



# Daily Bulletin



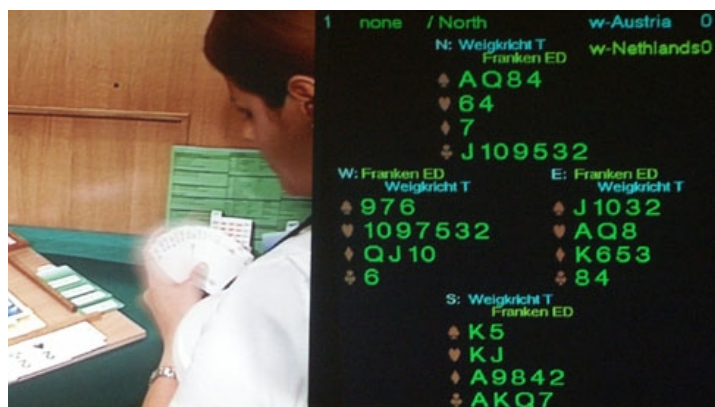
47TH EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 10TH SWEDISH BRIDGE FESTIVAL JUNE 19TH TO JULY 3RD 2004

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## THE RACE FOR SILVER



Part of the terrific vugraph show

Italy may have the Championship title sewn up, but the contest for second place is hotting up as the pack close in on Sweden, who are going through a bad patch. Poland, Russia, England, Netherlands and Turkey are all within striking distance, and Greece, Israel and Germany cannot be discounted.

### A Question of Nerve

After their rest day the women return to the fray and, with Sweden, France, Netherlands & Austria looking secure, the final qualification spot appears to lie between Israel, Germany, Poland & England.

### Netherlands pip Israel

In an exciting finish to the first Round Robin, Netherlands overtook Israel in the last round to secure the final spot in the top group that will contest the Championship title.

### Today's Vugraph Matches

#### OPEN TEAMS - Round 27

Turkey v Iceland 10.30

#### OPEN TEAMS - Round 28

Poland v Sweden 14.15

#### WOMEN'S TEAMS - Round 19

Sweden v Netherlands 17.40

### PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

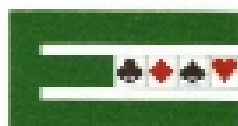
The Prize-Giving Ceremony will be held in the vugraph room at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd July.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

As the space between the stage and the first row of the stalls is very narrow, we are obliged to ask photographers to please note the following:

- The right and left hand sides of the first two rows are reserved for them.
- Photographers may approach the stage to take photographs ONLY after the winners' anthem has been played.
- Photographers must return to their seats immediately after players leave the podium.
- This procedure will be repeated for all series.

Please follow this procedure to help our organisation of the Ceremony.



## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 25

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	NORWAY	35 - 40	14 - 16
2	BYE	ISRAEL		0 - 18
3	ITALY	IRELAND	50 - 12	23 - 7
4	FAROE ISL.	PORTUGAL	96 - 8	25 - 0
5	CZECH REP.	SAN MARINO	38 - 46	14 - 16
6	TURKEY	DENMARK	116 - 16	25 - 0
7	SPAIN	FRANCE	60 - 39	19 - 11
8	SCOTLAND	ICELAND	8 - 52	6 - 24
9	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	35 - 66	9 - 21
10	SWEDEN	GERMANY	17 - 35	11 - 19
11	CROATIA	HUNGARY	50 - 33	19 - 11
12	FINLAND	GREECE	29 - 72	6 - 24
13	LITHUANIA	POLAND	24 - 75	5 - 25
14	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	60 - 31	21 - 9
15	BELGIUM	BULGARIA	35 - 29	16 - 14
16	WALES	LATVIA	80 - 22	25 - 4
17	ROMANIA	SERBIA/MONT.	65 - 38	21 - 9

## ROUND 26

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	32 - 51	11 - 19
2	IRELAND	BYE		18 - 0
3	PORTUGAL	ITALY	44 - 72	9 - 21
4	SAN MARINO	FAROE ISL.	9 - 82	1 - 25
5	SERBIA/MONT.	CZECH REP.	31 - 75	6 - 24
6	DENMARK	NORWAY	81 - 27	25 - 4
7	FRANCE	TURKEY	66 - 23	24 - 6
8	ICELAND	SPAIN	24 - 27	14 - 16
9	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	72 - 0	25 - 2
10	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	43 - 32	17 - 13
11	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	29 - 17	17 - 13
12	GREECE	CROATIA	63 - 38	20 - 10
13	POLAND	FINLAND	39 - 45	14 - 16
14	AUSTRIA	LITHUANIA	25 - 43	11 - 19
15	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	35 - 49	12 - 18
16	LATVIA	BELGIUM	27 - 61	8 - 22
17	ROMANIA	WALES	41 - 31	17 - 13

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 27

10.30

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

## ROUND 28

14.15

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

## ROUND 29

17.40

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



When Kojac (Bill Schoder) found out that there was a female director among his staff at the Rhodes Olympiad in 1996 he stood behind a pillar and watched to make certain that she did the right thing.

She did — and there was never a problem.

Of course not! She took the EBL directing course in 1993 and has been directing at international events since. Olympiads, European Championships, Common Market Championships, you name them.

Now she has been appointed Chief Director of the European Bridge League, a distinction she shares with Max Bavin. Bravo Jeanne van de Meiracker!

**WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 18 14.15**

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

**ROUND 19 17.40**

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

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM  
FINAL A****ROUND 1 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
42	DENMARK	SWEDEN
43	FRANCE	ENGLAND
44	ITALY	POLAND

**ROUND 2 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SWEDEN	GERMANY
42	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
43	POLAND	FRANCE
44	ENGLAND	ITALY

**ROUND 3 17.40**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	GERMANY	ENGLAND
42	DENMARK	POLAND
43	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
44	ITALY	SWEDEN

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 14**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	28 - 34	14 - 16
42 FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	42 - 31	17 - 13
43 WALES	ITALY	16 - 27	13 - 17
44 POLAND	IRELAND	74 - 25	25 - 4
45 NORWAY	ENGLAND	32 - 34	15 - 15
46 FRANCE	SWEDEN	32 - 18	18 - 12
47 GERMANY	ISRAEL	45 - 12	23 - 7
48 CZECH REP.	DENMARK	33 - 65	7 - 23

**ROUND 15**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	73 - 3	25 - 1
42 SCOTLAND	WALES	78 - 14	25 - 2
43 ITALY	POLAND	21 - 18	16 - 14
44 IRELAND	NORWAY	23 - 43	10 - 20
45 ENGLAND	FRANCE	16 - 34	11 - 19
46 SWEDEN	GERMANY	48 - 10	24 - 6
47 ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	38 - 11	21 - 9
48 DENMARK	FINLAND	68 - 7	25 - 2

