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Łódź or Paris?



The picture provides the answer - but the story is long:

The entire Sunday was concerned with the question if it would be Łódź, or Paris. The Poles had started the day 12 VP ahead of the French, but they then lost 3VP of that lead in the first two matches. The other Paris team then helped

a lot by beating Łódź by 19-11, but the Polytechnique team took full advantage, winning 20-10 to Warsaw 1. At lunch, the teams were level.

In match 27, Łódź beat Roma 21-9, while Paris scored only 18 against Nijmegen. But Łódź appealed a ruling. Then on round 28, the result of Haifa- Łódź was reported as 17-13, while Paris drew with Warsaw 2. Łódź would start the last round 1VP in front. During that last round however, it turned out the Haifa result had been misreported: the Poles had won, not lost, so Łódź was ahead by 5. When they scored up their last match and found out they had 19, they were still not sure. Paris then reported a 24-6 win but even before they found the rule for

ties(*), the result of the appeal was reported. It brought Łódź 2 more VP and that was exactly the final margin!

Andrej Kozikowski, Marta Maj, Tomasz Spodenkiewicz and Marek Popielarczyk are the new University Champions.

Trondheim finished a just as exciting battle with Krakow by pipping them by 1VP for the bronze medal.

(*) Łódź had won the match against Paris by 5 IMPs so the appeal did not in fact change anything.

Final Ranking

1	Uniwersytet Łódź	POL	529
2	Paris Polytechnique	FRA	527
3	Norges Tekniske og Naturvitenskaplige Universitet, Trondheim	NOR	504
4	Akademia Górniczo Hutnicza Krakow	POL	503
5	Politechnika Gdansk	POL	493
6	Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris	FRA	486
7	Universiteit Tilburg	NED	481
8	University of London	ENG	479
9	Uniwersytet Warszawa 1	POL	479
10	Technische Universiteit Delft	NED	466
11	Stockholm School of Economics in Riga	LAT	464
12	Universiteit Maastricht	NED	464
13	Universiteit Antwerpen 1	BEL	461
14	Uniwersytet Warszawa 2	POL	459
15	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam	NED	455
16	Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen	NED	448
17	Politechnika Wrocław	POL	442
18	Universitat Haifa	ISR	436
19	bye		435
20	České Vysoké Učení Technické v Praze	CZE	431
21	Politecnico di Milano	ITA	430
22	Universität Wien	AUT	417
23	Universidad Rovira & Virgili, Tarragona	ESP	390
24	Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi Ankara	TUR	384
25	Uniwersytet Warmińsko Mazurski Olsztyn	POL	371
26	Universiteit Antwerpen 2	BEL	362
27	Trinity College, University of Dublin	IRL	337
28	National University of Ireland Galway	IRL	324
29	La Sapienza, Roma	ITA	307
30	Srednja tehnička PTT škola Beograd	SCG	254

You may have noticed that we used a different font for these two pages in order to provide Łódź with a completely correctly spelled name.

Delft



Sicco Verwer, Dennis Stuurman, Ralf Walgemoet, Marten Wortel

Nijmegen



**Monique Van De Sande, Marleen Van Gelder, Astrid Dekker,
Meike Wortel (*), Ine Gielkens (coach), Rosalien Barendregt**

(*) Together with the other 4, Meike is a European Girls Champion from Riccione last month, so she deserves to be on the same picture.

(brother and sister on the same page - their parents will probably frame it)

Haifa



Ron Schwartz, Netser Zeidenberg, Jonath Saban, Yuval Yener
Stephan Mesika is no longer in Rotterdam
The sign on the door says they are the teachers

Wien



Ursula Assmann, Stefan Jerolitsch, Anna Gogoman,
Piotr Owczarek, Adele Gogoman

Dublin



Sunil Bavalia (coach), Sarah Gilmartin, Tommy MacCormac (psychological advisor), Andrew Barton, Ronan McMaugh, Fionnuala McInerney, Brendan O'Brien (npc)

Obviously ecstatic at passing Galway into 26th place again

Trondheim



Tor-Ove Reistad, Åsmund Forfot, Karl Morten Lunna, Ivar Berg

Milano and Roma



Francesco Ferrari (M), Furio Di Bello (M), Leonardo Cima (npc), Michele Martini (R), Emanuele Lorenzini (R), Arrigo Franchi (M), Irene Baroni (M), Stefano Uccello (M), Simon Fellus (R), Alberto Sangiorgio (M), Giannarigo Rona (President), Antonio Borzi (R)

Tilburg



Ruben Buijs, Marion Michielsen, Jeroen Bruggeman, Niek Brink

I thought individual photos would be enough,
but they insisted on a team picture as well!

