# JACOCBS CLEAN SWEEP 



The WBF President José Damiani, arrived yesterday

The awesome US/German/Italian squad led by George Jacobs powered their way into the knock out stages of the Mixed Teams Championship, winning all six of their matches to amass 122 VP . That left them 10 VP clear of Gromova's Russian/Polish alliance, with the French squad Levy tied with a French/Polish outfit, Harazimovicz for third place.

## Personal Information Sheet (P.I.S.)

This morning as you prepare to play your first match you will find on the table a copy of your EBL Personal Information Sheet. The EBL would appreciate it if you would take a few moments before the start of your first match to check that

With Popova and Brigada in fifth and sixth positions it was mainly the European players who dominated the second days play.
The first 27 teams qualified from Group A along with the 5 from Group B who took their second chance. They included the powerful Armstrong and Gitelman teams, but not Lavazza, who fell 5 VP short.

## Registration of Mixed Pairs Event

Room CIBELES

Monday 20 June $14.00-20.00$

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## The Case of the Missing Pages

The more observant amongst you may have noticed that four pages were missing from yesterday's printed edition. We eventually discovered that the printer, doubtless anticipating that the newspaper itself would be of more compelling interest, decided to cut four pages. (The suggestion that he had read them first and considered them to be unsuitable for a family audience is strongly repudiated.) In any event, we are delighted to present an omnibus edition today, comprising no less than 12 pages. your details are correct and to add any missing information such as your home and email addresses.

## Mixed Teams

The teams not qualified for the K.O. can play the Swiss Consolation being held in the mirror room (Los Espejos). The seating for the first round will be made randomly, all teams starting with OVP's. We play 5 rounds of 8 boards giving a nice break in time to start relaxed in the first qualification round of the Mixed Pairs at 21.00.

## Schedule of Play

10.30 Mixed Teams 16th final Ist session in Tenerife room

Swiss Consolation in Los Espejos room
(10.30, I2.00, I4.00, I 5.30, I7.00)
$12.45 \quad$ Mixed Teams 16th final 2nd session
I5.45 Mixed Teams 8th final Ist session
$18.00 \quad$ Mixed Teams 8th final Ist session
$21.00 \quad$ Qualification Mixed Pairs
(Los Espejos A-D,Tenerife E-F, Minerva G-H)
Side Game

## MIXED TEAMS - ROUND 4

On Round 4 of Group A the match between a Latvia/Russian ensemble and a powerful France/USA combination caught my eye. Thanks to Sue Grenside for following the play in the Open Room.

| Board I. Dealer North. None Vul. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q 1098 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc$ A 7 |  |  |  |
| $\diamond$ A Q 104 |  |  |  |
| * A 4 |  |  |  |
| ¢ K | N |  | 765 |
| ¢KJ2 | W E |  | QQ 53 |
|  | 32 W |  | $\diamond$ K |
| $22$ | - S |  | 2K Q 10985 |
|  | ¢ AJ 432 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 109864$ |  |  |
|  | $\diamond 5$ |  |  |
|  | 976 |  |  |
| West N | North | East | South |
| Rubins G | Gitelman | Romanorska | Winestock |
|  | INT | Dble* | 20* |
| Pass | 24 | All Pass |  |

East's double promised a minor suit and South's 2 asked for a major. With only a non vulnerable game at stake South decided not to invite. East led a trump and West won with the king and switched to a club. Declarer won with the ace and played ace of hearts and a heart, soon claiming ten tricks when hearts broke 3-3, +l70.
West

Cronier $\quad$\begin{tabular}{c}
North <br>
Khazanov

 

East <br>
d'Ovidio

 

South <br>
Lebedeva
\end{tabular}

Once again South made no move, so the match started with a flat board. One of my roving reporters spotted Linda Lewis go on with 34 on the South hand and of course North had an easy raise.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.
4
QQ 108763
$\diamond 10542$
492
© K 763
『J4
$\diamond A 98$
\& 10853

| N | ¢ A J J 098 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc 95$ |
| W E | $\diamond$ J |
| S | ¢K Q 76 |
| ¢ 42 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ AK 2 |  |
| $\checkmark$ K Q 763 |  |
| ¢ A J 4 |  |


| West <br> Rubins | North <br> Gitelman | East <br> Romanovska | South <br> Winestock |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | 14 | Dble |
| 2 N* $^{*}$ | $3 \Omega$ | $4 \boldsymbol{s}$ | Dble |

