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SIX IN A ROW FOR ITALY

They won in Vilamoura, Montecatini, Malta, Tenerife and Salsomaggiore, and now by winning here in Malmö Italy, represented by Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresea Lavazza, NPC and Massimo Ortesi, Coach, breaks its own record by winning the European Open Team Championship for the sixth time in a row, Italy's eighteenth victory overall.

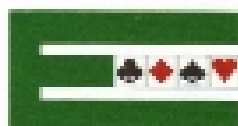
It is Lorenzo Lauria's sixth victory, and he joins Kenneth Konstam in second place on the all time list, four victories behind the legendary Giorgio Belladonna.

Norberto Bocchi & Giorgio Duboin becomes the first pair to achieve five consecutive wins, while Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes are experiencing the thrill of their first.

Sweden: Johan Sylvan, PO Sundelin, Peter Fredin, Magnus Lindqvist, Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nyström Jan Kamras, NPC, Per-Ola Cullin & Tobias Törnqvist, Assistants, are the runners-up.

Poland: Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Apolinary Kowalski, Piotr Tuszynski, Bartosz Churmski, Mariusz Puczynski, Wojtek Siwiec, NPC, just pipped Russia for the last place on the podium.

England came back from a disastrous start to earn a first ever appearance in the Bermuda Bowl, leaving the Netherlands in limbo.





The Nils Jensen European Senior Teams Championship goes to Denmark: Georg Norris, Steen Møller, Peter Lund, Jens Auken, Dahl Flemming PC, they are joined on the podium by Poland: Jacek Korpetta, Janusz Radecki, Kazimierz Omernik, Krzysztof Sikorski, Janusz C. Nowak NPC, Wlodek Stobiecki Coach, and France: Paul Chemla, José Damiani, Albert Faigenbaum, Christian Mari, Jean-Louis Stoppa, François Stretz, Yves Aubry NPC.

Germany takes the fourth Senior Bowl spot in Estoril.

Israel were convincing winners of Senior Teams B Final.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS FINAL A

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	GERMANY	DENMARK	31 - 32	15 - 15
42	FRANCE	ITALY	60 - 34	21 - 9
43	POLAND	ENGLAND	39 - 21	19 - 11
44	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	18 - 32	12 - 18



SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS FINAL B

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
45	ISRAEL	NORWAY	12 - 45	7 - 23
46	CZECH REP.	SCOTLAND	52 - 6	25 - 5
47	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	49 - 12	24 - 6
48	WALES	IRELAND	43 - 40	16 - 12

Malmö Mässan

Agreed, it rained. So let us enter the convention centre and stay there. Have you ever played a better organized event? Thanks to the Swedish Federation that started planning this combined Championship and Festival years ago, the answer probably is 'no'. The centre seemed designed for this Championship, with exactly the space as we needed, a nice theatre, adequate lobby, all the offices nearby. By just naming Micke Melander this isn't fair to the others in the Swedish staff, but I will congratulate them personally. It is really nice to work with Micke, he gets involved and delegates when necessary. Let me add one name: Tomas Brenning, a keen and dedicated software genius. Thanks to his work we made an important step forward, with all the forms printed on the spot with all the information we needed. This should be continued. And we are working together to accomplish a next phase where the data from all matches will be sent directly from the playing tables to the vugraph and scoring room using radiographic transmission. That will make it possible to follow the running score of matches in real time and in pairs events to have the score within minutes after finishing play.

For me Malmö will be the event where we entered a new phase in upgrading the quality of our Championships. Rain, what are you talking about?

Ton Kooijman

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 33

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	BYE		18 - 0
2	ITALY	DENMARK	18 - 61	6 - 24
3	FAROE ISL.	FRANCE	54 - 59	14 - 16
4	CZECH REP.	ICELAND	12 - 50	7 - 23
5	SAN MARINO	ENGLAND	2 - 66	3 - 25
6	PORTUGAL	GERMANY	36 - 61	10 - 20
7	IRELAND	HUNGARY	15 - 54	7 - 23
8	ISRAEL	GREECE	15 - 68	5 - 25
9	NORWAY	POLAND	17 - 67	5 - 25
10	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	37 - 19	19 - 11
11	SPAIN	BULGARIA	25 - 68	6 - 24
12	SCOTLAND	LATVIA	33 - 70	7 - 23
13	SWITZERLAND	ROMANIA	35 - 17	19 - 11
14	SWEDEN	WALES	31 - 32	15 - 15
15	CROATIA	BELGIUM	31 - 40	13 - 17
16	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	18 - 27	13 - 17
17	LITHUANIA	SERBIA/MONT.	31 - 58	9 - 21

Warsaw 2006

Don't believe everything you read in the Bulletin! The statement in the report on Friday's Press Conference, contained misleading information about the 2006 Championships. However, you can rely on the following:

The European Championships will take place in Warsaw 12-26 August 2006.

EBL President's Farewell

Mr President of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani, Mr Mayor, Kjell-Arne Landgren, Mr President of the Swedish Bridge Federation, Mats Qviberg, Authorities, dear colleagues, dear friends,

The curtain falls on the 47th European Championships. Two weeks have passed since the start of this event and these were two weeks that saw you as protagonists of these competitions, conducted with loyalty in an atmosphere of extraordinary fair play and friendship. These are, as you know, the real characteristics of sport, of our sport, bridge.

Success in a championship is very important and represents the objective of all competitors, but results can have high and low points, like in any other area of life. What is really important is friendship, serenity, the pleasure of being together, and enjoying ourselves all together. In my opening speech I promised that we would demonstrate our values and we did this.

We showed the world that sport and bridge values are stronger than any destabilizing action and can defeat any attempt at division or discrimination.

This year at these Championships we introduced new technology in transmitting results and I believe that this is a great development and that we are heading in the right direction. Of course this was the first time and we had to face some problems, which I am sure will be resolved next time. Furthermore, thanks to our friends from Swan, Bridge Base Online and e-bridge, we were able to transmit five different matches of every round, which were followed online by thousands and thousands of people all over the world. I believe that this is another important goal in developing bridge and its image.

I hope you had a pleasant stay in this lovely city even though the weather wasn't always kind to us. This magnificent venue, Malmö Mässan, has been perfect for all our needs, both as players and staff. I wish to thank the Swedish Federation, the Organising Committee, our sponsor friends who allowed us to run this Championship machine successfully, and the City of Malmö, which welcomed us with great warmth and friendship. I am pleased to award the Mayor of Malmö, Mr Kjell-Arne Landgren, with the EBL plaque.

If the greater part of the success of this event goes to you, the players, we have to give credit also to the truly amazing work of the staff, whose enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism deserve your applause. It is my pleasure now to introduce to you some extraordinary people, asking them to stand up to receive your applause.

My dear friend and colleague, Championship Chairman, Micke Melander; Lars Persson, the On-site Organiser; Katarina

Singman, the Venue Facilities Manager; Ton Kooijman, the indefatigable Manager of the European Championships; Ghigo Ferrari, the Championship Director; the Appeal Committee chaired by Jens Auken, Bill Pencharz and Jean-Claude Beineix; the Tournament Directors led by Antonio Riccardi and Max Bavin; the IT Services Managers, Gianni Baldi and Tomas Brenning with Laila Leonhardt; the staff of Technological and VuGraph Services led by Gianni Bertotto and Chicco Battistone; the Line-Up staff led by Jan Louwerse; Grattan Endicott, the Manager of the Convention Cards Desk and his assistant, Daniel Auby; Silvia Valentini, Marijke Blanken-Burgers, Åsa Andersson, Björn Gustafsson and the staff of the Information and Hospitality desks; the Anti-doping and Medical officers, Yves Aubry and Paolo Gabriele; Fulvio Colizzi and his colleagues in the Main Office; Jan Swann and his assistants in the Press Room; Jean-Paul Meyer, Mark Horton and all the journalists and technicians of the Daily Bulletin;

Panos Gerontopoulos and the operators of the EBL Internet Services; the VuGraph Commentators, Barry Rigal, Guido Ferraro, Jan van Cleeff, Hans Werge and also the great Paul Chemla; Monica Gorreri and the Duplication staff; the EBL Secretariat with Christina, Micaela, Livia and Andrea; the Treasury staff, Marc De Pauw, Federica Zorzoli and Dirk De Clercq; the Scorers' and Caddies' Services led by Roger Olsson, and the General Services led by Leif Geremyr; the Lavazza team, who with kindness and charm offered us about one hundred thousands coffees and teas over the past two weeks, thanks to our great friend, the Lavazza Company. Last but not least, Patrick Jourdain and the IBPA Officers and journalists, our precious companions on our journey in developing bridge.

