



# Daily Bulletin



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## BATTLE FOR BRONZE



The guard of honour at Wednesday's reception given by the Town of Malmö

With Italy virtually certain of gold and Sweden silver, attention focuses on the fight for third place. It promises to be a terrific fight between, Russia, Netherlands, Poland, and England.

### Terrific Finish in Prospect

As the Women's event reaches its conclusion, two separate issues will be decided; the destination of the title and medals, which lies between Netherlands, Sweden, France and Austria, and the struggle for the final Venice Cup spot, which involves Germany & Israel.

### Pace Setters

Germany and Denmark lead the race for the Senior Championship, and are followed by a resurgent Polish team who won all three of their matches yesterday. Israel are dominating the B final, having amassed 68/75 VP yesterday.

### Today's VuGraph Matches

#### OPEN TEAMS - Round 30

England v Israel 10.30

#### SENIOR TEAMS FINAL A - Round 5

Denmark v France 14.15

#### OPEN TEAMS - Round 32

Poland v Turkey 17.40

### PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

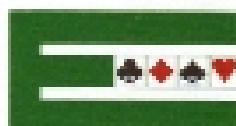
The Prize-Giving Ceremony will be held in the vugraph room at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd July.

#### 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 27

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	IRELAND	35 - 44	13 - 17
2	BYE	PORTUGAL		0 - 18
3	ITALY	SAN MARINO	78 - 32	24 - 6
4	FAROE ISL.	CZECH REP.	54 - 37	19 - 11
5	ISRAEL	DENMARK	24 - 63	7 - 23
6	NORWAY	FRANCE	40 - 44	14 - 16
7	TURKEY	ICELAND	50 - 54	14 - 16
8	SPAIN	ENGLAND	47 - 61	12 - 18
9	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	66 - 26	23 - 7
10	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	66 - 42	20 - 10
11	SWEDEN	GREECE	71 - 34	23 - 7
12	CROATIA	POLAND	62 - 35	21 - 9
13	FINLAND	AUSTRIA	35 - 35	15 - 15
14	LITHUANIA	BULGARIA	47 - 57	13 - 17
15	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	46 - 22	20 - 10
16	BELGIUM	ROMANIA	46 - 29	19 - 11
17	WALES	SERBIA/MONT.	52 - 26	20 - 10

## ROUND 28

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PORTUGAL	RUSSIA	48 - 60	13 - 17
2	SAN MARINO	BYE		18 - 0
3	CZECH REP.	ITALY	31 - 54	10 - 20
4	SERBIA/MONT.	FAROE ISL.	70 - 56	18 - 12
5	DENMARK	IRELAND	86 - 30	25 - 4
6	FRANCE	ISRAEL	57 - 43	18 - 12
7	ICELAND	NORWAY	26 - 38	13 - 17
8	ENGLAND	TURKEY	51 - 42	17 - 13
9	GERMANY	SPAIN	81 - 28	25 - 5
10	HUNGARY	SCOTLAND	44 - 51	14 - 16
11	GREECE	SWITZERLAND	39 - 62	10 - 20
12	POLAND	SWEDEN	37 - 59	10 - 20
13	AUSTRIA	CROATIA	41 - 68	9 - 21
14	BULGARIA	FINLAND	49 - 42	16 - 14
15	LATVIA	LITHUANIA	53 - 60	14 - 16
16	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	27 - 64	7 - 23
17	WALES	BELGIUM	24 - 105	0 - 25

## ROUND 29

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	53 - 33	19 - 11
2	BYE	CZECH REP.		0 - 18
3	ITALY	FAROE ISL.	55 - 44	17 - 13
4	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	51 - 47	16 - 14
5	IRELAND	FRANCE	15 - 35	11 - 19
6	ISRAEL	ICELAND	23 - 36	12 - 18
7	NORWAY	ENGLAND	17 - 46	9 - 21
8	TURKEY	GERMANY	61 - 41	19 - 11
9	SPAIN	HUNGARY	28 - 52	10 - 20
10	SCOTLAND	GREECE	52 - 16	22 - 8
11	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	17 - 41	10 - 20
12	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	56 - 47	17 - 13
13	CROATIA	BULGARIA	40 - 66	10 - 20
14	FINLAND	LATVIA	25 - 14	17 - 13
15	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA	26 - 46	11 - 19
16	NETHERLANDS	WALES	33 - 19	18 - 12
17	BELGIUM	SERBIA/MONT.	45 - 62	11 - 17

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 30

10.30

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

## ROUND 31

14.15

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

## ROUND 32

17.40

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

**WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 18**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	SWEDEN	GERMANY	30 - 45	12 - 18
22	TURKEY	ENGLAND	48 - 42	16 - 14
23	FAROE ISL.	DENMARK	36 - 122	0 - 25
24	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	65 - 33	22 - 8
25	CZECH REP.	LEBANON	56 - 46	17 - 13
26	ITALY	SCOTLAND	60 - 57	16 - 14
27	FINLAND	IRELAND	68 - 59	17 - 13
28	SPAIN	ISRAEL	14 - 86	2 - 25
29	CROATIA	NORWAY	19 - 37	11 - 19
30	POLAND	ICELAND	39 - 7	22 - 8
31	AUSTRIA	HUNGARY	78 - 42	22 - 8

**ROUND 19**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	TURKEY	51 - 37	18 - 12
22	ENGLAND	DENMARK	48 - 1	24 - 6
23	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	47 - 47	15 - 15
24	FRANCE	CZECH REP.	48 - 23	20 - 10
25	LEBANON	ITALY	31 - 97	2 - 25
26	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	22 - 34	13 - 17
27	IRELAND	SPAIN	20 - 42	10 - 20
28	ISRAEL	CROATIA	58 - 52	16 - 14
29	NORWAY	POLAND	35 - 47	13 - 17
30	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	24 - 55	9 - 21
31	HUNGARY	FAROE ISL.	82 - 39	24 - 6

**WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 20**

14.15

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

**ROUND 21**

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.

**Victory Banquet**

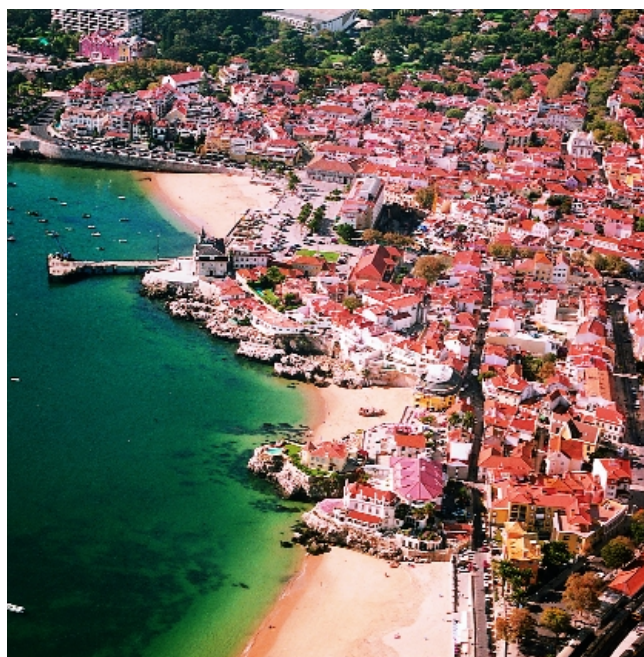
May we remind you that the Victory Banquet (wine, water, coffee included) will be held in Hall B at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday 3rd July immediately after the Prize-Giving Ceremony.