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM  
FINAL B****ROUND 1 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
45	ISRAEL	IRELAND
46	NORWAY	WALES
47	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND
48	SCOTLAND	FINLAND

**ROUND 2 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
45	WALES	ISRAEL
46	IRELAND	NORWAY
47	FINLAND	CZECH REP.
48	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND

**ROUND 3 17.40**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
45	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND
46	NORWAY	FINLAND
47	CZECH REP.	IRELAND
48	SCOTLAND	WALES

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 26 rounds

1	ITALY	542.00
2	SWEDEN	479.50
3	POLAND	464.50
4	RUSSIA	455.50
5	ENGLAND	446.00
6	NETHERLANDS	443.00
7	TURKEY	442.00
8	GREECE	432.50
9	ISRAEL	429.00
10	GERMANY	428.00
11	BELGIUM	419.50
12	FRANCE	415.00
13	FINLAND	409.50
14	ICELAND	407.50
15	NORWAY	397.00
16	BULGARIA	385.50
17	DENMARK	385.00
18	HUNGARY	384.00
19	AUSTRIA	378.00
20	SPAIN	366.50
21	WALES	362.50
22	IRELAND	355.50
23	LATVIA	353.00
24	CROATIA	351.50
25	SCOTLAND	350.00
26	SERBIA	342.00
27	PORTUGAL	341.50
28	SWITZERLAND	334.00
29	ROMANIA	333.00
30	CZECH REP.	308.00
31	LITHUANIA	299.50
32	FAROE ISLANDS	296.00
33	SAN MARINO	235.50

## WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING after 17 rounds

1	SWEDEN	325.00
2	FRANCE	323.00
3	NETHERLANDS	322.00
4	AUSTRIA	301.00
5	GERMANY	287.00
6	ISRAEL	285.00
7	POLAND	275.00
8	ENGLAND	272.00
9	SPAIN	265.00
10	FINLAND	264.00
11	TURKEY	262.00
12	NORWAY	262.00
13	ITALY	260.00
14	DENMARK	244.00
15	CZECH REP.	242.50
16	IRELAND	238.00
17	SCOTLAND	230.00
18	HUNGARY	222.00
19	CROATIA	196.00
20	ICELAND	170.00
21	LEBANON	160.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	153.00

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 15 rounds

1	GERMANY	278.00
2	DENMARK	274.00
3	FRANCE	273.00
4	ITALY	261.00
5	POLAND	260.10
6	ENGLAND	260.00
7	SWEDEN	258.00
8	NETHERLANDS	236.50
9	ISRAEL	232.00
10	NORWAY	216.00
11	CZECH REP.	207.50
12	SCOTLAND	197.40
13	FINLAND	181.00
14	SWITZERLAND	169.00
15	WALES	154.00
16	IRELAND	72.00

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 21**

**Turkey v Italy**

by Jos Jacobs

When play started on Tuesday morning, Italy and Sweden were leading the table, 58 VPs and 38 VPs clear of third-placed Turkey. Poland were fourth, 2 VPs behind Turkey, and 8 VPs ahead of The Netherlands. So very definitely the Turkey-Italy match was a big one, well worth watching, but with more at stake for Turkey than for Italy.

Right from the start, it looked as if it would be the old Italian story once again:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
	Pass	1♦	2♠
3NT	All Pass		



Claudio Nunes, Italy

In a sense, Nafiz Zorlu was right in bidding a sort of gambling 3NT, as the overcaller's partner might well have had the missing outside entry, the ♥A. Justice was done, however, when Fantoni also happened to hold a fourth spade to put the contract down two on the automatic spade lead; Italy +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
	Pass	1♦	2♠
2NT	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Versace showed how to tackle a hand like this. When Lauria could bid 3NT voluntarily, Versace even thought about slam for a moment, but when Lauria could not move over 5♦ the Italians once again had reached the top spot. There were no problems in the play once the ♥A was right; Italy +400 and the first big swing of the match, 11 IMPs.

On Board 2, both sides bid and made a fine slam but then:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

It was the same contract in both rooms, basically bid along the same lines. The play made the difference, this time.

In the Open Room, Ozcan Pehlivan, North for Turkey, led a diamond, which enabled Versace to win the king, draw trumps and play a low club to dummy's nine which held the trick! Now, a spade went on the  $\heartsuit A$  and Versace led another club off the board, inserting the ten from hand. North could do no better than play a spade himself now, so Versace had brought home the contract with an overtrick for 650 to Italy.

In the Closed Room, Fantoni led a spade from his doubleton to Nunes' ace. At his turn, Nunes continued a club from his doubleton, Fantoni winning the  $\clubsuit J$  and the  $\clubsuit A$  before returning a club on which Nunes could over-ruff the dummy. That was another effortless +100 to Italy and 13 more IMPs. After four boards, it read Italy 24 Turkey 0.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p><math>\spadesuit</math> K J 4 3  <math>\heartsuit</math> Q 9 2  <math>\diamondsuit</math> A 9 4  <math>\clubsuit</math> Q 6 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> A 10 9 7 5  <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 8 7 6 4  <math>\diamondsuit</math> 7 6  <math>\clubsuit</math> 2</p>	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> 8 2  <math>\heartsuit</math> A K 3  <math>\diamondsuit</math> K 10 8 3  <math>\clubsuit</math> 10 9 7 3</p>
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<p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q 6  <math>\heartsuit</math> J 5  <math>\diamondsuit</math> Q J 5 2  <math>\clubsuit</math> A K J 8 4</p>						

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
Pass	2 $\clubsuit$	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2 $\diamond$

When Zorlu led a low club, Nunes had ample time to drive out the  $\heartsuit A$  and come to the nine tricks required.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
Pass	3NT	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Versace struck gold when he led the  $\heartsuit A$ . He continued to clear the suit, thereby putting the contract down two as Lauria held the entry to cash his remaining heart tricks. That meant one down; Italy +50 again and 10 IMPs to lead 34-0 after six boards. It looked all over again.

The action itself was almost all over, as on the next eight boards Turkey just managed 4 IMPs on overtricks, taking the score to 35-4 to Italy. The advantage was, however, that they were playing at lightning speed, so it took them little time to set the house on fire again on this one:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q 10 6  <math>\heartsuit</math> A 5  <math>\diamondsuit</math> Q 5 4 3 2  <math>\clubsuit</math> 10 9 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> J 3  <math>\heartsuit</math> Q 8 6 4 2  <math>\diamondsuit</math> 8  <math>\clubsuit</math> K J 7 5 2</p>	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> A K 9 8 7 2  <math>\heartsuit</math> K J  <math>\diamondsuit</math> 7  <math>\clubsuit</math> A Q 8 4</p>
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S						
		<p><math>\spadesuit</math> 5 4  <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 9 7 3  <math>\diamondsuit</math> A K J 10 9 6  <math>\clubsuit</math> 6</p>				

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
Pass	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\diamond$
2 $\spadesuit$	Pass	4 $\diamond$	Pass
4 $\heartsuit$	Pass	4NT	Pass
5 $\diamond$	Pass	5 $\heartsuit$	Pass
6 $\spadesuit$	All Pass		

Well, Assael did have a fair hand, but a slam depending on two finesses both being right is asking too much, generally speaking. This time, the gods were looking down benignly on Turkey and thus had decided to deal both the  $\clubsuit K$  and the  $\clubsuit J$



Ozcan Pehlivan, Turkey

to North. As a result of this divine inspiration, Turkey chalked up a heavenly +980.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

More down to earth bidding let the Italians stay on firm ground in 4♠ this time. Italy scored +480 but that gave a much-needed 11 IMPs to Turkey who trailed by 15-35 now.