I am sure I have forgotten someone..... ah, of course, let me reintroduce our superb Master of Ceremonies, Anna Maria Torlontano, and her partner in crime, Christer Cedergren.

Dear friends, dear players, tonight we will celebrate the victory of all of you. In events like this one here in Malmö there are no losers. Congratulations to all of you players, the true protagonists of this event. This evening is for you. And we are here to thank and honour you. I hope you enjoyed the Championship, will have a very pleasant evening tonight, and once home will have happy memories of this event.

Now the next great meeting is in Istanbul for the Olympiad and I hope to see you, all of you, there, showing once again our firm and resolute response to all the negative events taking place in the world.

Thank you for your attention. I wish you a safe journey home and 'un abbraccio' to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona - EBL President



OPEN TEAMS RANKING FINAL RANKING

1	ITALY	657.00
2	SWEDEN	614.50
3	POLAND	590.50
4	RUSSIA	589.50
5	ENGLAND	586.00
6	NETHERLANDS	583.00
7	TURKEY	561.00
8	GERMANY	557.00
9	DENMARK	545.00
10	FRANCE	545.00
11	ICELAND	538.50
12	GREECE	526.50
13	BELGIUM	524.50
14	ISRAEL	516.00
15	FINLAND	511.50
16	BULGARIA	496.50
17	NORWAY	484.00
18	AUSTRIA	477.00
19	CROATIA	474.50
20	HUNGARY	474.00
21	SCOTLAND	467.00
22	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	456.00
23	SWITZERLAND	446.00
24	WALES	443.50
25	LATVIA	442.00
26	ROMANIA	426.00
27	SPAIN	425.50
28	IRELAND	421.50
29	PORTUGAL	408.50
30	LITHUANIA	383.50
31	CZECH REP.	382.00
32	FAROE ISLANDS	381.00
33	SAN MARINO	287.50

WOMEN'S TEAMS FINAL RANKING

1	SWEDEN	402.00
2	NETHERLANDS	395.00
3	FRANCE	377.00
4	AUSTRIA	370.00
5	ISRAEL	361.50
6	GERMANY	358.00
7	ENGLAND	347.00
8	FINLAND	344.00
9	POLAND	343.00
10	SPAIN	333.00
11	NORWAY	332.00
12	ITALY	319.00
13	TURKEY	309.00
14	DENMARK	304.00
15	CZECH REP.	291.50
16	IRELAND	290.00
17	HUNGARY	275.00
18	SCOTLAND	274.00
19	CROATIA	260.00
20	ICELAND	218.00
21	FAROE ISLANDS	180.00
22	LEBANON	179.00

SENIOR TEAMS FINAL RANKING - FINAL A

1	DENMARK	397.00
2	POLAND	382.10
3	FRANCE	381.00
4	GERMANY	377.00
5	SWEDEN	372.00
6	ITALY	365.00
7	NETHERLANDS	330.50
8	ENGLAND	328.00

SENIOR TEAMS FINAL RANKING - FINAL B

1	ISRAEL	357.00
2	NORWAY	341.00
3	CZECH REP.	318.50
4	SCOTLAND	302.40
5	FINLAND	302.00
6	SWITZERLAND	274.00
7	WALES	230.00
8	IRELAND	133.00

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Sweden v Netherlands

Round 19

As the Women's Championship neared its conclusion, Sweden faced Netherlands in a match that might at the very least go a long way towards deciding the destination of the medals.

but West thought it was for take-out. When the smoke had cleared the Swedish pair had collected +1100.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Dble	INT*
2♦	Dble	All Pass	Pass

INT 8-11

It looks to me as if the Dutch women had a misunderstanding that you would not expect to happen at this level of competition, as East was doubling for the lead over North's Stayman,



Catharina Forsberg, Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
2♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

This normal result, +450, cost 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a club, and declarer went up with the ace and played a heart to the queen. When that held she crossed to the king of diamonds and then fatally played the three of diamonds to dummy's ace. She played a heart to the jack, but when that held the blockage in diamonds meant there was no way back to dummy to lead towards the king of hearts. The contract had to go one down; a careless -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This time declarer made no mistake, winning the ace of clubs, crossing to a top diamond and then unblocking the nine on the way back to dummy for another heart lead towards the closed hand. South speeded things up by going in with the ace, so de-

clarer claimed nine tricks for +400 and a deserved 10 IMPs.

So far it had been all Sweden, ahead 36-2 IMPs, but this Dutch team is very resilient, as the Swedish women were about to discover.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

2♣ 8+, five plus cards

I cannot tell you why South did not start with Two Diamonds — a natural bid according to the system notes. What is sure is that a big wheel came off on this particular deal, declarer going two down; -500.

For my money, North should have bid 3NT over Three Diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

The Dutch were probably surprised that their +130 on this deal was worth 12 IMPs.

I imagine you would like to reach 3NT on these cards, not because it is such a great contract, but you have the values, and attack is easier than defence.

Suppose East leads a heart. You win, and the technical line is a diamond to the ten, a play you may be reluctant to make as if it loses you will surely go down. So, you try a club to the ten. West wins the queen and plays a heart. You win, and now play a diamond. It will be very difficult for East to play the ace, so you win in dummy with the queen and try a low club. East wins perforce and can play a third heart, but you win and cash the winning clubs. On the last one East will be down to ♠K10♥J♦AJ♣ — and have no good discard.

I know of at least one declarer who played this way — a certain lady from Germany!

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
		1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

There was no defence to Four Hearts. Declarer won the spade lead in hand, crossed to the ace of hearts, felling the king, and played a club. South put up the queen and declarer took the ace, cashed the queen of hearts, unblocked the jack of clubs and played a diamond. The defenders were helpless; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
		1♣	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Two Spades was not a great spot. A slightly soft defence allowed declarer to escape for one down; -50, but still a gain of 9 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
1♣	1♠	2♥	All Pass

Two Hearts was an eminently sensible spot, and declarer emerged with nine tricks; +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
1♣	INT	2♥	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♣ Diamonds

This contract would have had no chance if East had led from her six-card suit, but she not unreasonably tried the ace of clubs. The blockage meant it was too late to switch to hearts and she continued with two more rounds of clubs. Declarer won and played her winning diamonds. On the last, West, down to ♠KQ ♥A♦—♣93, was squeezed. She elected to throw a spade, so declarer had a not unfortunate +430 and 11 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
Pass	2NT*	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	6♦



Jet Pasman, The Netherlands

If my interpretation is correct, this looks like a Lebensohl sequence where South showed extras, and spades were agreed via some cuebids followed by a key card ask.

When East led her singleton diamond declarer's problems were solved almost immediately. She took the ten with the jack, drew trumps and played the queen of diamonds. In due course she could discard a heart on the nine of diamonds; +1430.

The Swedish pair in the Open Room did not bid the slam, so 13 IMPs to Netherlands, who had recovered so well that they now led 47-36.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Gronkist	Arnolds	Forsberg
Pass	2♥*	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass		Pass	5♥

The Swedish pair had a good look, but stopped short of slam. West led the two of hearts and declarer won in dummy and cashed the top spades; +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Pasman	Midskog	Simons
Pass	2♥*	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♣

Once again the opening lead was the two of hearts and declarer won with the queen of hearts and cashed the ace of spades. When the jack appeared on her right she came to hand with a club and ran the ten of spades. Restricted choice was wrong this time; -50 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

A 15-15 VP draw left both teams in with a chance of the gold medal.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 32

Poland v Turkey

by Jos Jacobs

Friday's last round was the penultimate one for the Open Series, but it would also be the final round in the Women's series. The most interesting match in the Open no doubt was Poland v Turkey, as either team might qualify if it scored a big win. Poland were in fourth spot, 6.5 VP ahead of England and the Netherlands, and 17.5 VP ahead of seventh-placed Turkey, whom they were playing. Earlier in the day, both teams had done well with two good wins each.