There will be a show during the Banquet.

A bar will also be open in the Banquet room, serving drinks from 40 Skr.

**Press Conference**

Gianarrigo Rona, President of the European Bridge League, José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, Panos Gerontopoulos, Liaison Officer of the European Bridge League and Patrick Jourdain, President of the International Bridge Press Association, will hold a press conference today at 10.45 in the VIP Lounge on the first floor.

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Note on your agenda the

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## SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS FINAL A

		ROUND 1	10.30	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	39 - 43	14 - 16
42	DENMARK	SWEDEN	15 - 42	9 - 21
43	FRANCE	ENGLAND	45 - 26	19 - 11
44	ITALY	POLAND	23 - 46	10 - 20

		ROUND 2	14.15	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	SWEDEN	GERMANY	42 - 39	16 - 14
42	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	13 - 57	5 - 25
43	POLAND	FRANCE	74 - 10	25 - 2
44	ENGLAND	ITALY	40 - 33	16 - 14

		ROUND 3	17.40	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	GERMANY	ENGLAND	34 - 19	18 - 12
42	DENMARK	POLAND	34 - 29	16 - 14
43	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	52 - 6	25 - 5
44	ITALY	SWEDEN	33 - 28	16 - 14

## SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM FINAL A

		ROUND 4	10.30	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
41	POLAND	GERMANY		
42	ENGLAND	DENMARK		
43	SWEDEN	FRANCE		
44	NETHERLANDS	ITALY		

		ROUND 5	14.15	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
41	GERMANY	ITALY		
42	DENMARK	FRANCE		
43	POLAND	NETHERLANDS		
44	ENGLAND	SWEDEN		

		ROUND 6	17.40	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
41	FRANCE	GERMANY		
42	ITALY	DENMARK		
43	SWEDEN	POLAND		
44	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND		

## SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS FINAL B

		ROUND 1	10.30	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
45	ISRAEL	IRELAND	70 - 27	25 - 5
46	NORWAY	WALES	37 - 38	15 - 15
47	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	39 - 41	15 - 15
48	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	32 - 44	12 - 18

		ROUND 2	14.15	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
45	WALES	ISRAEL	18 - 76	3 - 25
46	IRELAND	NORWAY	10 - 90	0 - 25
47	FINLAND	CZECH REP.	34 - 59	9 - 21
48	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND	39 - 28	17 - 13

		ROUND 3	17.40	
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
45	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	32 - 20	18 - 12
46	NORWAY	FINLAND	23 - 42	9 - 19
47	CZECH REP.	IRELAND	51 - 22	22 - 8
48	SCOTLAND	WALES	55 - 16	24 - 6

## SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM FINAL B

		ROUND 4	10.30	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
45	FINLAND	ISRAEL		
46	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY		
47	WALES	CZECH REP.		
48	IRELAND	SCOTLAND		

		ROUND 5	14.15	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
45	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND		
46	NORWAY	CZECH REP.		
47	FINLAND	IRELAND		
48	SWITZERLAND	WALES		

		ROUND 6	17.40	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team		
45	CZECH REP.	ISRAEL		
46	SCOTLAND	NORWAY		
47	WALES	FINLAND		
48	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND		

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 29 rounds

1	ITALY	603.00
2	SWEDEN	539.50
3	RUSSIA	504.50
4	NETHERLANDS	504.00
5	POLAND	503.50
6	ENGLAND	502.00
7	TURKEY	488.00
8	BELGIUM	472.50
9	GERMANY	472.00
10	FRANCE	468.00
11	ISRAEL	460.00
12	GREECE	457.50
13	FINLAND	455.50
14	ICELAND	454.50
15	DENMARK	447.00
16	BULGARIA	438.50
17	NORWAY	437.00
18	HUNGARY	428.00
19	AUSTRIA	415.00
20	SCOTLAND	411.00
21	CROATIA	403.50
22	WALES	394.50
23	SPAIN	393.50
24	LATVIA	390.00
25	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	389.00
26	PORTUGAL	388.50
27	IRELAND	387.50
28	SWITZERLAND	383.00
29	ROMANIA	370.00
30	CZECH REP.	347.00
31	FAROE ISLANDS	340.00
32	LITHUANIA	339.50
33	SAN MARINO	270.50

## WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING after 19 rounds

1	NETHERLANDS	359.00
2	SWEDEN	352.00
3	FRANCE	351.00
4	AUSTRIA	344.00
5	ISRAEL	326.00
6	GERMANY	323.00
7	POLAND	314.00
8	ENGLAND	310.00
9	ITALY	301.00
10	FINLAND	298.00
11	NORWAY	294.00
12	TURKEY	290.00
13	SPAIN	287.00
14	DENMARK	275.00
15	CZECH REP.	269.50
16	IRELAND	261.00
17	SCOTLAND	257.00
18	HUNGARY	254.00
19	CROATIA	221.00
20	ICELAND	187.00
21	LEBANON	175.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	159.00

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING FINAL A after 3 rounds

1	DENMARK	324.00
2	GERMANY	324.00
3	POLAND	319.10
4	FRANCE	319.00
5	SWEDEN	309.00
6	ITALY	301.00
7	ENGLAND	299.00
8	NETHERLANDS	262.50

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING FINAL B after 3 rounds

1	ISRAEL	300.00
2	CZECH REP.	265.50
3	NORWAY	265.00
4	SCOTLAND	246.40
5	FINLAND	227.00
6	SWITZERLAND	213.00
7	WALES	178.00
8	IRELAND	85.00

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 26**

**Bulgaria v The Netherlands**

by Jos Jacobs

The evening match on Wednesday's vugraph screen was the Bulgaria v Netherlands encounter. Bulgaria's new team here in Malmö have not done as well as they might have been hoping for, taking into account the reputation their national squad has built up for themselves over the last decade or so. On the other hand, the Netherlands badly needed every single VP they could get, as they are fighting it out with England and Turkey for the fifth ticket to Estoril.

From the technical point of view, a good and spectacular match was in sight, as both sides are feared for the unexpected things, either good or bad, they are able to conjure up at the table.

The match started exactly as the audience had hoped:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
	1♠	2♣	2♠
Dble	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, De Wijs' 4♠ sounded convincing enough to induce Karakolev to show his second suit by bidding 4NT. This time, the Bulgarian super-aggressive style did not come off, as 4♠ would have had no play at all. When 5♣ went two off, the Netherlands had conjured up +300 from almost nothing. Well done, just the start they wanted most.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
	1♠	2♣	2♠
2NT	4♠	All Pass	

Jansma's 2NT worked out very well, as it suggested defensive values. Verhees wisely did not stick his neck out any further over 4♠ and the Dutch collected +50 here for 8 IMPs to open their account.

On the next board, both teams missed a chance:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
		1♦	1♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
		1♦	1♠
2♦	4♠	5♣	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

The same contract was played in both rooms, South leading a top spade on which North played the queen. What now?

As trumps are 2-2, the contract will be made easily on a ruffing finesse against the ♣J. Only the continuation of the ♣A and another for North to ruff beats the contract. We leave it to you to work out if South can find this line of defence. What card should North play at trick one to steer his partner in the right direction?