Two Hearts promised a good raise, so it was easy for East to bid 49. Notice also how North showed his hand type by bidding $3 \bigcirc$ rather than doubling the artificial bid.
There was nothing to the play, declarer finishing one down, -200.

| West <br> Cronier | North <br> Khazanov | East d'Ovidio | South <br> Lebedeva |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | $1{ }^{1}$ | 2 |
| 24 | Pass | 4 | Dble |

## All Pass

South approached the hand in a different way - although for my money the double chosen at the other table is the better choice - so North was never involved. When East bid game South expressed her opinion so we had another flat board.
Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Bidding 3 on the South hand can work spectacularly well when partner has the right cards, but that was not the case this time.
East led the queen of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, came to hand with the queen of diamonds and played a club to the king. When West was able to win with the ace the writing was on the wall, but the defence slipped slightly. West returned a diamond to dummy's king and when declarer then played a spade to the jack East won with the king and played a heart. Even so, it was still a painful down three for -800 .

| West <br> Cronier | North <br> Khazanov | East <br> d'Ovidio | South <br> Lebedeva |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ |
| Dble* | Redble | Pass | Pass |
| $3 \triangleleft$ | Pass | $3 \triangleleft$ | All Pass |

South led the ace of spades and the critical point of the hand had already been reached at trick two, South has to switch to the king
of diamonds. Given that North's redouble had promised 10-II points I leave you to judge how easy a play you think that was to find.

When South played a second spade declarer won, played a club to the jack and ran the queen of hearts. The trump break meant nine easy tricks, +140 , but a big swing for the all European squad.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/WVul.

South shared a joke with your reporter, forbidding any suggestion that $2 \boxtimes$ was a cunning attempt to get North to be declarer. Don't worry, it was clearly the right bid, and North was off to a good start when East led the two of spades (nothing else is better) winning with dummy's eight and returning the suit. East took the ace and switched to the three of diamonds for the ten, jack and ace. Declarer now played a heart and when East played low he not unreasonably put in the jack. Now he was doomed for West won with the queen and played back the queen of diamonds. Declarer ducked that, won the next diamond and cashed his black winners before exiting with a heart. East could claim the last two tricks, the first with the ace of hearts, the other, trick thirteen, having cunningly unblocked the nine, with the seven of diamonds - the beer card!

## Side Games

If you would like to take part in the side games (they start at 21.15 from today) there is no need to pre-register, simply make your way to the Minerva room (opposite the Information Centre at the Cleopatra hotel) and take a seat. There are eleven events in total and in principle each will comprise 24 boards. The entry fee is Euro 25 per pair and there will be prizes and EBL Masterpoints for each session. There will be an overall prize based on an individual players best five results.
There will be no side game on 20,24 June and I\& 2 July.

| West <br> Cronier | North <br> Khazanov | East <br> d'Ovideo | South <br> Lebedeva |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pass | $1 \%$ |

This time East led the seven of diamonds at trick one - no beers here (!) - and declarer ducked the first round, won the second and played the king of spades. East won and played a third diamond. When declarer played a heart to the jack the hand was over, and another flat board.


| West <br> Rubins | North <br> Gitelman | East <br> Romanovska | South <br> Winestock |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | INT | Pass |
| 3NT | Dble | All Pass |  |

Facing a I2-I5 notrump West's direct jump to game was a reasonable gamble, but passing the double was not. South led the eight of spades and North took his tricks, down two, -500.

| West <br> Cronier | North <br> Khazanov | East <br> d'Ovideo | South <br> Lebedeva |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \diamond$ |  | 19 | Pass |
| Dble* | Redble | Pass | Pass |
| $2 \Delta^{*}$ | Dble | Pass | Pass |
| $3 \diamond$ | Pass | 3 | Pass |
| $4 \diamond$ | Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |

That was a fine effort by East/West, reaching the game that would only have failed if South had held the jack of diamonds. North started with three rounds of spades, giving declarer an anxious moment, but when South could not overruff the ten he claimed, +600 .