A gambling 3NT opening by Atabey was brilliantly converted by his partner on Board 1:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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		S									
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♣ 5 2		♣ J 8									

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

♠ 5 4 3 2	
♥ A Q J 8 3 2	
♦ K	
♣ 7 4	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
All Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣

Had Zmudzinski led one of his aces, this contract would have been quickly one down. When he led a trump, however, declarer seized his chance immediately. He won the lead, finessed in hearts, drew some more trumps and repeated the heart finesse. When this held again, he claimed all the tricks for a score of +440 to Turkey.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
3♦	3♣	Pass	Pass
	4♣	All Pass	

This North hand looks more suitable for any pre-emptive action than for a disciplined 2♣ Precision-style opening bid, but their discipline led the Poles to the proper contract this time. Also, it made it easier for East to find a good lead but, when West won the ♦6 lead with the ace and returned a trump, Puczynski still had 12 tricks; Poland +170 but Turkey 7 IMPs to take an early lead.

On Board 5, both teams had a chance to score:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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♦ 5	♦ J 10 7 4										
♣ K 9 4 3		♣ 10 6 2									

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

When Zmudzinski led the ♣3, Kolata ran this to his jack. With the help of a repeated club finesse ten tricks were easy enough, even when the diamonds did not break; Turkey +630.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
All Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT



Yalcin Atabey, Turkey

In the Open Room, Zorlu made the same opening lead and thus paved the way for Chmurski to make nine tricks as well; Poland +600 and just 1 IMP to Turkey to lead 11-0.

The interesting point in the hand is the lead. Of course, long-reigning European champion Alfredo Versace for Italy simply led a spade against Zlotov's 3NT, for a swing of 12 IMPs in that match.

On Board 7, Turkish science beat Polish inspiration:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Atabey led the ♠5 to king and ace. Declarer ruffed a heart and took the losing club finesse. Atabey then cashed the ♠Q and exited with a trump. When declarer led his singleton diamond,



Cezary Balicki, Poland

Atabey rose with the ace to lead another trump. This way, declarer could only come to nine tricks for +200 to Turkey.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

2♠ showed an enormous club fit, but Zorlu was not interested. On less accurate defence he made an overtrick; Turkey another +130 and 8 IMPs to lead 16-0.

On the next board, Poland finally got off the Schneider:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
1♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When West led the ♥AK and got off play with a diamond, Kolata won the ace and simply cashed the ♠AK. This works if trumps are 3-2 and clubs 3-3, with the outside chance of a possible correct view in the suit. A better line may well be available, certainly on this deal but, as it was, Kolata went one light and Poland scored +50.

In the Open Room, the smoke screen laid by Assael backfired:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Nobody knew what was going on, but the contract was the relative disaster Assael surely had been hoping for, as game to the opposition looked pretty sure on his cards. Zorlu managed three tricks for a score of +250 and 7 IMPs to Poland, who trailed 7-16 now.

After a number of flat boards, Board 13 lived up to its reputation:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

You have to defend well to beat this, but for Balicki this was no problem. Zmudzinski led the ♦K, won by declarer's ace. Kolata then played the ♠10 to dummy's king, smoothly ducked by Balicki. A club was led off the board now, but Balicki rose with the queen and led the ♥J. Kolata won the ace and played a spade to the jack, queen and ace. Balicki continued another club, but the ensuing cross-ruff was not enough to come to nine tricks as Zmudzinski could ruff dummy's spade winner; one down, Poland +200.



Suleyman Kolata, Turkey

In the Italy v Russia match, 3♥ doubled came home on the lead of the ♦K when Lauria forgot to lead his ♥J when he first got the lead. As 3NT went one off in the other room, this brought Russia a 12-IMP swing on their way to beating the new champions.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Dble	3♦
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At this table, the Turks also got the chance to double 3♥ and beat it but Zorlu, expecting a stronger dummy, chose 3NT instead. On a heart lead, he had to lose four hearts and the ♦A for one down, 100 more to Poland or 7 IMPs. The score now stood at 20-14 to Turkey.

A few more quiet boards followed, but near the end some action boards came along:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After INT, Kolata did not overcall, vulnerable against not. As a consequence he was confronted with a nasty lead problem against 3NT shortly afterwards. His choice of the ♣A was aimed at beating the contract out of hand, but it did not work, even less so when Atabey obligingly unblocked his ♣Q; ten tricks and Poland +430.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
		INT	2♣
3NT	All Pass		

In the other room, Chmurski did overcall and made the alternative natural lead of the ♣6. This worked to perfection when partner produced the ♣Q and another, so the contract was quickly one down for Poland +50 and 10 IMPs to go into the lead 26-24.

And:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Atabey	Balicki	Kolata
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On this auction, it was difficult for North to judge the full value of his ♣J, so the slam was missed. 6NT is best, as it needs one minor to break decently, but 6♣ would be a very good second choice. Twelve tricks meant Turkey +490.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Puczynski	Assael	Chmurski
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

When Chmurski bid and rebid his good suit, even suppressing the spades, Puczynski did well to show some support with 4♣ over 3NT. After that, Chmurski could not possibly go wrong any more, so the slam was duly reached; Poland +940 for a gain of another 10 IMPs.

On the last board, Poland got 2 more IMPs to clinch a 38-24 or 18-12 VP victory. Their chances for qualification were still very much alive with only one more match to be played.

A Matter of Routine

In Bulletin 12 the report on the match between France & Netherlands in the Women's series refers to a routine Grand Slam on Board 2. You may wish to dispute that comment when you see the deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 3 2 ♥ — ♦ AKQ98752 ♣ A 6 4	<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	♠ J 10 6 4 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 4 ♣ K 10 8 7 5 2	♠ AQ875 ♥ AJ6542 ♦ J 3 ♣ —
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S						
		♠ K 9 ♥ K Q 9 8 7 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q J 9 3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Hoogweg	D'Ovidio	VanZwol
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The East hand is an old chestnut, which suit to open? (Here I would like to mention an idea of our co-ordinator, Jean Paul Meyer, to open 1♥ and rebid 3♣, suggesting a limited 5-6 hand.) Put it to a bidding panel and they will divide 50/50.

West could be sure 5♣ promised a void — no Blackwood, but unless East was 5-5-3-0 there would be no guarantee of 13 tricks.

North led the seven of clubs and declarer was soon claiming all the tricks; + 940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Cronier	Pasman	Willard
		1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Here West was able to make an old fashioned force. When she made two cuebids in clubs East felt she had enough to try for the maximum bonus.

The spotlight was on North, would she find the killing trump lead?

It was a red card...but it had a heart symbol on it; +1440.

So, there you have it, a routine grand slam.

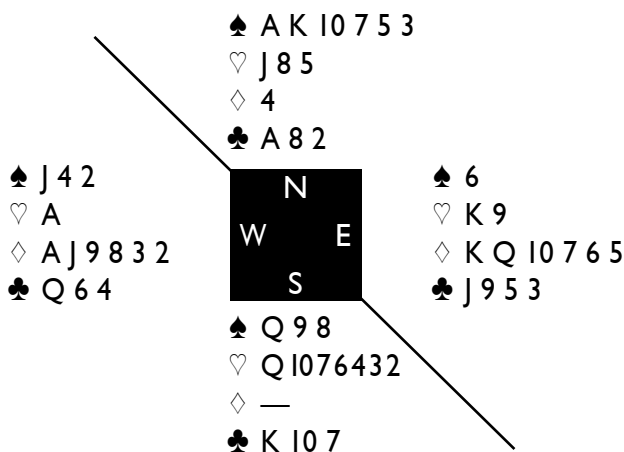
Appeal No. 7 England v Belgium

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Daniel Auby (Scribe, Sweden), Maria Erhart (Austria), Anton Maas (the Netherlands), Jean-Paul Meyer (France)

Open Teams Round 19

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
A. Labaere	Ju. Hackett	V. Labaere	Ja. Hackett
5♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
All Pass		Pass	5♥

Contract:

Five Hearts, played by South

Result:

11 tricks, N/S +450

Present:

All players and both captains

The Facts:

East called the director when the tray came back to her with the 5♥ bid, complaining about South's 5♦ bid after a hesitation by North.