On vugraph, both Souths continued spades at trick two for no swing.

The Dutch picked up three more IMPs on overtricks on the next six boards to lead 11-0 when we saw this:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

East made a light take-out double here, which should have seen them into the safe haven of 3NT very quickly. When West bid 2♠, rather than stressing his solid spade stopper straight away, the Bulgarians ran into trouble, as East's 3♠ was a good description of his distribution, but maybe not of the strength of his hand. As it happens, 5♦ can be made if declarer plays very carefully.

Simon de Wijs made the fine lead of the ♥A and switched to the ♦Q. Declarer won and ruffed a heart in dummy, ruffed a spade in hand and ruffed another heart with dummy's ♦10. As this gave South two trump tricks, the contract had to go one down now.

In fact, declarer was playing for a 3-2 break in trumps, which would have seen him through easily enough on this line.

But what about this variation? ♥A, ♦A, heart ruff, ♠A, spade ruff, heart ruff, three rounds of clubs. This is the position:

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

With eight tricks already in the bag, declarer cashes the ♥J, South having to follow suit, and then will lead the thirteenth club, scoring the ♦10 en passant for his tenth trick. The ♦A will then be the game-going trick. Contract made, but not on vugraph this time; The Netherlands a lucky +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
	1♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

As Barry Rigal, our vugraph commentator, put it, 'Jansma made the agricultural bid of 3NT in response to his partner's take-out double'. Of course, this expression usually has a slightly negative connotation, but certainly not this time, as Jansma had nine easy enough tricks on the lead of the ♠J when the clubs split 3-3. Netherlands had another +600 and 12 more IMPs to lead 23-0.

On the next board, Bulgaria struck back to finally get off the mark:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
		1♣	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

4NT showed a two-suiter, but West was happy to revert to clubs. South led the ♠K. Dummy won and, with nothing to guide him, declarer ruffed a spade in hand and then cashed the ♣A, getting the bad news. A heart was won by dummy's king and the club finesse taken. As declarer could not avoid the loss of two diamonds he had to go one down; Netherlands +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
		1♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



Zahari Zahariev, Bulgaria

Verhees also showed his two-suiter, but in natural style. North found a double that might have given Verhees a clue to the winning line. South led the ♠A and switched to the ♠K. If you win and play a trump to the ten, you are home. You draw trumps and play a diamond to the nine. Later, you can use dummy's only entry, the ♥K, to play the ♦J, picking up the suit; eleven tricks.

Once Verhees played a trump to the ace at trick three, there was no way to recover. He even went two down when he used dummy's only entry to lead the ♦J (hoping for something to happen in the suit) instead of taking the trump finesse. So that was a sweet +500 to Bulgaria and 9 IMPs.

Board 11 was another push, but then we saw a triplet of live-ly boards:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 ♥ K 3 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ A J 10 6 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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		♠ Q 10 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ A Q J 9 8 ♣ Q 5 4	♠ A K 7 4 3 ♥ A 8 7 6 5 ♦ — ♣ K 9 7
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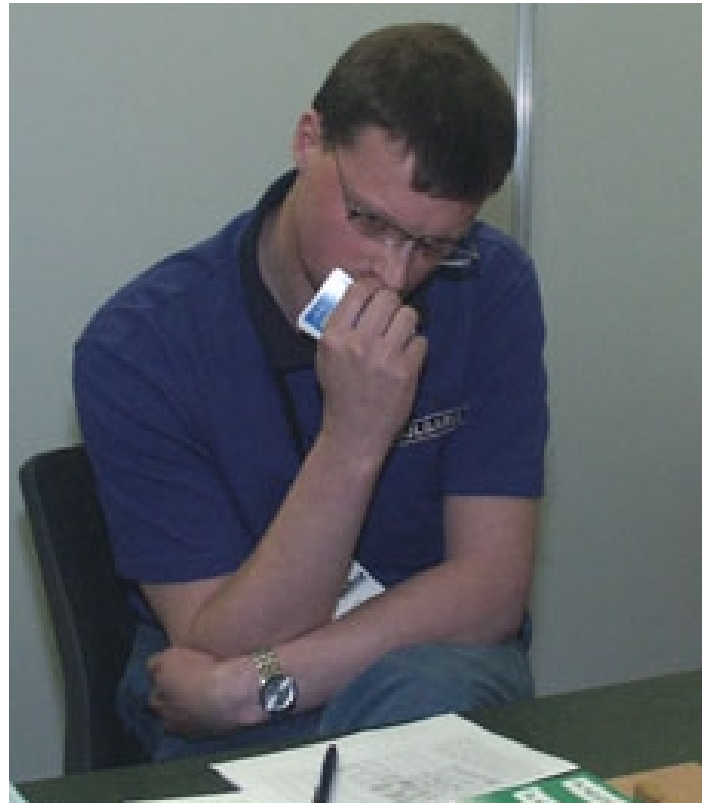
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

This contract looked as if it needed a 3-2 break in trumps, a 3-3 break in hearts, plus the right view in clubs. As all three conditions were fulfilled here, the Dutch in the vugraph theatre had their anxious moments while play was in progress (they were transmitting the Closed Room at that moment, as the Open Room was playing much faster).

South led the ♦3, ruffed by declarer. Two top trumps and three rounds of hearts left declarer in dummy. Double dummy, it was easy to see the impending show-up squeeze in the minors against North, certainly if declarer would have postponed the second round of trumps till this moment, to have an easy access back to his hand. As Karakolev had forgotten this, he was now in an awkward position as he would still have to give up a trump trick to rectify the count. So the best thing declarer could do now was to try and guess the ♣Q immediately. A sigh of relief came from the many Dutchmen in the vugraph theatre when Karakolev played a club to his king...one down; Netherlands +50.

Had he been able to draw the second top trump after setting



Julian Stefanov, Bulgaria

up the hearts, declarer could have given South his trump trick, ruffed the diamond return with the last trump and cashed the hearts. North will have to fold his cards in the resulting three-card ending.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
1♣	1♦	1♥	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♥ showed spades but the Dutch were never tempted. +480 here made it another 11 IMPs for them.

But then:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 ♥ A J 3 ♦ A J 4 3 2 ♣ J 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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		♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ K Q 8 6 ♣ Q 7	♠ Q 5 4 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K 9 8 4
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♠ A K J ♥ Q 10 7 5 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 10 5 2
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	2♣	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

A matchpoint double maybe, by De Wijs, but it would have been a great success had they defended the hand correctly. De Wijs led a spade to Muller's jack and a trump came back, which looked like an error. North won the queen and led a low club which ran to declarer's jack. A low diamond was won by North's king (ducking it would have been better) and declarer next cashed the ♣A. When the queen dropped he could cross to the ♥A, draw trumps and enjoy the clubs for an overtrick; Bulgaria +380.


Both continuing spades, shortening declarer's trumps, and attacking the clubs, would have been better for the defence. After a second round of clubs North will obtain a ruff in the suit, killing dummy in the process, and declarer will not be able to escape going down at least one.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	2♣	Dble	2♥
	All Pass		

As this contract could not be made either, the Netherlands lost another 200 here, giving Bulgaria a swing of 11 IMPs. Bulgaria trailed by 20-34 now. And more:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
		INT	All Pass

On a heart lead, North won the ace and returned the two. Declarer's jack went to South's queen and South, a little surprisingly, shifted to the ♦8. North won the ace and played yet another heart, which declarer took with his king. He next played a club to the queen which held, followed by a diamond to the jack and queen. South cashed his heart and exited with a club, but declarer rose with the ace and cashed out in diamonds, the ♠A being his seventh trick; Bulgaria +90.