The Italian revenge was sweet and swift:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
1♠	2♣	3♣	3♥
4♣	4♥	5♦	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Zorlu led the ♥A and continued with his singleton club. Dummy played low, East won the king and returned the ♣2, ruffed by Zorlu with his ace. He proceeded with the ♦9 to the queen and king. However, when Assael next tried to cash the ♦A, Nunes ruffed, drew the last trump and had the rest. That was down only two, a very profitable save to Italy; Turkey +300. If the defenders get all their tricks, as they might on a spade lead, down five would have been the outcome, which would still have brought Italy 8 IMPs.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
1♠	2♣	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The lead was the ♣A and another club. Versace ruffed the second trick in hand, drew trumps, cashed the ♦A, threw a diamond loser on the ♣K and played off all his trumps. In the end,

North was squeezed in the minors, not being able to hold on to both his top club and the diamond guard.

It should be noted that a diamond lead breaks the squeeze, as North can continue diamonds when in with the ♣A. Still, it was another +1430 for Italy and 15 IMPs more.

And the final knock-out, one board from the end:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Fantoni	Assael	Nunes
Pass	2♠	Dble	2NT
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After this destructive bidding, Fantoni led ♦A other diamond. Now, Nunes could score his ♠K separately by ruffing a diamond after Fantoni got the lead with the ♠J when declarer next led trumps. The contract was down one for Italy +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pehlivan	Lauria	Uzum
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Lauria's 4♥ cuebid offered a choice of games and Versace was happy to bid 4♠. Against this contract, Pehlivan led the ♥4, his partner's suit, won perforce by dummy's ace. A low trump went to the jack and Pehlivan now played ♦A and another, but it was too late. Dummy's king won and on the next round of trumps, the opponents' remaining honours tumbled. The last hurdle to be taken was to locate the position of the ♣Q. Versace ruffed the heart return, crossed in trumps, cashed the ♥K and ruffed his last heart to find out more about the distribution of the hand. Assuming that it would be South who held the club length, he continued by playing ♣A, ♣J from dummy. When this held, yet another game contract had come home on superior declarer play after second best defence; Italy +620 and 12 more IMPs.

The final score thus had become, when the match ended very early, Italy 63 Turkey 15, a tremendous 25-5 VP win for the reigning champions, who so far have been carrying their burden (defending the title) seemingly without any effort at all, certainly in this match.

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 15**

**Hungary v Poland**  
**A top match of the tournament**

by Dani Vikor, Hungary

In Round 15 there was an interesting result in the Open series that seems to have been forgotten by the authors of the bulletin (*There are interesting results in every round, but there are restrictions on space. Editor.*) Hungary beat Poland 25-3 VP, probably a considerably important result in terms of the final outcome of the tournament.

In the Closed Room it seemed to be very normal, that Chmursky and Pucinski of Poland made a +0,6 IMP average against Trenka and Kemény of Hungary, which is a + 12 IMPs Butler score against the field.

In the Open Room, Balicki and Zmudzinski, top pair of Poland met Peter Gal and Dani Vikor, top pair of Hungary, and this fight finished with a 78 IMP plus for the Hungarian pair.

Let's see what happened step by step.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

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Trenka and Kemény found the lay down slam for + 920, but in the Open Room it was not so easy for the Polish:

West	North	East	South
Gal	Balicki	Vikor	Zmudzinski
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
2♥	Dble	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

That was -420, and 11 IMPs for Hungary.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

Both rooms played 4♠ from East's hand, The opening lead was ♣Q in the Closed Room, and a heart return from South defeated the contract. In the Open Room it was the ♦K opening lead, and an easy 10 tricks; 12 IMPs for Hungary.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

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A common mistake of the Hungarians, they played 6NT in the Closed Room, losing the spade finesse; -100. In the Open Room, B-Z bid very effectively:

West	North	East	South
Gal	Balicki	Vikor	Zmudzinski
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

Considering the chances, that you need the spade finesse and a favourable diamond break, it was a well deserved 13 IMPs for Poland.

Board 7 was the first really interesting deal. In the Closed Room, Hungary made 5♣ doubled, 11 tricks and + 750 Hungary.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

In the Open Room, B and Z were not on the same wavelength:



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gal</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Vikor</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	3NT*
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

2♦ is both majors, 2NT asking, 3NT was meant by Z as ♦+♣, but interpreted as natural by Balicki.

The opening lead was the ace of diamonds and at trick two a small club was won by East's singleton ace. Now it is a simple elimination play if South is 2-1 in the majors, but going with trumps to the dummy will mean that the elimination doesn't work anymore. The problem is that probably South has the ace of hearts. If North has two hearts, there will be a heart ruff and the contract is lost. If North has three hearts, what kind of natural 3NT could have had South?

You cannot try both distributions, because if you cash the trumps dummy can be shortened if South plays diamonds all the time.

East decided, correctly, to play a heart to the ten at trick four, risking the heart ruff. South played another diamond, ruffed by dummy, but after a club ruff, diamond ruff and heart finesse again, South had no more good cards to play; + 620 and 16 IMPs for Hungary.

On Board 8 came a decisive moment of the match.

*Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.*

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

In the Closed Room, Hungary played 6♥. The contract had only one loser, but only eleven winners; Hungary -50.

In the Open Room, the bidding was aggressive:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gal</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Vikor</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♦	4♣	Dble
All Pass			

The opening lead was the queen of diamonds, and with it came a perfect dummy, so the result was in East's hands.

Vikor ruffed the diamond and played a trump to North's ace, who returned the king of hearts followed by a small heart to South's ace. When the third round of hearts was played, and ruffed, Vikor could read the distribution: North had ♦AK, ♥KQ and ♠A, 16 HCP. South had ♦QJ, and ♥A, 7 HCP only. It seemed to be a bit weak for a double showing points, so the queen of clubs rated to be with South.

Vikor played two more trumps, then the king of clubs and a small club to the jack. When it held, declarer had + 590 and 11 IMPs for Hungary.

After some small gains for both sides, came the last big swing.

*Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.*

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

In the Closed Room, Poland played 4♣, making twelve tricks for +680 points.