The Director:

Told East that her side was not the proper side for calling the director about a hesitation on her side and told them to finish the play of the hand. When the play of the board was about to end the director went back to the table and when play finished East/West started a conversation in French, after which West called for the director with the same complaint as East had made. West stated it took 20 seconds for the tray to return. North/South were asked if they agreed upon this and they did. East said nothing. The director ruled that when East called for the director their

side forfeited their rights as non-offending pair.

Ruling:

Result Stands

Relevant Laws:

Law 16A1

Conditions of Contest (CoC) C1.3

WBF Code of Practice "action behind screens"

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players and both captains

The Players:

The Captain of East/West stated that his players were not aware of the rule that it was West that should call for the director in this situation. There is nothing about it in the Rules & Regulations. From the bidding South knows that it is North who is the one who had caused the delay. The captain further added that they did not agree about the 20 seconds, they thought it was more.

East confirmed this, saying it took more than 20 seconds.

South stated that the director had asked about the delay and he had said 20 seconds; that the director then asked West who had agreed with this and that East said nothing about the length of the delay.

South told the Committee that it is theoretically incorrect to act on round one with pre-emptive values. West's 5♦ bid normally indicates a distributional hand, or he would have bid 3NT. 5♥ appeared to be a normal bid to South.

The Committee:

Based upon the director's examination of the facts the delay was considered to have been 20 seconds. The question was if, under the circumstances, and according to the regulations, this was a break of tempo or not.

The CoC C1.3 states:

A delay of the bidding tray on one side of the screen of up to 15 seconds (at any time during the auction and whether or not out of tempo) shall not give rise to any inference of unauthorized information. Players are advised to vary the time the tray is passed so that pauses up to 15 seconds (or perhaps longer in unexpected situations) may be considered not to convey information.

This regulation was changed in 2003 in accordance with the WBF General Conditions of Contest and now has the following wording:

During the auction, when playing with screens, a breach of tempo may be identified by the slowness or speed with which the tray is returned. The players who receive the tray are the ones who can speak to any abnormality. Consequently it is an infraction if a player on the side of the screen where the breach occurred is the first to draw attention to it and the player forfeits for his side its non-offending status. It is not considered that a delay of some 20 seconds is sufficient to convey unauthorized information.

Unfortunately this changed wording was not printed in the CoC for Malmö. This mistake was mentioned at the captains' meeting before play in the championships began. The captains were told that the latter wording would apply in these Championships. The correct wording was read to all the captains.

The Appeals Committee appreciated these facts and confirmed that the EBL is entitled to make such a change to the CoC, but found it unfortunate that the correct wording was not handed out in writing to the teams.

According to the rules and regulations for the Championships the WBF Code of practice applies. The latter says:

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

The Committee found that the auction was not complicated, but to some extent competitive.

Taking into consideration:

- that a delay of some 20 seconds on one side of the screen is not sufficient to convey Unauthorized Information according to the regulations;
- that none of the other regulations concerning Unauthorized Information is in opposition to this rule.

A majority (3-2) of the Committee found that there had been no Unauthorized Information given.

The minority found that there had been Unauthorized Information because of the unclarity of the regulations.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld

Deposit:

Returned

Comment:

Because a delay of some 20 seconds is not enough to convey Unauthorized Information, it is especially important that players generally vary the time the tray is passed.

Statistics of the Appeals Committee

In Malmö, there have been 11 Appeals and one special hearing. Seven cases were heard from the Open series, four from the Women's and one from the Seniors.

A total of 14 different members were used, but every single Committee consisted of five persons.

The ruling by the Tournament Directors were changed in only two cases, and the deposit was kept twice.

The Board-Appeal-Ratio (BAR) was 0.33 appeals per 1000 boards played, which is the lowest it has ever been at European Teams Championships, but which is in line with Menton, where the BAR was 0.32.

Left on Play

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Mike Tedd has returned to international bridge after a 20 year lay-off caused by his job as Vice-Principal of Aberystwyth University, and a family now grown-up. His partner, John Salisbury, had a break of only 12 years due to family. But they made a successful return to the Welsh squad for this season's Camrose Home Internationals and Malmo.

This deal from Round 27 of the Open when Wales met Serbia & Montenegro is evidence that Tedd's technique is as sound as ever:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ratcliff	Radojevic	Jourdain	Malovic
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Savljic	Tedd	Kikic	Salisbury
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room the Serbian pair did not mention the spade suit, and stopped in a partscore that struggled home on a spade lead from East. Declarer had four spades, two hearts and a diamond in top tricks, and with East having only one entry left, was able to come to an extra trick however West defended.

The stakes were higher at the other table where Tedd had opened. West had doubled for a diamond lead and East dutifully led the ten. Tedd knew the king was offside and withheld the queen, winning in hand with the ace. He began with a heart, and West won to switch to a trump: nine, ten ace. Declarer unblocked the heart jack, returned to dummy with a trump and threw his losing diamond on the king of hearts.

The bad news was the suit did not break, the good news was East could not ruff. So now declarer ruffed the fourth heart, returned to dummy with club ruff, and led the fifth heart in a position where South, West and North each had one trump left.

West was forced to ruff (or declarer has his ten tricks on a cross-ruff). Tedd now simply threw a club from hand, and when West tried to exit with the ace of clubs, he threw a diamond from dummy, refusing to ruff again. Now he could show his cards for West was endplayed. Another club lead would give declarer a free ruffing finesse, and a diamond would be away from the king. The queen of diamonds was declarer's tenth trick.

Wales won the match 20-10.

FULVIO FANTONI A TRUE GENTLEMAN OF THE BLUE TEAM

Born in Grosseto 9th November 1963, Fulvio has a degree in Economics, married and father to an eight year-old child called Luca. He has a membership card to the Tennis Club Parioli Angelini in Rome. One of the strongest Italian Juniors, in this category he won two National teams championships (85 - 86) and two pairs (85 - 88). Together with his partner, Claudio Nunes, he has won the Italian Championship Cup five times (95 - 96 - 2001 - 2003 - 2004) and the main Italian Open team championship three times (93 - 95 - 2003). World team reigning champion (Montreal 2002), in the last two years he has reached prestigious results, always paired up with Claudio Nunes, in numerous international high level championships, as the American Nationals, where he added weight to the team Henner-Welland, or at the Cavendish in Las Vegas. In Rome (2003) he gained with the Angelini team the EBL Cup. His debut in a national open team event was the Bermuda Bowl in Monte Carlo (2003) Hobbies: Playing tennis and on-line bridge



How do you become World Pairs Champion?

With great understanding and an efficient system, interesting and already tested. Moreover, Claudio and I have been playing together for some time and we have devoted ourselves full-time to bridge. This has, by far, improved our performance.

Until four years ago, you had your own fiscal and financial consultant company, and bridge was only a little more than a passion, then you made the big decision to give it all up, and to devote yourself entirely to this sport. Do you have any regrets?

Looking at the results achieved, undoubtedly no! However there are two negative aspects: first of all, long periods away from my son and losing touch with all of my friends from the club, to whom I am profoundly attached.

To play well at bridge, do you necessarily need to be intelligent or do you need to have a specific gene?

I am convinced that it is best to have simply a famous gene! Being a good player does not imply, alas, also being an intelligent person.

An affectionate relationship works if ...

If there is complicity and understanding, two aspects which can be present only if you have the luck to meet a woman, above all

intelligent, but also sweet, patient and understanding.

Which characteristics should your ideal partner have?

First of all he must be particularly quick, because otherwise we would not be able to finish the rounds in time. Then I must enjoy myself. It is important, for me, to get pleasure when playing. Between a very strong player who bores me or does not create a serene atmosphere and another one who is technically inferior but with whom I enjoy myself, I have no doubts.

Let's talk about your famous slowness, is it strategic or is it spontaneous?

Absolutely spontaneous: Not even one match point should be lost. Therefore, I think of all the possible solutions and some times there are infinite solutions!

You are renowned to be a true gentleman; at the table is it an advantage or a disadvantage?

Let's say that at the table it is, but up to a certain point: if, for example, someone does not respect the rules, I immediately make them change their ideas!

And in life?

The exaggerated availability in life, is often a disadvantage, however if you are in a certain way you cannot change on command. If someone disappoints me, you can be sure I will change attitude.

Use three adjectives to describe yourself

Serene, available, thoughtful.