**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
1♠		1♦	Pass
3♣	Dble	2♥	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

For once, but not for the last time on Wednesday evening (as it turned out later), Orange ran out of fuel. Verhees managed to collect six tricks for a further loss of 200 to his team, or 7 more IMPs to Bulgaria.

The score was 34-27 now, and on the Board 18, Bulgaria finally scored the equalizer. With two boards to go the score stood at 35 all but this was the penultimate board:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zahariev	De Wijs	Karakolev	Muller
Pass	2♦	2♥	2♣
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

2♣ showed, among other possibilities, a weak two in diamonds, but it also kept West out of the bidding for one round. It is difficult to understand West's way of bidding the hand. First of all, 4♥ looks like an underbid, but when East nevertheless went on to cuebid in both spades and diamonds, what more did West need?

Anyway, that was Bulgaria +680.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Aronov	Verhees	Stefanov
3♣	Pass	3♥	2NT
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
			All Pass

2NT was a minor-suit pre-empt, but once Jansma overcalled 3♣ reaching slam had become inevitable for the Dutch. Right they were, as there was little in the play once diamonds could not be successfully attacked at trick one; Netherlands +1430 for a swing of 13 IMPs.

A further overtrick on the last board made it 49-35 or 18-12 VPs to the Netherlands.

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## Patrick's Point

The following possibility was spotted by Patrick Jourdain.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

On this deal from Round 21 of the Open series, (R15 for the Women) the contract at several tables was Six Diamonds, but it failed far more times than it was made, probably because declarer took a ruffing finesse in spades.

At one table West cashed the ace of clubs and then switched to a heart, and declarer got home on a cross-

ruff. It was suggested that a trump switch would defeat the contract, but that is not necessarily true. Declarer wins in hand, ruffs a spade, comes to hand with the ace of hearts, ruffs a spade, comes to hand with a club, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart, ruffs a spade, and cashes the king of clubs to reach this position:

♠ —	♠ —	♠ —						
♥ K J 7	♥ Q 10	♥ 5						
♦ —	♦ —	♦ 10 6						
♣ —	♣ J	♣ —						
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	♠ 9							
	♥ —							
	♦ A Q							
	♣ —							

Now declarer needs to guess the distribution, but if he plays the jack of clubs and discards the nine of spades when East does not ruff he will make the contract.

Did anyone play this way?

<b>OPEN TEAMS</b>	<b>Poland v Sweden</b>	<b>WOMEN'S TEAMS</b>
<b>Round 28</b>	<i>by Jos Jacobs</i>	<b>Round 18</b>
<b>France v Netherlands</b>		

On Thursday afternoon, in either series a top match had been scheduled. In the Open Series, Poland, having just been defeated heavily (9-21) by Croatia, would have to face Sweden, whose tails were up after their 23-7 win over Greece in the morning. This meant that Sweden by now are pretty certain to qualify, whereas the Poles would have some work to do as their safety margin had sunk to only 10 VP.

In the Women's Series, this was to be the big day for the reigning champions from the Netherlands. Though their qualification looked a certainty before the match started, they would have to play for the medals today, facing first France and then Sweden, who were lying second and first at the start of the day.

Below, we present a simultaneous report of both matches. This has been made possible courtesy of BBO, who brought us live reports from all four tables in play.

Board 1 looked like a routine 3NT down one, but in the Women's match something went wrong.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 7 4 ♥ A 8 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ K J 8 5 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A K 10 8 ♣ Q 7 4 2
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	INT	Pass
	All Pass		

It looks as if declarer has an easy ride after the diamond lead. She can easily establish a third winner in spades giving her an eighth trick, and once the defence lead hearts the ninth trick is there. Alternatively, she can develop an extra club trick by playing low to the queen.

At the table, however, Jet Pasman could not believe her luck, apparently. She won the diamond lead cheaply in hand and, instead of playing spades first, went straight after the clubs. This way, she established a second trick in the suit for herself, but three club winners for North who simply covered the ♣9 from dummy with the jack. As the ♥AK were still out, she had to go one down now.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Van Zwol</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	Dble	Pass	2♥
	All Pass		

The board was saved for the Dutch, however, when much more aggressive bidding by Femke Hoogweg enabled Wietske van Zwol to find the more effective heart lead. This gave the defence three tricks in the suit right from the start. As declarer needs to establish both black suits, she had to go one down now for a flat board after all.

In the Poland-Sweden match, Balicki showed how to tackle these cards in 3NT:

The ♦4 lead as well, won by Balicki (East), who went on to cash the ♦Q and ♦K as well, North pitching two clubs! Next came the ♣A and another, Bertheau winning his king and switching to a heart. Nyström won this and returned the suit, Bertheau ducking dummy's jack. As neither defender bothered to keep his spade guard on the run of the clubs, Balicki suddenly had the rest. Poland scored +460 and a swing of 2 IMPs as Lindkvist for Sweden just made his contract on a diamond lead by first establishing his spades and then his clubs.

Board 2 was a routine grand slam missed by the French women to give the Netherlands the 11-0 lead they should have taken already on the first board. Board 4 was a good slam, down on a club ruff but, in the Open match, something happened:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 Q 4 ♥ A J 8 5 ♦ A K Q ♣ J 9 5
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

When North led the ♣2, the play was quickly over; Sweden +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Tuszynski	Lindkvist	Kowalski
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	3♥	Dble	All Pass

The Swedish defence was far from ideal. Lindkvist led the ♠A and continued a low trump to declarer's ♥7. Tuszynski next played a club to the ace and led a spade, won by East's queen. Lindkvist tried a club, but declarer ruffed this, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and exited in spades. In the end, East was forced to lead into declarer's trump tenace for down only two; +500 to Sweden, but still 12 IMPs to them.

Best defence probably is to lead a club at trick two. Dummy wins and plays a spade, but West hops up to play a trump. Now, the defence must come to three spades, three diamonds and two trumps for +1100, which would have brought just 3 IMPs more this time.

On the next board, it was bingo again:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Sweden v Poland in the Rama

In the Open Series, justice was done:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bertheau	Balicki	Nyström
	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Dble	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Though they should have been warned by Bertheau's double of 4♦, the Poles still ended up in the wrong slam. For the second time running, North successfully led his singleton to get a ruff and beat a slam. Sweden +50.

At the other table, the Swedes were in efficient form:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Tuszynski	Lindkvist	Kowalski
	Pass	1NT	Dble
Rdbl	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Fredin was not to be disturbed by Kowalski's two-suiter and simply bid what he thought his partner could make. As there was no ruffing chance, 12 tricks were sure from the beginning; Sweden +990 and 14 IMPs more to lead 26-4 now.

In the Women's Series, it was a different story with basically the same effect:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Cronier	Pasman	Willard
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

One might still be wondering at which moment in this auction West showed her useful club support. Not that it made much difference +490 gave the Dutch a lucky 11 IMPs more to lead 22-1 at this stage as this is what happened in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Hoogweg	d'Ovidio	Van Zwol
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Femke Hoogweg too enjoyed the privilege of successfully leading her singleton against a slam twice in a row; Netherlands +50.