**And, last but not least,
the home team of
Erasmus Universiteit,
Rotterdam**



Jacco Hop, Bas Tammens, Bob Drijver
Bart Hoekstra, Herman De Wael, Benno Dreeweg and Tim Heeres
have been used to make up the numbers

Danny Molenaar is no longer here, and



Jorrit Middeldorp, and



Rene de Waele complete the team

Looking at the bottom

The Bulletin staff has many duties. One main function is to keep the Bulletin mycoplasm within fences. This creature, because of its characteristics, easily escapes and can be observed everywhere at a bridge championship. It always changes features and is, therefore, often recognised by players before the staff. Another important duty was mentioned in yesterday's Bulletin – checking for the appearance of the beer-card. A third task is the difficult object of bottom spotting. As this is a very intricate duty, the staff has to train this ability all year round. Here are a few observations from Saturday.

The first example is from the match between Beograd and the Ecole Normale Superieure Paris in round 22:

Rd 22 Bd 5 - D North NS Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
LeProvost	Petrovic	Volcker	Trajkovic-Filipovic
	Pass	1♥	2♣
4♥	All Pass		

The Frenchmen effectively bid an optimistic game. Stefan Trajkovic-Filipovic led the ♣5 won by Filip Petrovic with his Ace. Filip continued

with a club, which was won by declarer. Frederic Volcker directly recognised the possibility of an endplay that required the hearts to be 2-1 and a favourable position in spades. He continued with a trump to the ace, finding what he was looking for in trumps, eliminated first the diamonds by playing king, ace and a ruff, and then the clubs by ruffing dummy's last club. Now Stefan was put on play with a trump. Frederic's hope was of course that South would have ♠KQx for his intervention. Then the end-play would have reduced South's two spade winners to one.

When South shifted to a low spade it seems natural to try the jack on the table. Frederic, however, asked for a low spade, which turned out to be correct. North played his king and solved the spade suit for declarer. Had North played the ten the game had gone down and the match had had another winner.

In the last round Saturday evening this board appeared in the match between University of Praha and University of Dublin:

Rd 23 B 9 - D North None Vulnerable

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

West	North	East	South
Barton	Macura	McMaugh	Beran
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

East-West has a very simple game contract in 3NT and 5♣, and can even make 6♣ due to the extremely lucky lay of the cards in the majors – two hearts may be established for a diamond and a spade discard, and then spades can be played for only one loser. The Irish fighters chose a much tougher contract.

Milan Macura led the ♦5 won by declarer on the table. On the trump continuation the queen appeared from South. Too quickly declarer asked for the ace on the table and played a heart to the ace and a small spade to South

queen. Red cards from the defence now shortened declarers trump length and the contract went down. Had Andrew Barton recognised the necessity of South having both honours in spades and ducked the spade queen, the contract can be made.

By the way, the more perfect examples of bottom spotting were made during the pairs competition Friday evening. The Editor, dizzy from the previous night's training activity or just relaxing, had heard the tournament director state that a special prize was going to be given to the pair that would finish closest to 40%. He thought he heard 40%, which clearly explains the way he played in that tournament. His staff, however, have been bribed not to describe these bottoms in any detail.

Some More Kibitzing

Partscore Doubling

I have no experience with which kind of results juniors from other countries double part scores. All I know that for some reason the doubles by Dutch juniors on low level contracts never seem to have any positive result.

Rd 17 Bd 13. D North All Vulnerable.

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

Kees Tammens

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

As north you want to relax in defending a modest 2NT contract. You have a fine lead in partners ♠-suit and all you have to do is sit back and see how the play will develop. All of a sudden partner comes up with a double in closing position. What the hell! Is there expected something from you; a special lead. No, you stay with the lead of ♠J.