And now define your team partners

Everyone believes Norberto to be touchy: it is not true, he is just misunderstood!; Alfredo is the 'defendant', as the 'Gazzetta dello Sport' has correctly so defined him; Claudio is the 'human calculator', he is able to transform even numbers into deep thoughts; Giorgino is the 'reflexive' even when there is not much to reflect on; Lorenzo is for all of us the 'magnificent' ... easy to say when you play in pairs with Versace!

What would you like to change about yourself?

Nothing, I like all my good and bad qualities. Thinking twice, what I would like to change is my... size!

Your imperturbability is broken only by: ...

By rudeness, along with presumption and wicked actions.

For your future you forecast ...

Lots of bridge, a delightful son to love and grow and a splendid life-partner with whom I can share all of this.

Another Lost Opportunity

by Ronald Ramer

The incomparable Johan Cruijff keeps reminding the strikers not to run too much: "after a rush of 50 metres you will deliver the ball into the hands of the keeper" is one of his well-known quotes. I had to think about his warning when listening to the story of one unhappy captain on Monday evening.

After a relatively dull set of uneventful hands against one of the weaker teams our South player forgot on Board 12 to beat the 3NT contract misplayed by the declarer. This did not figure to lose points but the lost opportunity prompted a rather violent reaction from his partner. Directly on the following board our unhappy North player tried to win some points by bidding a vulnerable game on a partscore deal. An easy double and a foul trump break cost us 800 on that ominous Board 13. The first really interesting deal of the set was the number 18.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ K 8 7 5 3 ♣ K J 8 7	<table border="1" 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 8 3 2 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ 10 9 2	♠ K Q J 10 9 ♥ A ♦ A Q J 9 ♣ Q 6 4
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West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣
1♥	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣??	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1♣ was a two-way opening bid: weak no trump or any strong hand, 2♦ was not forcing. The rest was natural but the 5♣ cuebid would in my book promise the ace. With a second-round control North could make another bid — it depends on the partnership agreements and the specific context which of the three available bids on the four level should it be. But the luck was with North, as his partner held the ♥A.

East led a heart to declarer's ace and West smoothly ducked the spade king, played from the table not knowing about the void in the declarer's hand. It is not advisable to go down in a slam on trick two, but ruffing is not recommended if you do not see any chance of making — it can only lead to down two and a loss of 3 IMPs. Can you spot a successful line with all hands open? In fact, only the actual distribution of the E/W hands allows the contract to be made. You ruff in hand, enter the dummy with a trump, ruff another spade and try to exit with the king of clubs. West ducks once but he has no defence against the ♣J. Whether he plays his ace now or ducks again, he is lost in either case. Taking the ace offers declarer a much needed entry to the dummy, ducking the ace postpones the execution by one trick only as both lead to the following three-cards ending with North on play.

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Should a top class player be able to visualise this end position at the table? With a strong body and clear mind perhaps he could, but certainly not any more after all that running on the previous hands.

He Can Also Play

José Damiani is, of course, well known to us all as President of the World Bridge Federation. By winning the French trials to play in the Seniors Championship here in Malmo he proved, if that was needed, that he could also play the game. Looking back to the opening round of the Championship, he proved that once again on this deal against the Irish Seniors.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 5 ♥ K 10 ♦ 10 9 8 6 5 3 ♣ 10 4 3	<table border="1" 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 J 2 ♥ 6 ♦ A K Q J 7 ♣ A Q 6 2	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ — ♣ J 9 8 7 5
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Many East/West pairs played in 6♠ and were defeated by the six-nil diamond break. The French team bid and made 6♣ in the other room, but the Irish East/West stopped in 5♠ by West.

Albert Faigenbaum led the ten of diamonds and Damiani ruffed then made the necessary play of underleading the ace of hearts to put Faigenbaum in again to get a second diamond ruff to defeat the contract; down one and 17 IMPs to France. I am assured by one of the Irish players that this was the single play found against her that has impressed her the most at these Championships.

Technical Merit

The famous German chess grandmaster, Dr Siegbert Tarrasch once remarked that 'It is not enough to be a good player. You must also play well.' Those words certainly apply in full measure to the bridge playing community, and on so many occasions a player fails to rise to the challenge.

This deal from Round 21 of the Women's series offered two chances to shine, one in the bidding, the other in the play:

Dealer West. E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Långström	Auken	Andersson	von Arnim
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 2♦ Limit plus in hearts
- 2NT Spade values, usually a suit
- 3♦ ♦A or ♦K
- 3♠ cue bid
- 4♦ ♦A
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0-3

Six Hearts is clearly a desirable contract, as 3-2 hearts will leave you need only to find one diamond honour onside. The German pair had passed the bidding test, and as their counterparts in the other room had stopped in game, a swing was inevitable — but which way would it go?

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played a heart to dummy's ace, followed by the nine of hearts to her queen. That was a farsighted and essential move, as East discarded a club.

Now came three rounds of spades, declarer discarding the losing club from dummy, followed by a low diamond. This was the position:

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

When East played low declarer put up the ten. When that held she cashed the ace and played another diamond. East won, but had no good move. A spade sees declarer ruff high in dummy and play a winning diamond, while a club allows declarer to ruff low in dummy.

East would have done better to play the king of diamonds, forcing declarer to guess the position in the suit. Declarer planned to duck, and if East then played a spade, ruff high, draw trumps via the marked finesse, and then finesse in diamonds, the winning play on this layout, but wrong if East has found the brilliant play of the king from ♦Kxx.

Note that in this variation, failing to unblock in trumps will result in defeat, as declarer will not be able to draw trumps ending in hand.

A measure of declarer's skill is that in the Open series no declarer faced with a club lead managed to make Six Diamonds.



Sabine Auken, Germany

A Senior Moment

by Steen Møller

As a Senior, one can perhaps be excused for nodding off, but in adversity their powers of recovery are as good as anyones.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Møller	Marsal	Lund	Schroeder
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the king of diamonds and continued with the queen when West ducked. South discarded a club and instead of simply winning with the ace, setting up the fifth heart and claiming nine tricks, a sleepy West 'found' another solution. He ducked again and North switched to a spade. Declarer won in dummy and could not afford to cash a second spade. He played four rounds of hearts, won South's club return and cashed his winning heart and then played two rounds of clubs. The defenders could choose who was going to be endplayed; North to play into the diamond tenace, or South as a stepping stone to the ace of spades.

The more conventional play of winning the second diamond and setting up the fifth heart was adopted by Göran Mattsson.

Championship Diary

Last night the President of the EBL, Gianarrigo Rona presented the Editor with another badge, appointing him ***General Factotum, and more importantly awarding him the coveted 00 prefix, 'Licensed to Kiss!'

As the shuttle bus was preparing to leave the Ibis this morning Jan van Cleef rushed up shouting 'wait, wait.' He disappeared for a few moments then returned with his bicycle, which he proceeded to load into the back of the bus!

Göran Mattsson, Chairman of the EBL Seniors Committee, came to the office asking why the notice about the Seniors' Committee Meeting was not in the Bulletin. 'But it is in the Bulletin' we replied. 'No it's not', insisted Göran. A Bulletin was produced and the pages turned. There, on the penultimate page was the notice. 'Well, said an apologetic Göran, by the time a Senior gets that far he has fallen asleep!'

Preparing the front page of today's Bulletin it dawned on the editor that his first European Championship Bulletin was in 1995, which coincided with the start of Italy's record breaking run of victories. Lucky Mascot for Italy, why not!

Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

After the Europeans, the ratings are like this:

In the Open ratings, Italy extend their lead over the USA. Poland, Netherlands and Sweden move upwards. Russia and England jump into the top ten.

In the Women's ratings, France remain on top. Netherlands and Sweden move in the right direction.

A big riser in both series is Turkey, who move up 9 to 12 in the Open and up 7 to 27 in the Women's. Also in the Open Serbia and Montenegro move up 14, and Latvia 16.