On Board 6, the French women recouped 8 IMPs on a defensive misjudgement in the Open Room to trail by 9-22.

Halfway through the match, the Poland-Sweden scorers were troubled again after some rest boards:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ A K Q 9 8 4 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ 4 3 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 8 6 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K J 8 7 5	
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Nyström</i>									
1♣	2♥	Pass	Pass									
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass									
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble									
All Pass												

When North led hearts and continued the suit, declarer mustered just seven tricks for a score of +800 to Sweden.



Anneke Simons, Netherlands

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	2♠

As you see, this is a case of a team playing in the same denomination at both tables. As we all know, this is seldom a success. This case proved no exception as Kowalski managed only six tricks for down two and +200 more to Sweden, a gain of 14 IMPs to go up 42-4.

A few boards later, there was plenty of action again.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Pasman led the ♠9, the contract had no chance whatsoever and went down three; Netherlands +300.

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Van Zwol</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Note the different choice of opening bid. Bidding what you really hold in your hands has been the road to success ever since this game was invented; The Netherlands +110 for a useful swing of 9 IMPs.

In the Open Series match, we finally saw a big swing to Poland.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South showed his suits in transfer mode, but the contract was hopeless from the start; down three, Poland +300.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
INT	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

After a lot of bidding, the Poles too came to rest too late, but then the defence erred. When East did not lead a spade but chose the ♦K instead, Kowalski could win the ace and return the suit. East won and played a spade, but Kowalski won in dummy with the ace, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, pitched the spade loser on the ♦10, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed the last spade. A fourth club was ruffed by East with the jack, but Kowalski could over-ruff this with the king. West won the trick with the ♥A and thus the ♥Q in dummy stood firm as declarer's ninth trick; Poland +140 more and 10 IMPs back.

On the next board, more IMPs changed hands:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Willard</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♠8 which was taken in dummy with the king. Two more rounds of the suit followed, Simons discarding a diamond on the third spade, a fatal mistake as we shall see. Next came two rounds of trumps, North winning her ace at the second attempt and exiting with a club. Simons could do no better now than cash the ♣QA, and play her last club. Sylvie Willard carefully overtook her partner's jack to push a diamond through declarer, thus beating the contract by one trick; France +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Hoogweg</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Van Zwol</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Same contract, same lead, but Gaviard won her ♠Q at trick one, led a heart to dummy, unblocked the ♠K and put North on play with the second heart. When a club came back, the rest was routine. The ♣Q won, a club went on the last spade, the ♣A was cashed and the last club ruffed. As Gaviard held the ♦10 herself she now could concede a diamond to North whatever South might do and get a favourable return. Well played for a deserved score of +620 and 12 IMPs to France. The score now was 38-22 to the Netherlands.

In the Poland v Sweden match we also saw a swing here.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here too, declarer threw a diamond on the third spade instead of a club. So Zmudzinski went down too, like Anneke Simons did in the women's match, and Sweden had scored +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Open Room, the Swedes made clear why they fully deserved their game swing. They managed to end up in an almost unbeatable contract and duly made it. Very well done; Sweden +600 and 12 IMPs straight back. Sweden led 54-14 by now.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Willard</i>
			1♠
2♥	2♠	3♠	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Holding some long-range defensive values Jet Pasman had a difficult problem when 4♠ came round to her. No doubt, Anneke

Simons would have found the same ♣J lead when defending 4♠, but Jet went for the insurance policy by going on to 5♥. When this went two off, France had scored +300 here.

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> Gaviard	<b>North</b> Hoogweg	<b>East</b> d'Ovidio	<b>South</b> Van Zwol
2♥ Pass	2NT Pass	4♥ Dble	1♠ 4♠ All Pass

When Gaviard made the fine lead of the ♣J, the contract was doomed. Though declarer can establish a winning diamond, this will not help declarer any more as the defenders will earlier have come to the four tricks needed to set the contract. They will make a spade, two diamonds and a club trick before declarer has the balance; France +200 on a pretty defence and 11 IMPs to trail 38-33 now.

In the other match, there also was a swing when the defence against 4♠ was not so good:

<b>West</b> Zmudzinski	<b>North</b> Bertheau	<b>East</b> Balicki	<b>South</b> Nyström
2♥ 5♥	2NT Dble	3♠ All Pass	1♠ 4♠

This went a normal two down; Sweden +300.

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> Fredin	<b>North</b> Tuszynski	<b>East</b> Lindkvist	<b>South</b> Kowalski
2♥ All Pass	2NT	4♥	1♠ 4♠

When West led the ♥A the contact could not be defeated any more; Poland +620 and 8 IMPs back.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> Simons	<b>North</b> Cronier	<b>East</b> Pasman	<b>South</b> Willard
4♠ All Pass	1♣ Pass	1♠ Pass	2♥ 6♣

Two inescapable losers (a heart and the ♦A) meant one down; Netherlands +50.

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> Gaviard	<b>North</b> Hoogweg	<b>East</b> d'Ovidio	<b>South</b> Van Zwol
1♠ Pass Pass	1♣ Dble Pass Dble	Pass 4♥ 6♠ All Pass	1♥ 6♣ Pass

A phantom save by France this time for the loss of another 300; Netherlands +8 IMPs.

A swing to Sweden again in the other match, as this is what happened there:

<b>West</b> Zmudzinski	<b>North</b> Bertheau	<b>East</b> Balicki	<b>South</b> Nyström
1♠ Pass	1♦ Dble 5♣	Pass 4♠ All Pass	1♥ 4NT

Just made; Sweden +400.

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> Fredin	<b>North</b> Tuszynski	<b>East</b> Lindkvist	<b>South</b> Kowalski
3♣ Pass Pass 6♠	1♣ Dble 5♣ 6♣ Dble	1♠ 3♠ Pass Pass All Pass	Dble 4♠ 5♠ Pass



Sylvie Willard, France

Had Fredin passed 6♣, the Swedes would have gained 10 IMPs but, as they paid 300 now after a fully convincing Polish auction, their bonus went down to only 3 IMPs on the deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Cronier	Pasman	Willard
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

On a diamond lead from East, West won the ace and returned the suit, declarer ducking. She won the third round and drove out the ♠A. East won the second spade, cashed the last diamond and played a club. Faced with a premature option of having to play for the club finesse or the hearts breaking 3-3, declarer followed the percentages and called for dummy's ♣Q. When this lost to the king, she was one down; Netherlands +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Hoogweg	d'Ovidio	Van Zwol
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

East at this table, too, led a diamond to partner's ace. A diamond came back, won by Hoogweg, d'Ovidio contributing the ♦10. Hoogweg went on to drive out the ♠A, d'Ovidio winning the second round and cashing her diamonds. As her last diamond was the ♦5, it was West who got the lead on the fourth round of diamonds with her ♦6. This way, the chance of giving declarer a losing option had disappeared so when the hearts broke, declarer was home; Netherlands+600 and 12 IMPs more.

In the Poland-Sweden match we saw the same contract and the same two defences performed. So the Swedish declarer went down one when he was given the losing option, whereas his Polish counterpart made his contract; 12 IMPs more to Poland.

With a partscore swing of 7 IMPs going the Netherlands' way on the last board, the final score in their match became 65-33 or 22-8 VPs to the Netherlands. They were back at the top of the table, with Sweden on the menu for the evening match.