Karlis Rubins, Latvia

## THREE DOWN VULNERABLE

Three down doubled vulnerable doesn't sound as winning bridge. George Jacobs didn't believe it this time either.

| Board 4, Dealer West, All vul |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q Q J 1074 |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ K Q J 94 |  |  |  |
| \& Q |  |  |  |
| ¢ AK 83 | N |  | ¢ 62 |
| $\bigcirc$ AK 94 | W E |  | J 762 |
| $\diamond 7$ |  |  |  |
| \& 1092 | S |  | J 75 |
| ¢ 95 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc 103$ |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ A 8652 |  |  |  |
| ¢ 864 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| De Falco | Jacobs | Olivieri | Auken |
| 1980 | 3\%* | Dble | $5 \diamond$ |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

In the Closed Room this was the last board to play and there was not much time left. The clock showed that there were only 4 min 38 sec left to play when the auction kicked off. Dano de Falco opened lo and George Jacobs found a functional weapon in his holster: 3e showing a two-suiter in spades and diamonds. Despite the vulnerability Sabine Auken really pushed the cards, up to the five level. $5 \triangleleft$ may seem too much, but when you think of it Auken's decision was sensible, since she could expect three losers in the rounded colours and if North only has as little as something like diamond king with K-Q in spades the sacrifice would succeed.
De Falco felt quite satisfied with the progress so he doubled and Gabriella Olivieri didn't find any reason to do other than to bid a sensible pass.
The clock now was ticking quickly and with only I min 09 sec left for the play,Auken again made an excellent performance - three seconds later she simply claimed eight tricks; three down and -800.
I doubt Auken/Jacobs thought this was their big swing in the match, but it was. The comparison from Monica Cuzzi and Alfredo Versace was nothing to complain about. The auction at the other table was:

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Versace | Abdou | Cuzzi | Goldberg |
| 18 | 19 | Dble | Pass |
| 38 | Pass | 4\% | Pass |
| $4 \checkmark$ | Pass | $4 \bigcirc$ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5\% | Pass |
| 5 | Pass | 6 | All Pass |

Versace/Cuzzi had all the time they needed to reach the nice small slam. $3 \checkmark$ was forcing, $4 \%$ and $4 \diamond$ cuebids. $5 \%$ denied any key-card and when Versace asked for the trump queen Cuzzi could bid the slam. The declarer wasn't put to the test since the queen of clubs dropped easily; +1430 and I2 IMPs to Jacobs.
This board was the only one team Jacobs won. Nevertheless it was enough to win the match by $16-14 \mathrm{VPs}$ ( $12-8$ IMPs).

## APPEAL no.I

Report of Disciplinary Hearing

## Appeals Committee:

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England),
Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England)
After a Tournament Director's ruling, relating to disputed facts, which went in his favour, a player ("West") asked his opponent (under the screen) "Why did you lie?". When asked to apologise, he refused to do so.

The following is the decision of the Appeals Committee, given to the player in person:
This is a serious breach of Law 74A of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge:

LAW 74 - CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE
A. Proper Attitude
I. Courtesy

A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. Etiquette of Word and Action

A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

Player West, at the request of the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, eventually apologised to his opponent. The apology has been taken into account in the Appeals Committee's decision. Without it the sanction would have been more severe.

Under Law 90 the Appeals Committee imposes a 4VP procedural penalty on player West's team.

In addition player West is:
I) reprimanded
2) warned that a recurrence of such a breach of the Laws will result in a more severe sanction.


## DAY TWO - THE SWISS

The table I chose to watch for round I was where Meckstroth and Disa Eythorsdottir (Disa from now on, to save margins and trees) were taking on the Gromovs. IMP swings were few and far between - one swing to Gromov on a slam bid by Disa down on a finesse, and one game made by Meckstroth not bid in the other room. This was the other swing in the match:

| Deal I, Dealer North, Love all. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢Q 10983 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc 3$ |  |  |  |
| $\diamond$ J 87 |  |  |  |
| \& 865 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { \& } 72 \\ & \vee A 98752 \end{aligned}$ | N |  |  |
|  | W |  | Q 104 |
| $\checkmark$ A |  |  | Q 10643 |
| * J 107 |  |  |  |
|  | $\text { AKJ } 64$ |  |  |
|  | QJ 6 |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark 952$ |  |  |
|  | ¢K 94 |  |  |
| West <br> Meckstroth | North | East | South |
|  | Gromov | Disa | Gromova |
| Dbe | 24 | 3 | 4, |
|  | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Zmudzinski | Jacobus | Szczepanska | O'Rourke |
|  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ | 1s |
| Dble | 49 | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 5 | Pass |
| 6 | All Pass |  |  |

Zmudzinski's double of Is was based on the fact that they play negative free bids so a call of $2 \triangleleft$ would not have been forcing. After his second double, Szczepanska's $5 \bigcirc$ call marked her with short spades and 6-4 hand pattern so Adam awarded her a sixth heart.
In the other room Disa's decision to pass 40 might have worked if the minors had been