In the Open room, it was well done again:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gal</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Vikor</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♠	3♥	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Double showed at least four spades, 1♠ was normally three cards, 4NT was RKCB, 5♠ showed 2/5 + ♠Q. Now East had to take a risk that spades might be badly distributed, but when they proved to be 3-2 the contract was claimed, +1430 and 13 IMPs for Hungary.

On the last deal it was a great fight again.



*Adam Zmudzinski, Poland*

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 7 ♥ K 10 4 2 ♦ 10 8 7 2 ♣ K 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ 10 9 8 6 4 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K 9 5 4 ♣ Q 3
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In the Closed Room, Hungary made the lay down 4♥; + 620.  
 In the Open there was some very exciting bidding.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gal</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Vikor</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	4♦	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

West's Pass after 2♥ denied three spades, (lack of support double), and 4♦ was meant as an offer to sacrifice over 4♥. Gal's 4♠ bid is a killing solution, not just taking the sacrifice, but in the right colour! Although Balicki found the diamond ruff at trick three, after ♠K lead, and a small club to his king at trick two, it was only -500 and 4 IMPs for Hungary.

It was a good match, sometimes also lucky, and the (many) spectators liked it, and it was not over...

I would like to say special thanks for Adam Zmudzinski. I met him yesterday, three days after our match, and he stopped for some minutes and he was very kind with me. It is important for me, because it shows that a real champion can live together with the feeling that, in one match, someone was better than he was, and this attitude is not very common in the bridge community.



Peter Trenka, Hungary

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**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 24**

**Poland v The Netherlands**

by Jos Jacobs

Poland, starting Tuesday's play in third spot, had consolidated their position well with two wins, 23-7 v Wales and 16-14 (not including penalties) v Belgium. The Netherlands, holding the last Estoril berth in the morning, meanwhile had gone down 11-19 to Hungary and 14-16 to Greece, so they badly needed a decent result in this match to stay in the hunt. The Dutch were off to a good start, scoring 2 IMPs on a nice partial, but this was Board 2.

it induced Jansma to lead the ♥J. Tuszynski ducked this, but won the ♥K continuation with the ace. He crossed to the ♦J and finessed the ♣J, East winning his queen. Had Jansma simply continued hearts there would have been no story to tell, but he returned a club, trying to disrupt declarer's communications. Tuszynski won this in hand, Verhees discarding the ♠4, and drove out the ♦A. Jansma won this, only to play the ♠7, ducked by declarer. Verhees could win his ♠K, but that was the end of the defence. Poland had sneaked a vulnerable game through the Dutch defence for a great +600 and the first big swing of the match; 12 IMPs. We had a new leader in the match.

A different approach to the requirements needed for an opening bid formed the basis of yet another double-figure swing on the next board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

**Closed Room**

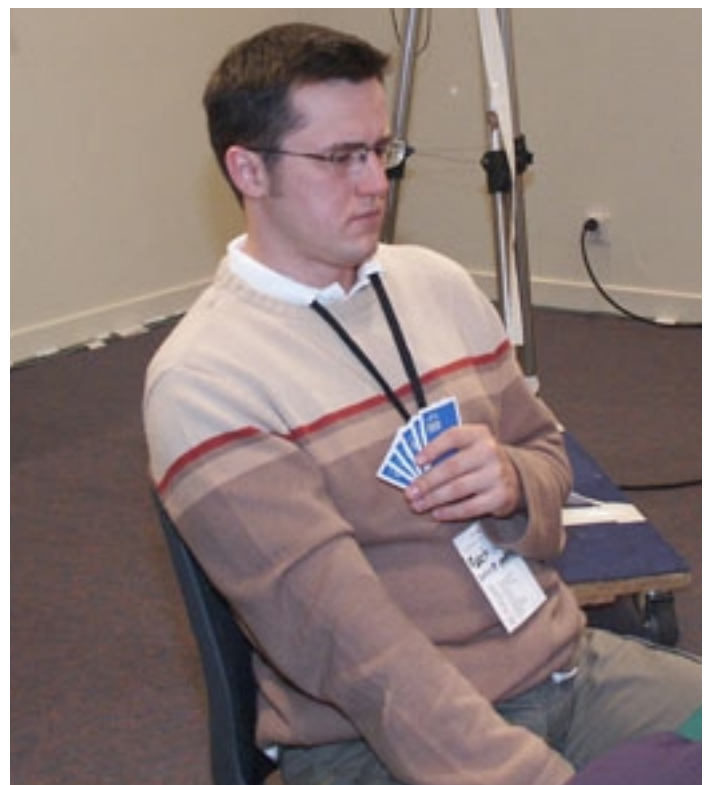
West	North	East	South
Puczynski	De Wijs	Chmurski	Muller
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Bartosz Chmurski led a club, which De Wijs won in hand with his king to create a sure entry to dummy with the ♣J10. Next, he led the ♠Q which Puczynski allowed to hold. The ♠9 he then took with his ♠K, suggesting to declarer that spades were going to break. He returned a diamond to partner's ace, and another diamond came back, declarer winning. De Wijs' next move was a club to the ♣10, but Chmurski rose with the queen and returned a club. De Wijs must have felt disappointed when the ♠A did not draw the jack, but the only thing he could do now was to take the heart finesse. When this too failed, he had to concede one down for -100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Tuszynski	Jansma	Kowalski
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In Jansma/Verhees' methods, 2♥ showing majors can be as weak as it was here. The pre-empt backfired a little this time, as



Mariusz Puczynski, Poland

Closed Room

<b>West</b> Puczynski	<b>North</b> De Wijs	<b>East</b> Chmurski	<b>South</b> Muller
1♥ Pass	2♥ 3NT	Pass All Pass	1♣ 2NT

Here, Muller could open the bidding, so Puczynski could introduce his hearts, after which De Wijs forced/invited with 2♥, raising 2NT to three at his next turn.

West led the ♥Q, won by Muller's king. Next came the ♣J, covered with the king and won by the ace.

In accordance with old stratagems, Muller's next move was to run the ♣6. When this held, his chances had improved significantly. He next ran the clubs and followed this by leading a spade to the king and ace, having noted the discard of a spade by East. The defenders can take three more spade tricks now but, with the finesse of the ♦K still there to add to the squeeze possibilities on West, Muller was no longer in danger; The Netherlands a fine +430.

Open Room

<b>West</b> Verhees	<b>North</b> Tuszynski	<b>East</b> Jansma	<b>South</b> Kowalski
Pass Pass All Pass	1♣ 2NT	1♠ Pass	Pass 2♠ 3NT

Here, Jansma introduced his spades for the simple reason that he was given the chance to do so, and led a spade himself when 3NT was played from the North position. This lead meant that the first thing declarer had to do after winning was to guess the clubs. Tuszynski crossed to the ♥K and led the ♣Q, covered by king and ace. When the ♣10 did not appear under the jack, he conceded one down. The Netherlands had +50 and 10 IMPs to level the match.