Declarer plays ♠K and partner takes the ace and plays back a small spade. You look with love at your ♠10. That must be a valuable holding. When declarer plays ♠Q and drops your ten, things all of a sudden look gloomy. (Heart to ♥A, diamond to the king, ♠9

and a heart finesse could have brought declarer eight tricks).

To your surprise declarer also takes ♠9, on which you discard ♥6. Then declarer crosses to ♥A, and takes ♥K on which South discards ♣4. Now declarer goes on with ♦J. South takes the ace and cashes two spade tricks and ♣AK for one down and a gain of 7 IMPs because the other table bids and makes INT.

The lesson learnt: declarer started with eight tricks but made seven and west, in with ♦A, could have beaten the contract by three by playing a small diamond! So better passing 2NT and defeating it three.

Narrow Escape

Rd 17 Bd 15. D South. N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Usually the kibitzer enjoys his pastime. Sometimes however more grey hairs grow. After the take out double on 1♠ I was sure North-South would head for a terrible disaster; although you will take a lot of tricks in 4♥, the contract they were for sure heading for, undoubtedly doubled by South, seeing partner opening vulnerable

against not. To everybody's surprise the bidding ended in 3♠, which only went two off for a small loss. End good, all good?

Serbian ploys

The Beograd team are extremely grateful to the organisers for supplying them with novel ways of accumulating Victory Points.

They already had 18 VP for playing the most consistent team of the tournament (BYE does not stand for Byelorussia though), and 14 VP for playing East/West at both tables (the directors took pity on both teams because they had forgotten to check thoroughly)

This morning they happened to be locked out of the university. The match against Tarragona was cancelled and Beograd received 15VP.

We must add they did score two real wins, one of them by 22VP.

Pictures and Things

I have currently made 80 pictures at these championships, and none of them is not fit for general viewing. I will try to put them on the web-site (www.unibridge.org) but if you want any one in particular - simply ask me, preferably by e-mail (hermy@hdw.be). I am a very busy man and I forget easily, but I reply to my mails almost immediately.



Herman does drink other things than beer

Who will play with Zia and Sabine?

Niek Brink reports that his partner **Ruben Buijs** from Tilburg found this nice defence in their match against Trondheim.

Rd 14 Bd 9. D North E/W Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

North/South had a misunderstanding concerning 4♣. South thought it was a cue-bid, North had intended it as natural.



East, Ruben Buijs, led the ♦8.

When declarer returned the ♦Q to his Ace, Ruben did not take the easy line of stripping the table of its sole trump, but instead returned a heart. Declarer took in hand and tried to ruff, but Ruben ruffed before with the Jack, and played another heart for his partner to ruff.

Niek says that both the diamond lead and the heart switches are necessary.

The hand can always be made, but only because when playing clubs from the table, declarer can either cover the queen or allow East in with the ♣J. East has no diamond to cash.

Ron Schwartz reports the following play by his partner **Yuval Yener** in their match against Milano:

Rd 19 Bd 7. D South. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♠	2♥	3♥*	Dble
4♠	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥*	Pass	7♠	All Pass

3♥ showed 3 cards in spades, limit or better, 5NT asked for top trumps, 6♥ showed 2 of those.

Optimistic bidding, but East knows from the bidding that the diamond finesse will be working.

This meant that there were 5 nominations for two prizes:

Thomas Bessis
 Marion Michielsen
 Bob Drijver
 Ruben Buijs
 Yuval Yener

And the winners are: (drum roll ...)

Marion Michielsen

Rd 2 Bd 10. D East. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mich'ls'n</i>	<i>Macura</i>	<i>Brugge'n</i>	<i>Beran</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All pass	

After a Polish Club auction South became declarer in 5♣. West found the interesting lead of a small spade. Declarer put up ♠J and ruffed East's ♠Q. After ♣A the trump position was clear and declarer went on with ♦K ducked by West, who of course hoped East would have the doubleton diamond. ♦Q was for ♦A in West who was endplayed. West however found a nice solution: ♠A. Declarer countered by throwing a heart from south. Again west had to play and found the killing defense in ♥K. Declarer could not avoid the trump loser. A nice entry for the best defended hand? West immediately responded that 5♣ was always a make. Declarer just ruffs ♠A, cashes ♥A and plays ♣K and a third club to endplay east. So west also deserves credit for playing the hand well as declarer.