(top 20 and the Europeans only - full list at www.hdw.be)

Open			Women		
1	Italy	22,29 170	1	France	20,56 95
2	United States	20,40 125	2	United States	20,22 113
3	Poland	19,87 160	3	China	20,12 89
4	Netherlands	19,55 102	4	Netherlands	20,07 116
5	Sweden	19,36 149	5	Germany	19,89 115
6	Norway	19,07 185	6	Austria	18,85 90
7	Russia	19,00 106	7	England	18,16 125
8	England	18,66 161	8	Sweden	18,08 106
9	France	18,63 121	9	Canada	17,73 59
10	Indonesia	18,48 93	10	Israel	17,71 73
11	Israel	18,02 108	11	Poland	17,62 65
12	Turkey	18,02 98	12	Italy	17,14 88
13	Germany	17,89 98	13	Denmark	16,69 92
14	Denmark	17,84 126	14	Norway	16,65 86
15	Bulgaria	17,77 121	15	Finland	16,61 85
16	Iceland	17,65 125	16	Spain	16,59 65
17	Greece	17,28 98	17	Chinese Taipei	16,27 66
18	Canada	17,04 54	18	Czech Republic	16,02 63
19	China	16,97 90	19	Belgium	15,58 11
20	Spain	16,89 116	20	Russia	15,55 38
21	Austria	16,65 102	26	Scotland	14,52 96
22	Belgium	16,62 99	27	Turkey	14,23 56
24	Hungary	16,31 98	28	Croatia	14,06 65
26	Lebanon	15,96 57	30	Hungary	13,68 59
29	Finland	15,89 123	31	Ireland	13,57 89
31	Wales	15,25 157	34	Greece	13,44 25
34	Scotland	15,01 155	35	Wales	12,99 56
36	Ireland	14,60 162	48	Iceland	11,06 69
37	Croatia	14,60 98	61	Faroe Islands	7,96 59
39	Portugal	14,18 98	74	San Marino	9,32 98
40	Romania	14,08 98			
41	Czech Republic	14,02 98			
43	Serbia & Mont.	13,71 83			
45	Switzerland	13,54 98			
53	Faroe Islands	12,86 86			
60	Latvia	11,59 86			
61	Lithuania	11,55 55			



Women's Championship Concludes this Year's Bridge Festival

by Martin Nygren and Sven-Olov Flodqvist

Leaders Jenny Evelius-Nohrén/Ylva Karlsson-Uisk had a slow start on Sunday morning but remained top of the table for most of the morning session. The holders, Margareta Ehlin/Christina Ahl led the chasing pack without picking up enough momentum to overtake the leaders. One of the things that you must not do if you want to win at bridge, is to make the last mistake.

The deal has been rotated for convenience

Board 65. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Jenny Evelius-Nohrén led a small heart against 2♠, which was won by the ace. East, Ylva Karlsson-Uisk, returned a small spade and declarer should have won and attempted to establish dummy's clubs. A diamond return from Ylva would have been better on this occasion, as there was no hurry to stop declarer from ruffing a heart in dummy but it was very important to knock out the entry to the club suit. Jenny was presented with a chance to rectify the defence when declarer erred and played the jack of spades. By now it should definitely be clear that the diamond entry must be knocked out but Jenny returned a thoughtless heart. Declarer won with the king and did, finally, play a club towards dummy. As the ace of diamonds must be with West, declarer knew that her only chance was to finesse the queen of clubs. Seven tricks and two down was all that the defenders could collect when the king of clubs had been established. Three down and 150 would have been 28 out of 46 MPs, but 100 was not worth more than 14 MPs.

Board 66. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ylva Karlsson-Uisk	Agneta Svahn	Jenny Evelius-Nohrén	Ann-Britt Freij
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Exactly what intention South had by bidding 3♠ is unclear and when she fell for the temptation to collect an extra ten points, N/S had missed an excellent slam. 3NT might be the wrong spot but Ylva had a very difficult lead. One of us, Martin, suggests a small diamond, but Tjolpe would have preferred a murky ten or nine of hearts. Ylva elected to lead a dramatic jack of clubs, a move that can be described either as too desperate or too optimistic.

Bridge teachers do sometimes tell you the truth. This board nicely illustrates the importance of covering an honour with an honour.

The deal has been rotated

Board 73. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Sandra Rimstedt was declaring the excellent contract of 6NT. She received a heart lead to the jack and king. The jack of diamonds won the next trick and, after another spade to the queen, Sandra claimed that she was content with thirteen tricks from her fifteen winners. At least one declarer received a spade lead from the king but, with thirteen declarers making all tricks, there must be several players that regret not following their teacher's advice of covering an honour with an honour. Especially so as 1020 was worth 40 out of 46 MPs for N/S, but 990 would only have been 17 MPs for N/S and 29 MPs for E/W.

As the coffee-break approached the chasers did finally catch up with the leaders. After 78 out of 94 boards, not a single MP separated Jenny Evelius-Nohrén/Ylva Karlsson-Uisk and Margareta Ehlin/Christina Ahl at the top of the table:

1 2120 J. Evelius-Nohrén - Y. Karlsson-Uisk	Upsala BS - BK Fyris	
2 2120 Margareta Ehlin - Christina Ahl	Gävle BK	
3 2086 Eva Glans - Petra Svantesson	Orust BK - Ljungskile BK	
4 2048 Ragnhild Jonsson - M. Norbäck	Glädjen-Väsby BK - Lidingö BK	
5 2039 G-I Johansson - M. Petersson	Karlshamns BK - Svängsta BK	

During the last set Margareta Ehlin /Christina Ahl were not to be stopped. They played steadily and aggressively, making almost no mistakes, and seemed to be able to claim the title with a couple of rounds to go. At most, they were more than one round ahead of Jenny and Ylva. The runners-up did well to have the winners within striking distance before the last round.

Board 86. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 8 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ A 8 3
♣ J 3 2

Margareta solved her declarer-play problem very satisfactorily on this deal towards the end.

West	North	East	South
	Christina		Margareta
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ace of hearts and another to the king and when East shifted to the seven of diamonds it did not look like a lead from the king. Margareta grabbed the ace of diamonds, played a club to the ace and took the spade finesse. She cashed the ace of spades and played another club to the king. When the queen did

not drop, she discarded her club jack on the queen of hearts and ruffed the clubs good.

That was eleven tricks and a nice score of 42/46 MPs.

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5 3
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ A Q 10

Here they got to the correct contract.

West	North	East	South
	Christina		Margareta
2♥	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When Christina decided to double 2♥ rather than overcall a heavy 2♠, no other contract than three no trumps was considered. After the ten of hearts to the king, Margareta took the spade finesse with the ten and East returned her heart to the eight and nine. West couldn't tell who held the three of hearts and when she cashed her ace of hearts it was game over and ten tricks for 44 MPs, but the good contract had already ensured 35 MPs for three no trumps just making.

A couple of good decisions in the defensive bidding produced a good score here, where Ekren, weak with the majors, as so often created a bad score for the users.

Board 90. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 4 2
♥ A K Q 7
♦ A K 10 5
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
	Christina		Margareta
2♥	All Pass	2♦*	Dble



The Winners of the Women's Pairs Championship



Margareta Ehlin/Christina Ahl, Sweden

When Christina decided not to compete with 2♠ after Margareta had doubled the weak opening with both majors, they already were on the receiving side. After the king of spades lead, declarer could have ruffed a spade, played a club to the king and ruffed another spade for -200.

When she instead played a heart to the nine, she needed to play on clubs now, but another heart meant that the defence drew trumps and cashed four diamonds and two spades for 400 and 40 MPs, when three pairs made Four Spades on a heart lead. Incidentally, Ekren had already provided the leaders with the 40 MPs, since 200 would have rendered 40.

At the end of the final, the leader board looked like this.

- 1 2567 59,4 Margareta Ehlin - Christina Ahl Gävle BK
- 2 2534 58,6 J. E.-Nohrén - Y. Karlsson-Uisk Upsala BS - BK Fyris
- 3 2485 57,5 Eva Glans - Petra Svantesson Orust BK - Ljungskile BK
- 4 2440 56,4 R. Jonsson - M. Norbäck Glädjen-Väsby BK-Lidingö BK
- 5 2385 55,2 Eva Andersson - K. Forsberg Karlstads BK

Thank you all and welcome back!

This year's bridge festival is over and we hope that all of you have enjoyed it. In fact, we hope that you enjoyed it so much that you are planning to take part in the 2005 Bridge Festival. What is going to happen in the future is, as usual, not very clear. What is known is that Mats Qviberg has promised another instalment of the Chairman's Cup, Swedish Pair Championships will be held and crayfish will be eaten. It has been decided that the bridge festival will take place between 30 July 2005 and 7 August 2005. Tentatively, the plans are that it will be held somewhere in Sweden. We hope to see you all again next year.