On Board 6, Muller/De Wijs missed a cold game due to a bidding problem after an adverse 1NT opening bid to lose 10 more IMPs. There were a few nice partscore swings either way as well. Look at Board 8, for example:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

<b>West</b> Puczynski	<b>North</b> De Wijs	<b>East</b> Chmurski	<b>South</b> Muller
1♦ All Pass	1♠	2♥	3♠

Nothing special, but the defence was pretty. East led the ♥A and shifted to the ♦3, low from a doubleton. West won the jack, cashed the ♥Q and continued with the ♦A and a diamond. When North ruffed this high (how was he to know that ruffing with the seven would do?) he was down one, losing four tricks in the red suits plus a trump; -50.

Open Room

<b>West</b> Verhees	<b>North</b> Tuszynski	<b>East</b> Jansma	<b>South</b> Kowalski
1♦ 2♥ 3♥ All Pass	Pass Dble Pass	2♦ Pass Pass	Pass 2♠ 3♠

Here, South was declarer and West led a top diamond. The Dutch might well have copied the defence found at the other table, for West continued with the ♥Q. Had he persisted with hearts, the defence would have given declarer the same problem as in the Closed Room, but West first cashed the ♦K, breaking up the communication line with partner. Thus, it was no longer possible to test declarer by playing a low diamond through him; Poland +140 and 5 IMPs.

The Dutch had their successes too, however:



Simon De Wijs, Netherlands

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Puczynski</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	INT	Dble
2♦	2♥	All Pass	

When Chmurski did not open the bidding, the Poles had lost the initiative on this hand. East might have raised diamonds, but preferred to defend 2♥. This proved the wrong decision when Muller managed to collect eight tricks in elegant fashion.

West led a club to the queen and ace and Muller immediately went after the side suit by playing a low diamond to the nine and ace. East cashed the ♣K and continued the suit, declarer ruffing. The ♦Q went to West's king, and another club was ruffed all round the table. Muller then proceeded to ruff his third diamond in dummy and followed this by playing a spade to the ace and a spade back to the queen. When Chmurski did not ruff the third round of spades, Muller scored the ♦K as an unexpected seventh trick. Having only trumps left, he led low from his hand and thus even made an overtrick for +140 to the Netherlands, certainly a gigantic matchpoint score as well.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

Once East opened the bidding, the Dutch were a tempo ahead and thus managed to buy the contract at the three-level. With both minors behaving well, nine tricks were always there so the Dutch chalked up another +110 for a gain of 6 IMPs. And:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Puczynski</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

After a normal enough auction, Muller lost the obvious five tricks and was one down for -100. Needless to say, 3♣ makes easily.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
	Pass	2♣	2♦
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

There was more action in the Open Room after the Precision-style 2♣ opening bid by Jansma. Kowalski introduced both his suits, only to find out that the hand completely belonged to the opponents. Tuszynski was lucky to escape the axe when he bid 3♠. As he was celebrating his nameday on Tuesday, this probably was the present graciously offered to him by his opponents on the occasion. The contract itself, however, ended with three vulnerable undertricks for +300 to the Netherlands who thus won 5 IMPs.

The score now stood at 32-29 to Poland, the Dutch having managed to wipe out almost the whole of their deficit. On Board 17 we saw one more partscore swing, resulting from too much competition by the Poles, which saw the Dutch into the lead. With two boards to go, the Poles leveled the match at 33-33 but on the penultimate board, the Dutch went on to seal their victory by 35-33 in IMPs but still 15-15 in VPs. This draw would not endanger either team's chance of finishing in the top five.



*Apolinary Kowalski, Poland*

**WOMEN'S TEAMS** **Germany v France**  
**Round 17**

Some sporting contests are more eagerly awaited than others. England v Australia at cricket, the New York Yankees v the New York Mets at baseball, Oxford v Cambridge in the boat race, Rangers v Celtic, Real Madrid v Barcelona and anyone v Germany at football — you can come up with your own examples I am sure. In Women's bridge, Germany v France is almost always a classic, so the editor was one of the several thousand who watched the Round 17 match between the two unfold.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Reim</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

Three Clubs was an eminently sensible spot.

West led the four of spades and East won with the queen and switched to her heart. Declarer won in hand with the king and ran the ten of spades. East won and switched to the jack of diamonds. Declarer put in the queen, and when that held she played the queen of clubs for the king and ace. When the ten did not fall under the ace she claimed ten tricks; +130.

You might reach 3NT — but then on a spade lead you would need to get the clubs right.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Lustin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
2♥	Dble*	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

North's double was perhaps risky without four spades, (the alternative is 2NT) and she was virtually forced to try 3NT at her next turn.

Declarer won the heart lead in dummy and advanced the queen of clubs, for the king and ace. She took the club finesse and then used the fourth round of clubs as an entry to her hand for the diamond finesse. Well played for +400 and 7 IMPs to France.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Reim</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass	2♠	Pass

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Lustin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♣*	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ Negative
- 2♦ Possible canapé

This was somewhat awkward for the German pair, as One Spade might have been based on a four-card suit, and it was possible East might have bid Two Spades on a doubleton.

3NT was a more precarious contract.

South led the four of hearts and declarer put up the queen, hoping to confuse the defenders as to the position. She played a low spade to North's jack and her ruse in the heart suit did not bear fruit, as North switched to the jack of clubs. Declarer put up the ace, repeated the heart finesse, and played a spade. When she guessed wrong by playing low from dummy North was able to win and play a heart, setting up a fifth trick for the defence; -100 and 12 IMPs.

That bad result was in part caused by the system, and a few boards later the German pair in the Closed Room had to cope with another awkward deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Nehmert	d'Ovidio	Reim
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Two Hearts was not exactly the best spot, and the defence was perfect. North led the three of diamonds and South won and switched to a spade. Declarer won in hand and took a losing club finesse. South played back a club and declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond and played a heart. North won and played a spade for South to ruff. The defenders had a cross-ruff for two down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Lustin	Auken	Bessis
	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		



Catherine d'Ovidio, France

East intended 2NT to be natural — and it might well have been made on the likely low diamond lead — but West was not sure and decided to play safe by showing her spade support. When East bid 3NT a pass would have been the best option, but West was still in the dark and retreated to hearts.

The early play was the same, but declarer won the spade switch in dummy and ruffed a diamond before taking the club finesse. South won and played a diamond, ruffed by North, who played a spade for South to ruff. North ruffed another diamond and played the jack of spades, South discarding a club. Declarer ruffed and played a club to the ace, but South ruffed and played a diamond for North to ruff. That was six down for -600 and 9 IMPs for France.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Nehmert	d'Ovidio	Reim
		Pass	2♠
Dble	6♠!	Dble	All Pass

North's tremendous leap really put it to the French pair, who had no real alternative to taking what was available from Six Spades — it proved to be +500.

