but this time Magnus won his ace. Magnus now erred when he failed to return the king of hearts and establish a heart trick. Instead he switched to a club and I encouraged happily with the two of clubs. Declarer played a third round of diamonds that was won by South's ten. Magnus continued clubs, declarer asked for the king from dummy and I followed, rather sloppily, with the three. In rapid succession came the ace of hearts, king of clubs and four of clubs. When I was forced to win the trick I had the doubtful pleasure of presenting Peter Backlund with two spade tricks, totalling nine. Please Magnus, do save me from blushing like this by returning a heart next time.

The person that rigs a trap will often fall into it is a Swedish saying that can be used to describe my efforts with this hand

♠ 10 9 4 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ Q 10 3 2

My partner, Magnus Eriksson, opened a five-card spade and I replied 1NT which denies three-card support. Partner bid 2♦ and I gave preference with 2♠. According to plan everyone passed.

Board 58. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

With both spades and diamonds behaving themselves the only thing that remained to do was to chalk about a game-swing in favour of the opponents.

The line-up for one game contained two Bjerregårds, one Swedish and one Danish.

Board 67. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Bjerregård	Nielsen	Gullberg
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead: Jack of hearts

Bjerregård the Swede won the lead and continued with the ace and king of diamonds discarding a spade. He played a small heart from dummy and attempted a safety play with the ten. Thomas Nielsen won the trick and continued with the ace of clubs and a club for ruff spoiling the safety part of declarer's line.

Probably the best line is to begin with two rounds of hearts. If hearts break four-one there is still the chance that diamond fi-

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Swedish fish and shell fish buffet	175 Skr
Dessert buffet	45 Skr

nesses works giving declarer two spade discards.

How would you play Six Spades on East-West's cards after a 4♥ pre-empt and a lead of the ace of hearts?

Board 68. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Bengt-Erik Efraimsson ruffed the lead, cashed the ace and queen of spades and tried a small diamond to the nine. North won the trick and played another diamond for South to ruff, one off.

Pontus Svinhufvud was more successful declaring the same contract. The main reason was that he was sitting East and became declarer when his partner had started the auction with a pass that promised 8+ HCP and at least four spades. Pontus did also play a small diamond to the nine but North failed to read the diamond position correctly and played a second round of hearts. Over and out!

Would you be tempted, non-vulnerable versus vulnerable, to try a pre-empt with;

♠ 4 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ K 10 9 7 3 2 ♣ Q 3 2

after a five-card spade opening from your right-hand opponent? At least two persons dared to pull out the 3♦ card from the bidding box. This was the complete deal:

Board 73. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

One hero went seven off undoubled but I believe that my partner felt less heroic paying a 1700 penalty after an old-fashioned non-takeout double from West.

Which opening bid is the recommended one when you, third in hand vulnerable versus non-vulnerable, hold:

♠ A 7 ♥ 4 ♦ - ♣ A K Q 10 8 7 6 5 4 3

Marsten Jensen elected to open 6♣ which finished the auction. The complete deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

His partner Henning Östergaard provided the trick that was needed to bring the slam home. At the other table Anders Morath opened a very much more conservative 5 ♣. Don't ever double Morath for penalties, he has his bids.

What is the best line in 6 ♠ on a heart lead?

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Anders Morath, Sweden

It looks reasonable to leave the ace of hearts in dummy as one does need entries to enjoy the club suit. Everyone follows to the first round of spades but when West discards on the king of spades it becomes evident that five club tricks are needed. With length in both majors in the East hand the odds favour that West holds the queen of clubs. To pick up a four-one break I played the ten of clubs and let it run.



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