The Bridge Festival Staff

Senior Slam

Board 15 of the Wednesday morning match set an interesting bidding problem for the East/West pairs. In the Seniors event (Round 14), six pairs reached the best contract of 6♣, three reached 6♠, and seven stopped in various game contracts.

I put forward this contender for the best auction on the deal. It features the vastly experienced Israeli pairing of Shalom Zeligman and David Birman and occurred in their team's match against leaders, Germany.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ 8 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ K J 7 6 5 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 7 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ K Q 9 6 4 ♣ 9 8 3 ♠ A K Q 4 2 ♥ A K 9 7 2 ♦ J ♣ A 10 ♠ J 9 6 5 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ Q 4	
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Zeligman		Birman	
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

This seems to be a classic example of how much easier it is to bid these hands after a sensible one-level opening rather than the misguided choice of 2♣ that would be so popular at club level. Birman's 2♣ rebid showed any 17+ hand and 3♣ showed 8-10 with long clubs. Birman now showed his hearts and Zeligman, naturally enough, converted to 3NT. When Birman showed the fine judgement to go on with 4♣, Zeligman jumped to the excellent slam.

Birman made all thirteen tricks for +940. Alas, Germany bid to the inferior contract of 6♠ in the other room and this also proved to be unbeatable; +980 and 1 IMP to Germany. The leaders went on to win by 45-12 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, stretching their lead even further at the top of the rankings.

Final Butler Ranking - Open Teams

1	Bocchi N	-	Duboin G	ITA	1.10	439	Bentzen	-	Timlin R	NOR	-0.03	420	
2	Fantoni	-	Nunes C	ITA	0.92	420	60	Keaveney	-	Timlin R	IRE	-0.05	520
3	Bertheau	-	Nystrom F	SWE	0.88	400		Partearroyo	-		SPA	-0.05	480
4	Lauria L	-	Versace A	ITA	0.69	420		Wasik A	-		SPA	-0.05	520
5	Fredin P	-	Lindkvist M	SWE	0.66	560		Sabate J	-		SPA	-0.05	480
6	Khven M	-	Dubinina A	RUS	0.64	440		Sylvan J	-	Sundelin PO	SWE	-0.05	320
7	Zorlu N	-	Assael S	TUR	0.59	520		Romanovska	-		LAT	-0.05	380
	Chmurski	-	Puczynski M	POL	0.59	420	66	Fischer	-	Saurer B	AUT	-0.09	460
	Gold D	-	Townsend T	ENG	0.59	340	67	Mlrz T	-		CZE	-0.11	460
10	Gromov A	-	Petrudin A	RUS	0.57	479		Levinger	-	Liran I	ISR	-0.11	440
	Wladow E	-	Elinescu M	GER	0.57	418	69	Svoboda	-		CZE	-0.12	480
12	Baldursson	-	Jonsson P	ICE	0.53	520		Batov V	-	Dyakov V	BUL	-0.12	420
13	Price D	-	Simpson C	ENG	0.52	420		Ludewig	-	Reps K	GER	-0.12	340
14	Bakkeren	-	Bertens H	NET	0.48	400	72	Austberg	-	Furunes JE	NOR	-0.13	400
15	Jansma J	-	Verhees L	NET	0.45	460		Jansons	-	Rubenis I	LAT	-0.13	460
	Balicki	-	Zmudzinski	POL	0.45	460	74	Rubins K	-		LAT	-0.15	400
17	Atabey Y	-	Kolata S	TUR	0.41	500	75	Vainikonis	-	Olanski W	LIT	-0.16	480
18	Ginossar	-	Pachtmann R	ISR	0.40	440	76	Brogeland	-		NOR	-0.17	480
19	Sebane L	-		FRA	0.38	540		Salensminde	-		NOR	-0.17	460
20	Bilde M	-	Hansen J	DEN	0.37	420	78	Vincent	-		SPA	-0.18	480
21	Multon F	-		FRA	0.35	400		Backstrom	-	Salomaa M	FIN	-0.18	400
22	Thuillez	-		FRA	0.33	440	80	Salisbury	-	Tedd M	WAL	-0.19	400
23	Muller B	-	De Wijs S	NET	0.30	420	81	Castanheira	-	Dias J	POR	-0.20	440
	Gotard T	-	Piekarek J	GER	0.30	519	82	Abouchanab	-	Sasselli M	SWI	-0.25	420
25	Hackett	-	Hackett Ju	ENG	0.29	520	83	Terraneo	-	Simon J	AUT	-0.27	459
26	Kholomeev	-	Zlotov D	RUS	0.28	360	84	Kallsberg	-	Mohr Danjal	FAR	-0.28	440
27	Kiema O	-	Juuri-Oja J	FIN	0.25	420	85	Mc Gowan	-	Baxter K	SCO	-0.34	420
	Eidur Magnus	-	Torvaldsson	ICE	0.25	500	86	Madeira	-	Sarmiento P	POR	-0.36	440
29	Schifko	-	Wernle S	AUT	0.24	359		Voinescu	-	Rotaru I	ROM	-0.36	440
	Zipovski	-	Vlajniae B	S&M	0.24	499	88	Kikiae S	-		S&M	-0.37	360
31	Briciu M	-	Ghigheci O	ROM	0.23	460	89	Honti L	-	Harangozo L	HUN	-0.40	420
	Karakole	-		BUL	0.23	420		Radojeviae	-		S&M	-0.40	439
	Schaltz	-	Schaltz P	DEN	0.23	440	91	Diklic D	-	Miladin I	CRO	-0.41	400
34	Kowalski	-	Tuszynski P	POL	0.22	400		Eliasson	-		LAT	-0.41	420
35	Kannavos	-	Triantafyll	GRE	0.21	380		Maloviae	-		S&M	-0.41	399
36	Gal P	-	Vikor D	HUN	0.18	440	94	Nikolenkov	-	Piedra F	SWI	-0.42	419
37	Zahariev	-		BUL	0.16	420	95	Einarsson	-	Ingimarsson	ICE	-0.45	260
38	Palau JJ	-		FRA	0.15	540	96	Coyne C	-	Macaonghusa	IRE	-0.46	400
39	Kaplan A	-	Polet G	BEL	0.14	420	97	Thomas A	-	Denning P	WAL	-0.47	460
40	Nyberg C	-	Koistinen K	FIN	0.12	460	98	Sabljaie	-		S&M	-0.48	360
	Carcassonne	-	Labaere A	BEL	0.12	440	99	Matisons	-		LAT	-0.49	440
42	Tesla M	-	Tomic T	CRO	0.11	460	100	Mouritsen	-	Mouritsen H	FAR	-0.56	439
43	Coenraets	-	Neve O	BEL	0.10	420	101	Tyla A	-	Babickas R	LIT	-0.58	380
44	Zotos L	-	Lambrinos A	GRE	0.09	439	102	Vozabal	-	Zadrazil M	CZE	-0.59	420
45	Stefanov	-		BUL	0.08	460	103	Tesorieri	-		RSM	-0.62	460
46	Aronov V	-		BUL	0.07	420	104	Bordallo	-		SPA	-0.64	320
47	Piper D	-	Murdoch J	SCO	0.05	440	105	Treossi	-		RSM	-0.66	540
	Kemeny G	-	Trenka P	HUN	0.05	420	106	Folque L	-	Henriques J	POR	-0.73	400
49	Matheson	-	Patrick J	SCO	0.04	419	107	Vesturklett	-	Mouritsen G	FAR	-0.75	399
	Papakyriakop	-	Filios A	GRE	0.04	459	108	Volhejn	-		CZE	-0.80	400
51	Borevkovic	-	Zoric V	CRO	0.03	420	109	O'Braian	-	Pigot PJ	IRE	-0.81	360
	Rombaut	-		FRA	0.03	440	110	Fort T	-		CZE	-0.83	380
	Lund Madsen	-	Lund Madsen	DEN	0.03	420	111	Savin D	-	Matei C	ROM	-0.85	380
54	Uzum D	-	Pehlivan O	TUR	0.00	260	112	Birbalas	-	Poska G	LIT	-0.90	420
	Dung Duong	-	Yalcin T	SWI	0.00	439	113	Catucci	-		RSM	-0.95	400
	Jourdain	-	Ratcliff T	WAL	0.00	420		Wichman	-		SPA	-0.95	280
57	Charlsen	-		NOR	-0.02	400	115	Fazzardi	-		RSM	-1.21	500
58	Zack Y	-	Lengy A	ISR	-0.03	400	116	Zucchini	-	Zucchini PG	RSM	-1.24	500