Dessy Popova, Bulgaria
slightly differently divided but not today (I fancy a call of 4 NT , planning to correct $5 \boldsymbol{2}$ to $5 \diamond$, myself, to show the 6-4 pattern. That would have also got her side to $6 \bigcirc$.
She led the $\diamond K$ and Meckstroth won and switched to the $\vee A$ and another heart. Now Gromov ruffed and drew trumps, then in this ending led a low club up:

|  | - Q 9 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$--- |  |
|  | $\stackrel{J}{ } 8$ |  |
|  | -8652 |  |
| ¢ --- | N | ¢ --- |
| $\bigcirc 8752$ | W E | $\bigcirc \mathrm{K}$ Q |
| $\checkmark$--- |  | $\checkmark$ Q 1064 |
| \& J 107 | S | \% Q 3 |
|  | Q K J 6 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc--$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark 95$ |  |
|  | ¢K 94 |  |

When Disa played low, Gromov put in the nine. Meckstroth won his ten and cashed the eA to return a club. Gromov now conceded down three; but had he won the rik and crossed to hand with a trump to exit with the fourth club, he could have achieved a second endplay to limit his losses to down two. No matter; it was still a IO IMP gain, to give his team a victory by 9 IMPs.
Curiously, in the next match that I watched, exactly the same decision came up, namely as to whether to remove a double of 44 . Again, the winning action was to bid - and, again, the rewards would have been even greater?

| Board I2. Dealer West. N/S Vul. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢ - |  |  |  |
| هK 5432 |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ K 63 |  |  |  |
| ¢K 10875 |  |  |  |
| ¢K 8752 | N |  | Q 943 |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 10 | W E |  | 876 |
| $\diamond$ J 10752 |  |  |  |
| -3 | S |  |  |
|  | Q 106 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AJ |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A Q 8 |  |  |
|  | \%Q9642 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Levy | Holland | Levy | Brunner |
| Pass | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| 49 | Dble | All Pass |  |

Anne-Frederique Levy's decision to pass out 49x meant she only collected +100 with 620 or 1370 available in clubs. It certainly did not meet with her husband's approval (but when did any action by a wife meet with her husband's approval?)
Naturally, though, this was actually worth 2 IMPs, since in the other room Bernard Goldenfield let 4s go, rather than doubling. An opportunity missed but Levy still won the match comfortably enough.
In another match Bobby Levin as North for Welland had an even more dangerous position, in a way. He heard the auction go 2s (two-suited) - Pass- 4 - Pass- Pass back to him. He doubled, and now heard his oppo-
nents sacrifice in 5s -- doubled and down 300 for a 6 IMP gain against 44 down one in the other room.
The third match saw leaders Popova eke out a narrow victory against Brigada.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.
¢ 1063
『K 842
$\diamond 8754$
\& 5

| \&KQJ 954 | N | ¢ A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ - | N | 8JIO976 |
| $\diamond$ K 96 | W E | $\checkmark$ A 32 |
| ¢K Q J 6 | S | - A 1097 |
|  | ¢ 872 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 53 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ Q J 10 |  |
|  | 2843 |  |


| West <br> Khazanov | North <br> Gunev | East <br> Lebedeva | South <br> Popova |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \$$ | Pass | $2 \checkmark$ | Pass |
| $3 \&$ | Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |

Khazanov was constrained by systemic issues ( $2 s$ over $2 \rrbracket$ would not have been forcing - how quaint!) into taking stronger action. But his choice of 34 as opposed to 30 did not thrill his partner. When she signed off in 3NT Khazanov had nothing to add, and Lebedeva chalked up a mournful +690 .
In the other room perfection was not attained either but at least reaching a slam with 12 top tricks was managed.

| West <br> Aronov | North <br> Rubins | East <br> Zobu | South <br> Romanovska |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 | Pass | 28 | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | 3\% | Pass |
| 48 | Pass | $4 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 49 | Pass | 5\% | Pass |
| 6\% | All Pass |  |  |

Aronov doubtless did not want to bid 5 over $5 \%$ having cuebid a second round spade control on the previous round, since that might lead to a Grand Slam off the $\Phi$ A. So he settled for the small slam and +1390 .