In the Poland-Sweden match the final score became 37-59 or 10-20 VPs to Sweden's advantage. Poland had dropped to fifth place temporarily.

## A Finnish Lady Kills The Contract

by Ismo Koponen

Sue Backstrom is the first lady to play on the Finnish Open team for years. In their match against Faeroe Islands she found an excellent lead, which saved some important points for her team.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Salomaa		Backstrom	
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

You may wonder why Sue didn't overcall the opening bid but later she explained that, when she is playing with her husband Jari, she should have a very good suit for overcalls and now she is continuing on the same way with her other partners.

Anyway, their opponents bid first 3NT, but converted it after a cuebid to 5♦ and she had to find an opening lead. Because North had shown strength in spades and no one seemed to have a heart control, she decided to start with a heart from AJxx.

Well, she played the ♥7, which was won by the king. Mika Salomaa returned the ♠5 and declarer finessed the queen. The ♠K won the trick and Sue continued the suit. After winning the ♠A, declarer played two rounds of trumps and lost the ♣Q after an unlucky finesse.

Maybe declarer could have played his contract better. After a heart lead it seems that West is holding the ♥AK and, if he had also the ♠K, he might have bid. Now North will bring his contract home if he wins the first spade with the ace, ruffs a heart, comes back to his hand with a trump and ruffs another heart. After the second round of trumps he plays the ♠Q to the king. Now East is forced to give a ruff and discard or play a club into the king-jack.



## Revenge is Sweet, is Sweet

Bragging rights bounced back and forth in the Round 23 Open match between Austria and Wales. Martin Schifko had an embarrassment on Board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ratcliff	Schifko	Jourdain
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

Against Schifko's 3NT, Patrick Jourdain led a top diamond and continued the suit when partner encouraged. On these Schifko made the small error of throwing one club and one spade, when it would have been better to throw two clubs.

Knowing North held good diamonds, Schifko could not risk the heart finesse, and played the suit from the top. When Jourdain was in with the heart queen, as dummy was down to two spades he could exit with a low spade without conceding a trick.

Planning a strip squeeze, Schifko rose with the ace and cashed his remaining hearts. Jourdain began by throwing two spades, baring his queen. On the last heart Schifko came down to the bare king of clubs and king-jack of spades. South now threw a club. So Schifko triumphantly exited with a club only to find that there was no endplay and the contract was defeated.

At the other table Wales had stopped in a heart partscore; 7 IMPs to Wales.

Schifko's revenge came four boards later:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ratcliff	Schifko	Jourdain
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♠

INT was 14-16, and 2♠ was a game try without a major, accepted by North.

Against North's 3NT, Schifko led a diamond to the ten and queen. Ratcliff finessed and cleared the suit, West throwing an encouraging club, a spade and a heart. Schifko switched to his singleton club, declarer holding up one round. West switched to a heart to the king and ace, and Schifko cleared the suit by returning the jack.

Declarer won this, crossed to the ace of spades, cashed the last diamond, and returned to the ace of clubs. Schifko smoothly bared his queen of spades (what symmetry with Board 2!) and, when Ratcliff tried to throw him in with a heart, claimed two tricks in the suit for one off.

At the other table Austria had failed in 4♦, so the board was flat, but Schifko had re-established bragging rights.

This time it was Ratcliff who needed revenge, and the chance came on Board 16:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Ratcliff	Schifko	Jourdain
3♦	Pass	3♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♦ was a transfer pre-empt. Jourdain made a take-out double and raised the response of 3♠ to game.

Schifko led his singleton heart, taken by dummy's ace. Ratcliff at once led a low diamond off the table. Wernle played low, so the ten won. Schifko switched to a trump, won by dummy's ace.

Playing for diamonds to break, Ratcliff tried ace and another diamond. Schifko won and missed one chance to extinguish dummy's fourth diamond by playing a second trump. Ratcliff won in dummy and played a heart.

When West won this, the defence's last chance had gone. If West plays a club declarer can win in hand, ruff a heart, and cash two trumps to squeeze East in the minors. West actually played a third heart. Dummy ruffed high and two more trumps squeezed East.

East had a second chance to extinguish the diamond menace by ruffing his partner's winning heart and playing the fourth diamond.

Had declarer known the diamonds were not breaking he would have played a heart off dummy at trick four and the defence cannot stop a squeeze. Declarer can use his club entry to take the heart ruff, and return with a trump to catch East in a squeeze without the count.

The important thing for Wales was they had 10 IMPs (Four Spades failed at the other table) and had regained bragging rights over Schifko. Wales won the match by 33-28 IMPs or 16-14 in VPs.



# The Swedish Ladies Pairs Championship

Today the Ladies Pairs Championship starts. Last year Pia Andersson/Jessica Larsson were leading the field with four more rounds to be played, one MP ahead of Jeanite Johansson/Gun Nilsson and 25 MP ahead of Margareta Ehlin/Christina Pettersson, who made an impressive challenge, mainly built on a couple of disappearing club aces.

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Margareta opened 1♥, East bid 3♦, and Christina's 4♠ ended the auction. South ruffed the diamond lead and drew trumps. Five rounds of hearts allowed South to discard three of his clubs and, when East then failed to rise with the ace when clubs were played from dummy, N/S scored 44/50 MPs.

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

After INT-3NT Christina got the four of spades lead to the ten and her ace. West ducked the queen of clubs and the nine as well. Christina now played on diamonds by leading to the queen and ace, and East returned the jack of spades. Declarer liked that and cleared the spades.

West returned a heart to the king, South played two rounds of diamonds and East played a heart, so that West also got an ace of clubs with her from the round.

Ten tricks were worth 45 MP as opposed to 24 for the standard nine. This meant that the girls from Gävle took the lead with 2343 ahead of Johansson/Nilsson on 2338 and Andersson/Larsson on 2337.

Round the final bend, Margareta and Christina left their competitors behind for good.

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 7 ♥ A J ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ Q J 4 3	N W     E S	♠ 8 5 4 3 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 9 6 5	
	♠ 10 ♥ 10 8 6 5 4 ♦ 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8		
	♠ A K 9 6 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 7 2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	<i>Christina</i>		<i>Margareta</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	2♥	2♠	All Pass.

2♠ hardly was a crazy bid and it should not go two down for 200 and a top for the leaders. 2NT would have been more successful, since it scores 120 on a spade lead.

On the other board of the round Christina got the chance to shine as declarer in one no trump.

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

After INT in fourth position she got a heart lead to the ace, and played the nine of clubs to the queen. East continued hearts to the king and the clubs were established. After a third heart to the queen, declarer collected her club tricks as she threw a diamond.

She then found the winning line, playing a diamond instead of a spade to the king. East tried the queen, but declarer just won and exited with another diamond to West, who had to give away the seventh trick in spades. Nicely played!

It's rather normal that the opponents at the table get a little bit nervous when they meet the pairs at the top. There is no other explanation for what occurred on this board.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Most declarers in Four Spades made thirteen tricks, when both the spades and the hearts behaved very friendly. You can do it by drawing trumps and cashing the hearts as well as by cross-ruffing.

Nevertheless, two declarers went down in the game, after they had ruffed a diamond and forgotten to unblock the ace of hearts before they played king and queen of trumps. This happened against the eventual winners and runners-up.