Final Butler Ranking - Women's Teams

1	Pasman J	-	Simons A	NET	1.03	280	35	Brock S	-	Teltscher K	ENG	0.00	200
2	Bertheau K	-	Midskog C	SWE	0.90	280		Viola C	-	Viola M	SPA	0.00	320
3	Grumm I	-	Weigkricht	AUT	0.72	420	37	Lancova M	-	Medlinova B	CZE	-0.05	280
4	Hoogweg F	-	Van Zwol W	NET	0.70	280	38	Krogulska J	-		POL	-0.06	279
5	Zur Campanile	-	Popilov M	ISR	0.65	380	39	Zaim M	-	Baytok C	TUR	-0.07	220
6	Von Armin D	-	Auken S	GER	0.59	400	40	Brkljacic T	-	Pilipovic M	CRO	-0.08	280
7	Bessis V	-	Lustin C	FRA	0.53	260	41	Nurmi P	-	Suppula T	FIN	-0.10	279
8	Andersson P	-	Langstrom L	SWE	0.51	320	42	Alexander M	-	Benson J	SCO	-0.11	320
	Cronier B	-	Willard S	FRA	0.51	300	43	Mezei K	-	Csipka S	HUN	-0.12	280
10	Brewiak G	-	Sarniak A	POL	0.50	400	44	Adiguzel C	-	Merze S	TUR	-0.13	239
11	Dhondy H	-	Smith N	ENG	0.44	420	45	Toth J	-	Kovacs J	HUN	-0.22	260
12	Mantyla M	-	Kulmala S	FIN	0.38	280	46	Pokorna J	-	Svobodova P	CZE	-0.29	279
13	Breivik K	-	Remen S	NOR	0.35	300	47	Langeland A	-	Torkelsen S	NOR	-0.34	240
14	Nehmert B	-	Reim A	GER	0.34	380	48	Rahelt M	-	Farholt S	DEN	-0.37	419
	Bo Krefeld C	-	Kirstan M	DEN	0.34	420	49	Piscitelli F	-	Torielli V	ITA	-0.39	240
16	Forsberg C	-	Gronkvist M	SWE	0.30	240	50	Petrovic R	-	Zagajsek S	CRO	-0.43	280
	D'Ovidio C	-	Gaviard D	FRA	0.30	280	51	Kertes Z	-	Ormay E	HUN	-0.46	300
	Barlund B	-	Savolainen	FIN	0.30	280	52	Sigurbjornsdo	-		ICE	-0.55	200
19	Birman D	-	Levit Porat	ISR	0.28	360	53	Matijevic I	-	Ruso S	CRO	-0.56	280
20	Buratti M	-	Forti D	ITA	0.21	300	54	Nielsen R	-		ICE	-0.58	299
21	Banaszkiewicz	-		POL	0.16	340	55	Restorff M	-	Mikkelsen A	FAR	-0.62	300
22	Smederevac J	-	Krftner S	AUT	0.15	420	56	El Khazen M	-		LEB	-0.63	300
	Paoluzi S	-	Saccavini I	ITA	0.15	300	57	Ivarsdottir A	-	Oskarsdotti	ICE	-0.65	320
24	Santos C	-	Matut M	SPA	0.14	280	58	Siguryonsdott	-		ICE	-0.66	319
25	Kandolu O	-	Yavas D	TUR	0.13	380	59	Kreidieh H	-		LEB	-0.67	280
	Cleary E	-	Finn M	IRE	0.13	320		Guðnadottir A	-		ICE	-0.67	220
27	Erdeova J	-	Hnatova D	CZE	0.12	280	61	Arthur Ji	-	Mac Donald	SCO	-0.68	280
28	Brunner M	-	Goldenfield	ENG	0.08	220	62	Pattinson M	-	Kirby B	IRE	-0.79	220
	Nolanska A	-		POL	0.08	160	63	Abousleiman L	-		LEB	-0.90	240
30	Mestres M	-	Panadero M	SPA	0.06	240	64	ChristiansenM	-	Danielsen L	FAR	-0.99	260
31	Fuglestad AK	-	Harding M	NOR	0.05	300	65	Kekhia G	-		LEB	-1.12	240
32	Guy V	-	Peploe C	SCO	0.02	240		Svenstrup H	-	Grunnveit J	FAR	-1.12	278
	Arnolds C	-	Vriend B	NET	0.02	280	67	Chamaa I	-		LEB	-1.22	260
34	Greenwood D	-	Burns C	IRE	0.01	300	68	Ragi D	-	Ragi D	LEB	-1.32	280

Final Butler Ranking - Senior Teams

1	Marsal R	-	Schroeder D	GER	0.88	304	32	Bull SE	-		NOR	0.03	240
2	Dahl F	-	Norris G	DEN	0.80	352		Maesel H	-		NOR	0.03	224
3	Omernik	-	Sikorski K	POL	0.73	256	34	Stoppa J	-		FRA	0.02	224
4	Mari C	-		FRA	0.66	320	35	Jensen O	-		NOR	0.01	208
5	De Falco	-	Romanin G	ITA	0.63	240	36	Humburg	-	Mattsson G	GER	0.00	224
6	Chemla P	-		FRA	0.58	320		Koivula	-	Tolvanen J	FIN	0.00	240
7	Birman D	-		ISR	0.51	240	38	Boesiger	-		SWI	-0.02	352
8	Nordby H	-	Koppang K	NOR	0.49	240	39	Levit Y	-		ISR	-0.04	320
9	Zeligman	-		ISR	0.48	208	40	Rue D	-	Stanley K	ENG	-0.05	192
10	Moller S	-		DEN	0.46	288	41	Bomhof J	-	Ramer R	NET	-0.08	240
	Korpetta	-	Radecki J	POL	0.46	192		Rae K	-	Gerrard D	SCO	-0.08	272
12	Jansa Z	-		CZE	0.42	256	43	Marshall	-	Innes W	SCO	-0.12	256
13	Dieden J	-	Hyden LI	SWE	0.41	208	44	Nosek J	-		CZE	-0.15	240
14	Ekberg S	-	Jansson BA	SWE	0.40	288	45	Romik P	-		ISR	-0.19	288
15	Kratz U	-	Strater B	GER	0.37	176		Textor M	-		CZE	-0.19	224
16	Forch GJ	-	Verhoef R	NET	0.36	160	47	Hebak P	-		CZE	-0.22	224
17	Filip A	-		CZE	0.32	240	48	Frew D	-	Liggat D	SCO	-0.28	176
	Damiani	-		FRA	0.32	160		Krizek F	-		CZE	-0.28	224
19	Schwartz	-		ISR	0.31	208	50	Juuri Oja E	-		FIN	-0.30	240
20	Doremans	-	Trouwborst	NET	0.30	304	51	Rimon R	-		FIN	-0.35	208
	Lund P	-		DEN	0.30	352	52	Juuri Oja P	-		FIN	-0.43	256
22	Stretz F	-		FRA	0.24	208	53	Honkavuori	-		FIN	-0.49	224
23	Cedolin	-	Tramonto D	ITA	0.23	208	54	Cagne' P	-	Harris D	WAL	-0.62	256
24	Faigenbaum	-		FRA	0.19	176	55	Sheridan	-		WAL	-0.80	256
25	Waterlow	-	Hackett P	ENG	0.18	304		Patrick	-		WAL	-0.80	240
26	Alfredsson	-	Hallen HO	SWE	0.15	208	57	Favager	-		WAL	-0.87	208
27	Zdzienicki	-	Aleksandrza	POL	0.13	256	58	Favager	-		WAL	-0.88	192
28	Mosca C	-	Sbarigia S	ITA	0.07	256	59	Imhof H	-		SWI	-1.01	352
29	Spengler	-		SWI	0.06	352	60	Frei J	-		SWI	-1.09	352
30	Collings	-	Jones D	ENG	0.04	208	61	Meehan P	-	O'Farrell R	IRE	-1.38	352
	Trollvik	-		NOR	0.04	256	62	Higgins	-	Daly F	IRE	-1.64	352