Others, however, did better still, and it was to the credit of the Austrian pair that they managed to reach the Grand Slam after preempting themselves on the first round their auction.

| Wernle | Smederevac |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1\% | 24(1) |
| 34 | 3NT |
| 49 | 5\% |
| 5 | 54 |
| 7\% | Pass |

(1) Six controls

The initial control-response marked East with three aces, but it was not immediately clear which they were. However, Jovanka Smederevac made the first good decision for her side when she concealed her hearts over 34 to save space. When Sascha Wernle heard his partner deny a heart control by bidding $5 \Delta$ over $5 \diamond$ he did not stand upon the order of his going, but went at once to the Grand Slam. Nicely done!

## THE SUNDAY SWISS, ROUND I

## by Jos Jacobs

One of the most interesting confrontations in Sunday morning's first round of the Swiss certainly was the match between Welland and Kowalski: one of the favourite US teams against a strong Polish-Russian combination. As a result of the two teams' performances on Saturday they would meet at table 5.
Board I was an easy slam, and the boards 2 and 3 turned out to be easy enough pushes at 3NT except for a nice little squeeze that earned Bobby Levin an overtrick in one of them
On board 4, the action started:

| Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q Q J 1074 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ K Q J 94 |  |
|  | \& Q |  |
| ¢ AK 83 | N | ¢ 62 |
| $\triangle$ AK 94 | W | QQJ 762 |
| $\diamond 7$ | W | $\checkmark 103$ |
| \& 1092 | S | \&KJ 75 |
|  | ¢95 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 103$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 86 |  |
|  | 9864 |  |

Open Room:

| West <br> Rosenberg | North <br> Tuszynski | East <br> Rosenberg | South <br> Sarniak |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\% | IS | Dble | Pass |
| $4 \varnothing$ | All Pass |  |  |

After the straightforward approach by East over It slam was out of sight when West, with his unpromising 4-4-4-I distribution, did not think of any other bid than $4 \checkmark$.

## Closed Room:

| West <br> Rosenblum | North <br> Levin | East <br> Panina | South <br> Henner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 19 | $2 \vee$ | Pass |
| 68 | All Pass |  |  |

Ah the other table, Michael Rosenblum was more inspired. When he heard a voluntarily bid $2 \triangleleft$ from his partner, he raised to slam without investigating any further. Right he was, though it took Larisa Panina some time to start tackling the clubs by leading to the

## PRESS OUTING

The EBL is to host a trip for members of IBPA and other media people on Friday 24th June to the nearby island of La Gomera. The boat will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 17.30 and lunch is included. The trip will be limited to thirty people so you must register and can find more details in the Press Room.
The trip clashes with the EBL Assembly but there is no bridge on that day until 2100 hours.
ace first. So team Kowalski had scored 13 IMPs.
One board later, it was slam time again:
Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

$$
\text { \& } 762
$$

PJ9763
$\diamond 1085$
$\leftrightarrow 32$

| Q Q J 10 | N | , AK 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QAK IO |  | $\bigcirc 4$ |
| $\checkmark 963$ | W E | $\diamond$ A Q J 2 |
| 910875 | S | 9KQJ94 |
|  | -9543 |  |
|  | ¢Q 852 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 74 |  |
|  | \& A 6 |  |

Closed Room:

| West | North Levin | East | South Henner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 3\% | Pass |
| $3 \bigcirc$ | Pass | 31 | Pass |
| $4 \bigcirc$ | Pass | 44 | Pass |
| 54 | Pass | 6\% | All Pass |

10 could be anything but 3\% confirmed a good suit and 19+ h.c.p. The next two rounds were all cuebids, 3s of course implying diamond control as well.
Over 44, Michael Rosenblum had a difficult decision, but probably the key to the hand was the 49 bid itself. With the duplication in hearts known and with both the $\triangleleft K$ and the 2A missing East might well have contented herself with 5 so if she does not, 5 by West seems justified.
As you can see, 6\% has no play against any lead, but the old idea of feeling squeezed instead of really being squeezed struck again. South led a diamond to the eight, ten and queen, but this should have done no real harm to the defence. The ek went to the ace and South exited with a spade. On the run of the clubs, North discarded all his diamonds, starting with the $\diamond I 0$, which should have clarified the position. Still, South elected to blank her $\diamond K$ and hold on to the hearts, so declarer, already prepared to concede one down when she played a second round of diamonds towards the end, could suddenly go up with the ace and drop the king for her contract. Another II IMPs for the Polish/Russians.
On the next board, the Russians missed a game due to systemic reasons:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/WVul.