## Bridge Festival Schedule

### 2 July 2004

#### Swedish Women Pair Championships

10.00 - 12.00	14 boards
12.00 - 12.15	Coffee break
12.15 - 14.00	12 boards
14.00 - 15.00	Lunch
15.00 - 17.00	14 boards
17.00 - 17.15	Coffee break
17.15 - 19.15	14 boards
19.15 - 19.30	Coffee break
19.30 - 21.00	10 boards

#### Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver twenty-four
18.00	Silver twenty-five

#### Bronze Barometer

19.00	Bronze eleven
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## Menu 2 July 2004

#### Lunch, served between 11.30 and 15.00

Bratwurst with stewed dill potatoes	70 kr
Vegetarian: Skewer with vegetables and potatoes	70 kr

#### 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

## Welcome to the Strange World of Rubber Bridge

While you were all enjoying the midsummer festivities, the editor, trying to shake off the disappointment of England's exit from Euro 2004, was in the office searching for material.

Looking for a black badge, I encountered one of Sweden's finest bridge playing exports, Gunnar Hallberg, who, wearing England's colours, reached the semi-final of the Maastricht Olympiad.

Gunnar is a formidable opponent, especially at the rubber bridge table, where it is money, not masterpoints that is at stake.

Take a look at this deal:

Dealer South. East/West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia			Hallberg
			3♠!
Pass	Pass	3NT	Dble!
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

It was Terence Reese who wrote that 'the pre-empt that is always weak is a blunt sword', and this is especially true at the rubber bridge table. Imagining you to have a weak hand your opponents frequently overbid and concede a penalty.

Gunnar is a master of this art, and for him both Three Spades and the subsequent Double were a matter of routine (although he confided that this type of bidding might incur the wrath of teammates!).

The mighty Zia Mahmood (who will be trying once more for that elusive first World title in the Istanbul Olympiad) could hardly stand the double and ran to what he hoped would be a safer spot. East should have bid 4NT, but no doubt delighted to have his partner at the helm raised him to game. North led the jack of spades, and three rounds of the suit enabled North to score the jack of clubs for one down.

If East had been allowed to play 3NT doubled, both he and his bank manager would have been much happier, as it is easy to make 12 tricks! Declarer wins the opening lead and cashes his minor-suit winners. South will be forced down to ♠A and ♥K5 and can be thrown in to lead into the heart tenace.



## Marita Tengå and Thomas Magnusson Spurred Free in the Mixed Pairs Championship

by Martin Nygren

Fifty kilometres cross-country skiing is the classical distance and a classical way to win it is to keep pace with your opponents for forty-five kilometres and then gear up to leave them all well behind you. The Mixed Pairs Championship did for most of the time look like a race between three pairs, but Marita Tengå/Thomas Magnusson broke free in the last set. Thomas Magnusson is probably better known under his nickname, "skidlöparn". The reason might be unclear to young people and foreigners, who might not remember the days when the Swedish cross-country skier Thomas Magnusson brought home honours. This year's Mixed Championship Pairs was the first Swedish Championship win for both Marita and Thomas.

Overnight leaders Anna and Johan Lundvall started well early on Thursday morning. Anna and Johan and collected some good scores from their conservative bidding style. Most players would have fancied a third in hand opening bid holding ♠ 5 ♥ A K 8 5 4 ♦ 8 6 5 4 3 K 2, but Anna passed and collected +200 when Hans Andersson became declarer in 1♥.

Board 66. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ A K 8 5 4 ♦ 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ K 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 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A J 7 2 ♣ A J 9 4	
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W		E										
	S											
♠ A K Q 8 ♥ Q J 9 6 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ Q 3		♠ J 7 6 4 3 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 10 ♣ 10 8 7 6 5										
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
A. Lundvall	H. Andersson	J. Lundvall	U. Brenning									
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass									

Thursday's second round saw a clash between two title contenders when Anna and Johan Lundvall faced Jenny Rudenstål/Arvid Wikner. The encounter ended in a draw, both sides declaring a 3 NT contract that should have been played in diamonds. Johan should have been in six and Jenny in two. After the first rounds of the morning set it looked like it was going to be a race between three pairs, Anna and Johan Lundvall, Jenny Rudenstål - Arvid Wikner and Marita Tengå/Thomas Magnusson.

Partscores often decide the outcome of pairs events, and one must not be afraid to bid spades whenever spades are called for to be bid. On Board 75 Thomas Magnusson and Marita Tengå found their spade fit on the rebound.

Board 75. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 8 4 2 ♥ K J 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ A J 10 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 J 10 7 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ Q 7 5 2	
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	S											
♠ K 9 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ J 10 9 7 ♣ 9 8 6 3		♠ 6 5 ♥ A 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ A Q 6 5 ♣ K										
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
Marita Tengå	Thomas Magnusson	1♥	2♦									
INT	Pass	Pass	2♠									
Pass	Pass	2♠	2♠									

South led the ace and another heart and Thomas made ten tricks after finessing both black suits. 170 earned him 46 out of 50 MPs; this time 2♦ would have been average but you will normally not get a good score if you allow the opponents to play in a partscore non-vulnerable.

On Board 81 I witnessed one of the most heroic bidding sequences that I have ever seen.

Board 81. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ K Q 7 4 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ 10 9 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K Q J 10 8 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ K 10 9 5 2 ♣ —	
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W		E										
	S											
♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ J 6 4 3		♠ 9 6 5 ♥ A 8 ♦ A 4 ♣ A K Q 8 7 2										
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
M. Tengå	G. Bratell	T. Magnusson	K. Rödén									
Pass	Pass	2♠*	3NT									
Pass	Pass	4♦	Dble									
Pass	4NT	4♦	Dble									

The opening bid showed five spades, at least four cards in another suit, and less than an opening hand. Thomas's decision to bid 4♦ looked like it was going to strike gold as 4♦ is cold, but North's timely sacrifice earned him 33 MPs when it turned out that E/W made game in the unbid heart suit.

Marita Tengå opened a natural 2♣ fourth in hand with ♠ J 10

6 2, ♥ A 10 8, ♦ 5, ♣ A Q J 10 3 and saw partner bid 2♠, non-forcing with five spades. The field did obviously take the view that this twelve count was a minimum hand, but I approve of Marita's 4♣ bid. If partner holds K Q 5 4 3 in spades and a doubleton heart game is on a club finesse. The club finesse did, however, not work which was good luck for Arvid Wikner and Jenny Rudenstål who had reached a partscore in spades

Board 85. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 6 2 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q J 10 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		♠ K Q 9 8 5 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ 8 6	♠ 7 4 3 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ A K 8 6 3 ♣ 5
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As Marita and Thomas only scored 3 MPs for 4♠ down two, there was an opportunity for Jenny and Arvid to open up a gap on Marita and Thomas. Their campaign did, however, suffer a dent on the next deal. Jenny held ♠ K J 5 2, ♥ Q J 2, ♦ T 5 2, ♣ J 8 5 and was on lead after the auction:

West	North	East	South
J. Rudenstål	S. Larsson	A. Wikner	J-O Andersson
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♦*
Pass	4♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♥*
			6♦

One Diamond meant that South had an opening hand but no better opening bid. The 2NT rebid showed 11-13 HCP and a balanced hand. My experience is that slams do not tend to wander



Thomas the cross-country skier Magnusson, Sweden

off by themselves but have to be defeated. The heart lead looks like the obvious choice to my eye, but there is a case for a small spade. Jenny led a small trump, which in my opinion is far too passive and declarer Jan-Olov Andersson made his contract by simply playing a small spade towards the queen.