One wag on bridgebase suggested that East could make a forcing pass over Six Spades! Being able to see all four hands can so easily cloud your judgement.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Lustin	Auken	Bessis
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♠	3♦*	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

Three Diamonds showed hearts and a positive and 4NT was asking for key cards. As Guido Ferraro would doubtless say — 'A strong applaud to South for her Six Spade bid.'

West could not bid Five Spades rather than 4NT, as that would have been Exclusion Blackwood, and bidding Five Clubs risked East passing when a slam was on.

In a way, this deal summed up the match — good results from the German pair in the Open Room, were matched or bettered by their counterparts in the other room.

It was certainly a well-played match, France winning 29-13 IMPs, 16-12 VP. Why 16? One of the French players broke the no smoking regulations and there is a penalty of 2 VP.

## At last - a Vilamoura hand

by Herman De Wael

When the European Championships were held in Vilamoura, Portugal, in 1995, I noticed that the coat of arms of that city had six hearts either side of the shield. I decided to call any 6-6 fit a Vilamoura hand, but such things are rather rare. I have come across a small number of them since, but yesterday for the first time, a Vilamoura hand appeared at European Championships. Sadly it was not a 6-6 fit in hearts but, in diamonds, but we should not complain.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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♦ —							
♣ K 10 7							

The following results appeared at the 70 tables:

### N/S Pairs playing in Spades: (7)

6♠	once (-1)
5♠ <sup>x</sup>	once (=)
5♠	four (+1:3;=:1)
4♠	once (+2)

### N/S Pairs playing in Hearts: (43)

6♥	five (-1:4;-2:1)
5♥ <sup>x</sup>	six (=)
5♥	13 (=)
4♥	19 (+1)

### E/W Pairs playing in Diamonds: (20)

6♦ <sup>x</sup>	six (-2)
6♦	once (-2)
5♦ <sup>x</sup>	three (-1)
5♦	ten (-1:9;-2:1)

It is often strange to see that results that are infrequent in the field occur at both tables of a same match. For example, two of the six tables that played 5♦<sup>x</sup> were in the Finland-Austria Women's match.

The Germany-Israel women also had a flat board, both scoring +480. Ingrid Gromann opened the East hand 2♣, weak in diamonds or strong. Elke Weber thought she knew what it was and she bid a waiting 2♦. When North overcalled 2♠ and Ingrid passed, Elke knew something her opponents did not, so she passed 4♠, fearing to drive them to slam. At the other table, Sabine Auken in North was faced with the difficult problem of what to do after 2♦ (weak) —5♦. She chose correctly with 5♠ and then made the twelfth trick in the same manner as her counterpart: by leading a heart to the table and felling ♥A and K on the same trick.

The board was flat in the Ireland-England Women's match as well, with the Irish East opening a weak 2♦, while the English one used 3♦. Both Souths overcalled hearts at the lowest level, both Wests raised to 5♦, and both Norths competing with 6♥. In a heart contract, there is no reason to put the ♥K on the ♥J, so these contracts were hopeless.

## Like London Buses

by Herman De Wael

You wait for nine years for a Vilamoura hand, and then suddenly two turn up on consecutive days.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

One pair, who shall remain nameless, had a Multi disaster. When one hand shows a six-card major, and the other has six spades, he tends to guess that opener has hearts. So Four Hearts doubled is not as implausible as it sounds. Their opponents, who shall also remain nameless, then made a defensive error. They allowed North/South a trick, thereby reducing their own gain to only 2300.

## MATCH ISRAEL v LEBANON

The text we published yesterday was not precise enough. The final score will be determined at the end of the Championship, according to the rules and regulations, Point 5.1: The Israel Women's team "will receive a figure arrived at by taking the average score obtained against the defaulting team by the eight teams nearest to themselves in the ranking list or 18 VP, whichever is the greater"

## Demonstration

The new CDS duplicating machine used in the Championship and Bridge Festival is recommended by the staff of the EBL and Sweden.

The new hard plastic boards for the machines used in the tournaments are also recommended.

Bridge Partner Time Control, as used in the tournaments.

Bridge Partner Bidding device — see the new pocket model.

All these will be demonstrated in the Bridgeshop today and tomorrow between 09.30 and 10.30.

*Danish and Swedish Federation co-operation by Kristen Klausen*

One of the members of the Scottish Womens' Team has mislaid her green pen upon which the name 'Carolyn' is inscribed. It is of great sentimental value to her and if by chance you have seen it or picked it up then she would be exceedingly grateful for its safe return.



## More Penalty Records

by Jos Jacobs

To consider a penalty of 3400 a rarity is considered fully justifiable. In fact, it never before occurred during the European Championships. That's also the reason why such a score attracts wide publicity, especially from the tabloids.

To see two instances of a 3400 penalty in the same round of a major championship therefore must be a once in a lifetime sensation. In Round 15, a penalty of 3400 was conceded on Board 12, described in Sunday morning's issue of the Bulletin, but earlier in the round there already had been another instance, though the full swing did by no means approach the 37 IMPs involved in the accident on the other board.

It all happened on Board 4 in the Italy-Lithuania match:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 6 2 ♥ A 7 4 3 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ 9 8 3	<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		♠ 10 9 4 ♥ 10 9 8 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ J 7 4 2	♠ A Q 7 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K 9 5 2 ♣ K 10 6
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West	North	East	South
Birdalas	Bocchi	Poska	Duboin
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣(i)
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	All Pass

(i) Transfer to diamonds

We were informed that the misunderstanding arose from the fact that East/West were not sure about their defence against the Italian 1♣ opening. Apparently, East thought that 1♣ was strong, so he showed either 5+ spades or at least 4-3 in the majors by overcalling 1♠. Duboin showed his suit in transfer mode by bidding 2♣, but really made his presence felt at the second attempt. Bocchi was happy to sit and declarer managed just the two obvious tricks for a score of - 3400.

The swing amounted to 21 IMPs only, as the normal score for North/South was +660 in no trump, and Olanski and Vainikonis duly bid and made 4NT+1 for Lithuania at the other table.

## The Longest Day



Midsummer Eve is probably the most popular festival day in Sweden, together with Christmas. Midsummer is an old pagan celebration, dating back to the Viking Era. It was a fertility rite originally, where the Maypole was a phallic symbol, 'impregnating' Mother nature. It was hoped that this would help to give a good harvest in the autumn.

Friday morning, I open my eyes, today is the longest day of the year, this is a holiday here in Sweden. I move the heavy curtain aside to discover that it's raining cats and dogs, oh well.

Rain never bothered me, so I grab my coat eat a quick breakfast and head for the museums — which turn out to be closed, did I mention this being a national holiday?