Thomas Bessis

Rd 2 Bd 11 D South None Vulnerable

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tessieres</i>	<i>Barton</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>McNaugh</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

On the lead of the spade king, East won per force, cashed the heart ace and king, crossed to the ♣A, ruffed a heart low, played ♣J, diamond to the king, and ran all his clubs. South had to guard his ♠K to guard the diamonds, but declarer was not duly pressed to finesse the ♦10 to make his grand slam.



**Zia and Sabine, please meet
Thomas and Marion**

Performance at the finish

Sunday morning saw several matches between top teams. In round 25 Krakow University played the University of Tilburg, teams that at that time were in fourth and fifth position. On this board Mikolaj Taczewski showed his sensitive nose:

Rd 24 B 3 - D South EW Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Taczewski	Michiel- sen	Brede	Brugge- man
1♠	Dble	2♦	1♦
3♣	Pass	3♠	2♥
			All Pass

Marion Michielsen led the ♥7 and Jeroen took his king to switch to the queen of diamonds. When this held the trick, he continued with ace of heart and a diamond to Marion's ace. A third diamond was ruffed by declarer in hand and now he had to tackle trumps without losing any more tricks. With South having shown both red suits he played him for being short in trumps. The ace drew the ten from South, allowing Mikolaj to finesse over North on the next trick and make the contract.

The round thereafter, Warsaw I took on Polytechnique of Paris. This was

one of the boards showing good work of Godefroy de Tessieres, although he finished with nothing from it:

Rd 25 B 10 - D East. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Tessieres	Arasz- kiewicz	Bessis	K. Koto- rowicz
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Konrad Araszkievicz led the ♦A and found the crucial switch to a heart when partner contributed the eight. Godefroy tried the queen on the table and quickly played low from hand when South covered with the king. This manoeuvre induced Krzysztof Kotorowicz to uncharacteristically continue hearts instead of reverting to diamonds. Now Godefroy won the ace, played a trump to the king, and finessed South using the ten of spades on the table. When Krzysztof held on to his queen, Godefroy ruffed dummy's last heart, drew trumps with the ace and end-played North with the queen of diamonds. As the club finesse was working Godefroy did not get any reward more than a gold-star in the note-book of the reporter.

Errors in the Bulletin?

This is the place I usually reserve in the last bulletin to give you my apologies for all the gaffs I made in previous ones. I've been quite lucky (so far) this year, as my biggest error seems to be that the 25th of August lasted a full 72 hours.

The novelty of registering your names via computer seems to have born fruit, as no-one has complained I misspelled their names.

One large error seems to have been the Irish bidding in bulletin 2. 7♣ by North/South would have gone 13 down if Thomas Bessis was as brilliant in defence as he was in offence. Of course the original error was B.J.'s but I've promised him I won't tell if he forgets to mention the actual number of boards I played correctly on Friday evening. Besides, the error has been corrected on page 12 of today's.

One of my other mistakes is that I did not manage to catch all errors from other contributors. I left in a single B (a Dutch Boer = a jack) in one of Kees' articles and an E (Swedish Ess = Ace) in Christer's. Christer also tried to catch me out by leaving in a few D's and Kn's, but I spotted all those Queens and Jacks.

The 17 (deliberate) errors I put in today's Bulletin are left for you to spot.

Thank you

As usual, I would like to thank the many people that have made this bulletin what it was.

First of all I need to thank my co-editor Christer Andersson. It was a

great joy editing his articles - there was almost nothing to do.

Next in line is Kees Tammens. Although not in an official capacity, he provided more articles than I could use. His article on his personal history of University Championships will be kept until 2007, I fear.

Certainly well worth lots of praise were the copy-sisters Wil and Els. Near the end of the tournament I simply left the pages to be copied on a pre-arranged chair and I never needed to look at anything again.



The copy-sisters were also responsible for the sandwiches

But the main thanks go to you, the players. Always eager to tell your stories, and always happy to pose for pictures.

Thanks Very Much

Paul Magerman is not a man of many words but he'd like to thank:

- all the players for their wonderful sportsmanship
- all the staff for their great help
- the University for their hosting
- and EBL and EUSA for their support

See you next year in Tianjin!