Board 86. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

At the coffee break Jenny Rudenstål/Arvid Wikner were top of the table, with Marita Tengå/Thomas Magnusson in second place 29 MPs behind and Anna and Johan Lundvall another 22 MPs behind in third place. With twelve boards to go it did still look like a three horse race.

Who it was that would to collect the gold medals was probably decided on Boards 91 and 92. Marita Tengå and Thomas Magnusson played East/West against Anna and Johan Lundvall. On the first board Marita misguessed the trump suit but did still make her heart game. Somewhat surprisingly, that gave her 40 out 50 MPs.

Board 91. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
M. Tengå	J. Lundvall	T. Magnusson	A. Lundvall
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3♥ promised some values so there was no difficulty for Thomas to bid game. On the second board of the round Thomas demonstrated his skills in doubling the opponents in such a fashion that they did not run away to a better spot. Johan was first and opened a strong no trump with ♠ 8 7, ♥ K Q 5, ♦ 9 7 3, ♣ A K Q J 2, his partner Anna asked for majors with 2♣ and leaped into 3NT when he denied any four-card major with 2♦. Thomas, on lead against 3NT, doubled and I do believe that Johan should not have stayed put in 3NT doubled. East will no doubt have a running spade or dia-

mond suit. The safe bet would be to bid 4♣, but maybe he should have attempted a more daring 4♥. It might be that South has spades, but she will surely not pass 4♥ unless she has four of them, so if the worst comes to the worst South will be declaring 5♣.

Board 92. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 6 5 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ 9 7 4	N W     E S	♠ AKQJ 2 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A 10 6 3 ♣ A J 4 2 ♣ 8 6 5	♠ AKQJ 9 4 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 10 3
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Two off and 500 to E/W meant that Marita Tengå and Thomas Magnusson had taken the lead with 30 MPs, a position that they were going to remain in. Meanwhile, Gunilla Sundberg and Krister Ahlesved had done well to march up into contention for the silver medals. With four boards to go, Krister picked up ♠ A Q 10 9 3 2, ♥ 9 6, ♦ K, ♣ A K 9 7 and opened a natural 1♠. Left hand opponent overcalled 2♦ and Krister reopened with a double. This might look simple enough and turned out to be a far better idea than the popular choice of 2♠. Gunilla bid 3♣ which became the final contract and was made with an overtrick.

Board 99. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 4 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 4	N W     E S	♠ 8 7 6 5 ♥ K Q J 5 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q J	♠ — ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ 8 7 6 2 ♣ 10 8 6 5 3 2
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Ulla von Schlanbusch	Gunilla Sundberg	Johan Arvidsson	Krister Ahlesved
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	Dble
Pass			Pass

On the next hand E/W had no more ambitions than 3 NT which meant that Gunilla and Krister scored 81 out of 100 MPs. Their competitors for the silver medals, Jenny Rudenstål and Arvid Wikner, sat E/W and kept even better pace by scoring

eleven tricks in 4♥ and bidding the excellent grand slam. Going into the last round Krister and Gunilla were 1 MP ahead of Jenny and Arvid. On the first board Jenny and Arvid bid a thin slam that Jenny played on the odds rather than the actual hand. Anyone will play the queen of spades from hand having seen all 52 cards, but almost everyone will cross to the ace and play a small towards the queen-ten at the table.

Board 101. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 10 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ J 2	N W     E S	♠ K J 5 ♥ 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ K J 4 ♣ 4 3	♠ Q 10 7 6 4 ♥ A K J ♦ 5 ♣ K 9 8 7
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
			♠ A 8 2
			♥ 10 7
			♦ A Q 6
			♣ A Q 10 6 5

Krister had the chance to win the silver medals on the last board, but that would have taken some heroics. He held ♠ A 4, ♥ J 10 9 8 7 2, ♦ 9, ♣ Q J 10 5 and did not, vulnerable against not, compete over 2♠. That seems to be a sound decision, but the fact is that he would have been second instead of third if he had competed at the three-level.

Final ranking

- |   |  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|
| 1 | 2962,8 Marita Tengå - Thomas Magnusson     | BK S:t Erik - Näsby BS |
| 2 | 2878,3 Jenny Rudenstål - Arvid Wikner      | BK S:t Erik - ABB BK   |
| 3 | 2864,8 Gunilla Sundberg - Krister Ahlesved | BK Svanslös            |
| 4 | 2803,2 Anna Lundvall - Johan Lundvall      | Filbyter Bridge        |
| 5 | 2796,9 Margareta Ehlin - Lars-Göran Ehlin  | Gävle BK               |

Marita Tengå and Jenny Rudenstål are regular partners and I am pretty sure that Jenny cannot wait to get her revenge. They would no doubt have been favourites in the Women's Pairs, but Jenny is going to attend a wedding.



The Winners of the Mixed Pairs Championship

# Revenge for Hvalba 1544

by Svend Novrup

In 1544 Portuguese pirates attacked the small harbour of Hvalba in the Faroe Islands and kidnapped several of its beautiful women. On Wednesday the islanders finally had their revenge when they won 25-0 (96-8) in the Open series of these championships.

Well, nothing personal, and congratulations to Portugal's berth in the final of the European soccer championships, but it is a big event for the Faroe Islands to be able to report these results home in consecutive rounds: Portugal 25-0, San Marino 25-1, Czech Republic 19-11 — and of course we hope to continue our record streak (the team never before won three matches in a row) against Serbia, Italy, and bye — but the last match is, unfortunately, the only one to guarantee 18 VPs!

The match against Portugal was played by the two 21 year old youngsters, Högni and Gunnar, together with Per and Balle. The latter pair fielding the round's best Butler-scoring. One very good hand was this:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Per</i>		<i>Balle</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

4NT was quantitative with 4-4 in the majors.

## EBL Seniors Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held in the EBL meeting room on the 2nd floor on Saturday 3 July at 13.30, immediately after play finishes

### Agenda

- 1 The 2004 Senior Teams Championship — Malmö
- 2 The 2004 World Senior Bowl — Istanbul
- 3 Future Senior events
- 4 Change of age Regulations
- 5 Any other business

*Göran Mattsson - Chairman*

West opened ♦9 denying an honour, and the ♦10 was looking very friendly! Declarer cashed ♣KQ and led a heart to the queen and ace (it is better to duck but not so easy to do so). Another diamond to king and ace, and four red tricks followed, the situation before the last being:

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

East/West were caught in a non-simultaneous double squeeze when East had to let go a spade on ♥10 while West had a similar dilemma two tricks later when the ♣A was cashed from the South hand; 12 tricks and 11 IMPs as the contract was 3NT with 11 tricks in the other room.

Of course you need some luck to win by 96-8. Like on this board:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Per</i>		<i>Balle</i>
3♠	Pass!	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Down two, 500 to Portugal. In the other room, Högni in the West chair succeeded in suppressing his spade suit twice with an amazing result. North opened 3NT which was passed out. Gunnar cashed five heart tricks and switched to spades. That was down 8 for 800 to Faroe Islands. Not bad at all.

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