I decided to stick around for the Mid-summer's Day festival which was held near the Malmö castle.

People started gathering at about 12:00 despite the rain, and there were quite a lot of people by 12:45.

By this time the local Swedes finished dressing up the Maypole. It was explained that the tradition started with Europeans setting up a big pole and standing around it waiting, once a parrot landed on the pole they shot it down with crossbows/rifles. When this tradition came to Sweden the pole was dressed in flowers and greenery to celebrate the height of summer.

Five local people were trying to hoist up the six meter pole, one was in charge and two pairs had two meter wooden forks, this took about 15 minutes and the pole didn't even come crashing down once, despite the fierce wind.

Now there was music playing, and Swedes in traditional custom along with the locals started making three concentric rings about the Maypole.

They started dancing traditional dances with each ring spinning a different way, the third and final song consisted of "Stamp your foot, clap your hands, and duck!" repeated over and over again. I didn't understand what the ducking was about but the children enjoyed it a lot...

By this time the rain had stopped and there were hundreds of people milling around the place.

Singing and dancing continued until around 17:00, they also had a recreation area for children, and volleyball games going on and some food stands.

When I asked someone about the weather, he remarked they have not had much rain during the last two weeks, oh well...

Guy - e-bridge



# The Swedish Mixed Pairs Championship

by Sven-Olov Flodqvist

Wednesday morning the final got under way and one of the favourites, Ulla-Britt and Lars Goldberg, took the lead early on before another favourite pair, Margareta and Lars-Göran Ehlin. I watched the third round encounter between Jenny Rudenstål/Arvid Wikner and Gunilla Sundberg/Krister Ahlesved.

West	North	East	South
Krister	Jenny	Gunilla	Arvid
		1♥	2♠
2NT*	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Krister	Jenny	Gunilla	Arvid
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

I think that South should have converted to Six No Trump after the double, since six hearts surely will go down on a club ruff. Maybe he hoped that West would lead a diamond, but on the actual lay of the cards that would have been the same one down as the ace of clubs and a club ruff.

But Six No Trump is cold with the king of diamonds in West's hand, and this time it would have been one down undoubled for -100 instead of -200, and 16 MPs as opposed to 5 MPs. Three pairs did not have to suffer the Lightner double and scored 1430.

The difference between success and disaster can be very thin.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

2NT was at least invitational for game with heart support. West led the jack of clubs to the queen and king. East noticed that if she gave her partner a club ruff, he would be endplayed. She found the right track when she returned a diamond. West won the ace over the king cashed the ace of hearts, the queen of diamonds — the jack would have been more helpful — and played a third round of diamonds. East should have ruffed this with the king of trumps to establish a second spade trick for her partner, but she ruffed with the ten and declarer could over-ruff with the jack and got away with one trump loser which, together with the ace of clubs, was three down instead of the four that was on offer.

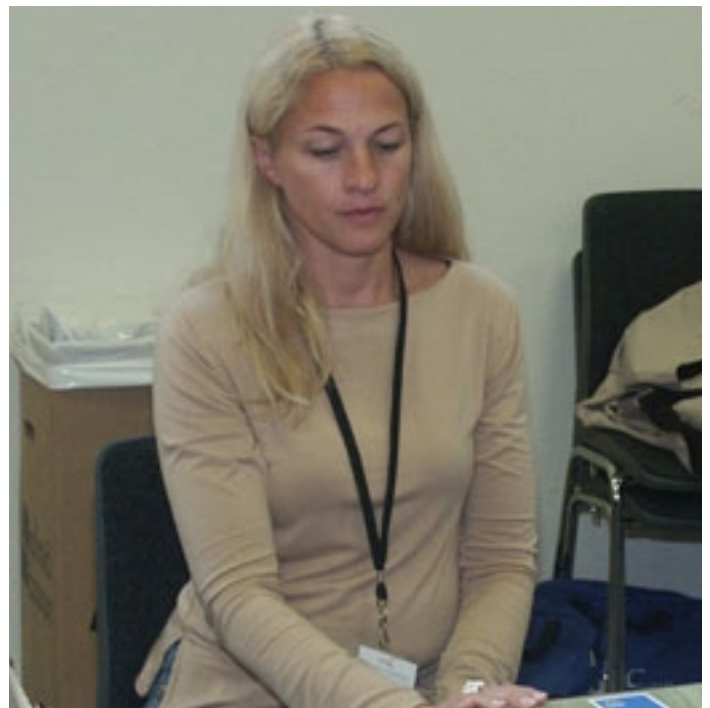
Note that if West gets his club ruff he must give up a red trick. He can cash the ace of hearts and return the queen of spades but, when this holds the trick, he has to give declarer a trick on one of the red kings for the same three down.

Minus 500 gave N/S 48/50 MPs, whilst 800 would have been a complete zero.

Goldbergs were in the lead after the first sixteen boards.

1	572	71,5	U-B Goldberg - L. Goldberg	BK S:t Erik
2	550	68,8	Ebon Agvard - Jozef Montal	Malmö BK - SK Hakoas BS
3	503	62,9	Margareta Ehlin - L-G Ehlin	Gävle BK
4	491	61,4	Petra Svantesson - L. Johansson	Ljungskile BK
5	490	61,3	Kerstin Lönnblad - R. Josefsson	Sävsjö BK

I followed how the leaders fared during the second set.



Marita Tengå, Sweden

The deal has been rotated for convenience

Board 28. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ulla-Britt Goldberg		Lars Goldberg	
All Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT

The spade lead was won by the nine in dummy and a small diamond towards the jack was won by the queen. South grabbed the club return with the ace, unblocked the hearts and led a diamond. When the suit split badly, she simply cashed out for one down, an action that earned her 26/50 MPs, since a number of pairs got too high.

A new treatment caused problems here.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 5 ♥ K 9 5 4 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 7 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		♠ J 4 2 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ K 2 ♣ J 8 5 3 2	♠ A K 8 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ A Q 6 5 4 ♣ 10 9
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West	North	East	South
	Lars		Ulla-Britt
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All pass!	3♦

Obviously North meant his delicate 3♠ bid as forcing but, since the meaning of the sequences after a diamond opening had been rearranged lately, South passed on her nice minimum hand. After a diamond lead she scored 170 and 16/50 MPs. A raise to 4♠ with the same lead was not worth more than 38 since six pairs scored 490 in the ghastly 3 NT contract.

The second session ended with a bad board for the leaders.

The deal has been rotated for convenience.

Board 32. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 5 3 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A 8 5 4 ♣ K 9 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		♠ A 10 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ A Q 8 5	♠ 9 6 ♥ A 8 7 6 3 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ J 10 7
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West	North	East	South
Jenny Rudenstål	Lars Goldberg	Arvid Wikner	Ulla-Britt Goldberg
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT

A small diamond was led and won by the queen. A spade to the jack was won by East with his ace. Ace of clubs and a club to the jack and king was followed by the excellent switch to the nine of hearts. When South failed to cover this and won the next heart, the defence could have put the contract three down. West did not rise with the ace of diamonds, when South played to the ten and cashed her two spade winners for two down. That was still worth 37 MPs for E/W, but 300 would have given 48.

After 34 boards the Goldberg still had the lead, but with the opposition closing the gap:

1 1016	59,8 U-B Goldberg - L. Goldberg	BK S:t Erik	
2 994,4	58,5 Marita Tengå - T. Magnusson	BK S:t Erik - Näsby BS	
3 978	57,5 B. Callenberg - L-A Callenberg	BK Albrekts	
4 963,6	56,7 Margareta Ehlin - L-G Ehlin	Gävle BK	
5 962,1	56,6 Ebon Agvard - Jozef Montal	Malmö BK-SK Hakoah BS	



Lars Goldberg, Sweden

## Attempting the elegant overtrick

by Herman De Wael

Overtricks are very much more important at pairs than teams and elegant overtricks might even earn you some fame by having your play reported in the bulletin. An easy way of collecting a good score would be to bid the excellent slam, but John Armstrong and John Holland failed to do so.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
J. Armstrong		J. Holland	
3 NT	All Pass	3♣	Pass

East's choice of opening bid was unlucky, which is bulletin room lingo for a really bad call, and John Armstrong could reasonably enough not imagine that John Holland — normally a sound bidder — had a hand that is worth a slam-try facing a 2NT opening. North led a heart to declarer's ace, which was the last card to be played before the beginning of the age of clubs. The ace of clubs brought some good news to declarer, who proceeded by overtaking the jack of clubs in dummy and playing the ten of clubs on which North discarded the two of spades. The revoke was officially established when South discarded on the nine of clubs before North had noticed the failure to follow suit. At this point it was possible for declarer to claim thirteen tricks on the spade finesse; if it fails the director will give him the trick back.

John Armstrong did, however, allow North to change the card without any penalty and tried to make his thirteenth trick on a squeeze. On the lie of the cards the attempt to squeeze the opponents was futile. This was a bit unlucky and there are two good reasons for Armstrong's choice of abstaining from the penalty. Firstly, it is a commendable piece of sportsmanship and, secondly, a squeeze might be reported in the bulletin.

## Micke Melander, Sundsvall,

Responsible for the European Championship and Bridge Festival arrangements.



Hello Micke, where is your pet moose?

Brian Senior wanted a ride so I let him borrow it for a day.

How long have you been working on these arrangements?

We started four years ago. It was almost two years before we had reached a point where the Swedish Bridge Federation could take a decision. It took a lot of work to demonstrate that we could fulfil the EBL requirements. The most difficult part was to work a budget.

Who do you think wins the European Championship?

I hope that Sweden will collect the gold medals but I am afraid that Italy are the favourites to win it.

Anything special that you look forward to?

When this is all over. But it will be strange to not have to worry about the European Championships and the Bridge Festival any more. I do not think anyone understands how many strange details there are to take care of. The span goes from temporary toilets to answering queries from the security police.



## Bridge Festival Schedule 1 July 2004

### Swedish Mixed Pair Championships

10.00 - 13.30	26 boards
13.30 - 14.00	Coffee break
14.00 - 15.40	12 boards
16.10 - 16.20	Prize-giving ceremony

### Gold Barometer

10.00	Gold six
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### Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver twenty-two, IMPs across the field
18.00	Silver twenty-three

### Bronze Barometer

19.00	Bronze eleven
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## Menu 1 July 2004

### Lunch, served between 11.30 and 15.00

Meat loaf with bacon sauce	70 Skr
Vegetarian: Vegetables au gratin	70 Skr

### Dinner, served between 16.30 and 20.00

A selection of herring	60 Skr
A selection of salmon	60 Skr
Grilled salmon with herb sauce, grilled vegetables and boiled potatoes	125 Skr
Bacon wrapped chicken filet with red wine sauce and potato wedges	125 Skr
Pasta Frutti di Mari	85 Skr
Swedish meatballs with cream sauce and lingon berries	80 Skr
Strawberry pie with whipped cream	25 Skr
Banana and chocolate pie with cream	25 Skr

**OPEN TEAMS**  
**Belgium v France**  
*by Barry Rigal*

**Round 17**

There were a couple of interesting play hands in the Round 17 vugraph match between France and Belgium.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	♠ 9 8 6	
	♥ 8 5	
	♦ 10 8 6	
	♣ A 10 7 6 5	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Palau	Kaplan	Multon	Polet
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	2♦

Guy Polet was manoeuvred into a contract that would give the vugraph audience maximum interest and then he played it to extract the most from the cards.

Guy was the only South to play in 2♦ redoubled (maybe all the other Easts or Wests felt obliged to open something?). On the lead of the jack of spades he carefully won and played the



Unde the spotlightm - Franck Multon, France

♣Q followed by a club to the ace. When East gave count in clubs, it persuaded West to rise with the ♦A on the next trick to try to give his partner a club ruff — no luck there! Polet took the heart winners then exited with the ace of spades, ruffed by West. In this ending:

♠ —	♠ 10 4	♠ Q 7
♥ Q 6	♥ —	♥ J 10 9
♦ Q 9 7	♦ K J 4	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —	♣ —

	♠ 9	
	♥ —	
	♦ 10 8	
	♣ 10 7	

Palau led a heart, ruffed by Polet who led a club, ruffed by the ♦7 as dummy discarded a spade. This left Palau with only trumps and a heart and, when he led a heart, declarer could ruff in dummy, over-ruff in hand and make a trump coup for +960 and a 10 IMP gain against +490 in the other room.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

	♠ 4	
	♥ K 5 4 2	
	♦ A 10 8 2	
	♣ A 9 5 3	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Palau	Kaplan	Multon	Polet
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the other room the Belgian defence did not find the early heart plays required to beat 3NT. However, Multon as East led the ♦7 and Palau won the king and shifted to the ♥3. Had Multon inserted the nine, he would probably have set the game. Instead, he went in with the ace and returned the ♥J, ducked, then the ♥9. Kaplan won and, after much thought, cashed the three top spades before running the diamonds. In the three-card ending, West was forced down to two clubs and a heart and was thrown in with the heart to lead clubs, allowing declarer to put up the queen and flatten the board.

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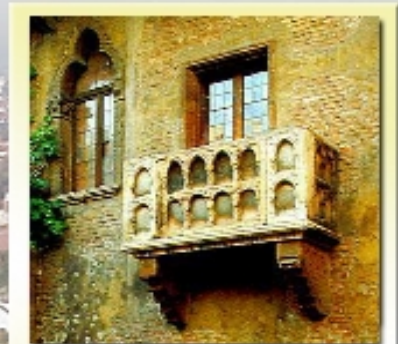
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