$$
\text { K K } 1093
$$

$\bigcirc 4$
$\diamond$ J 9865
e) 94


Closed Room:

| West <br> Rosenblum | North <br> Levin | East <br> Panina | South <br> Henner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| $2 \diamond$ | Pass | $2 \vee$ | Pass |
| 2\&ass |  |  |  |

INT was 16-18 h.c.p. and $2 \triangle$ in this sequence was explained as natural with no interest for game. The strange thing is that even though the $\stackrel{Q}{\mathrm{Q}}$ is a wasted value, game is still a very good proposition, even more so when vulnerable.
No such problems at the other table, so 10 IMPs back to the Americans.
Spectacular defensive play was the issue on the very next board:


Against the normal contract of 4s by North, the two Easts had completely different ideas about what to lead. In the Open Room, Debbie Rosenberg led a trump, won in dummy. Tuszynski played one more round of trumps and then led the e from dummy with spectacular effect: West took his ace, felling his partner's king. Contract made.
The same play might well have occurred at the other table too, if Levin had been given a chance to repeat this performance. However, Panina elected to lead the K which held the trick. Feeling maybe a little uncomfortable about not being able to continue the suit, she exited with a heart, won by dummy's ace. Had trumps been 3-2, all would have been well for declarer, but when they proved to be 4-I Levin could not draw trumps and also remain in control of the hand. When he led a heart after two rounds of trumps, Rosenblum took his king and played A and another to set the contract. Another 12 IMPs.

When a better partscore defence of the last board brought them another 5 IMPs the Kowalski team had won the match 4I-II or 25-5 V.P.A good start of the day for them.


# PERFECT START FOR HARASIMOWICZ 

By Ace Ventura

Many players have taken the opportunity to set up transnational teams in the Mixed Teams event. In the first round we sat down to follow two of them; Gitelman (Canada and France) vs Harasimowicz (France and Poland).

| Board I,Dealer North, None vul |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\triangle A J I$ $\otimes 109$ $\diamond 72$ ¢K 52 | 108 986 2 |  |
| , 72 <br> ©KJ432 <br> $\diamond$ K 5 <br> \& Q 987 | $\mathrm{W}^{\text {N }}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 10943 \\ & 163 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\triangle K Q$ <br> $\vee A 5$ <br> $\diamond$ Q J 86 <br> 104 | $\begin{aligned} & 2963 \\ & 86 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Gitelman | Voldoire | Winestock | Peyrot |
|  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ | 14 |
| Dble | 24 | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 3\% | Pass |
| Pass | 34 | All Pass |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Lesniewski | Cronier | Harasimowicz | d'Ovidio |
|  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ | 1s |
| Dble | 21 | Pass | Pass |
| 38 | 34 | All Pass |  |

40 will make with the king of clubs on side. Fred Gitelman and Sheri Winestock were on their way to a nice club contract, but neither of them wanted to march on to the fourth level. Therefore 3s was the final contract at both tables and with five obvious losers there should not be any IMPs exchanging on the first deal of the Championships.
In the Closed Room Fred Gitelman led the diamond king then switched to the queen of clubs - one down. After the same lead at the

other table, declarer started to get some hope when Marcin Lesniewski continued with a diamond. Ewa Harasimowicz now had to return a diamond, in order to force a ruff from West and dummy, which leaves declarer with only one club discard in dummy.
-I just wasn't on my toes... it was the very first board, Ewa commented with a smile.
And she had her reasons to smile, since her team took a solid victory in this match by 24 7 IMPs, converted to 20-10 VPs.
Team Harasimowicz lost 5 IMPs on the first board, but should only give away 2 IMPs more. Three flat boards followed and even though this one also was flat, it was exciting when Gitelman/Winestock were walking on thin ice.

| Board 5, Dealer North, NS vul |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\qquad 87$ <br> $\diamond 765$ <br> $\diamond 107$ <br> 108 | 43 5 72 86 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \qquad A K J 2 \\ & \diamond \text { Q } 4 \\ & \diamond \text { K } 984 \end{aligned}$ | W |  | 95 19832 53 |
| \& A 92 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Gitelman | Voldoire | Winestock | Peyrot |
|  | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 3 | Pass |
| 4\% | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 51 | Pass | 69 (!) | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Lesniewski | Cronier | Harasimowicz | d'Ovidio |
|  | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 31 | Pass |
| 4* | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ | Pass |
| $4 \bigcirc$ | Pass | 5\% | Pass |
| 68 | All Pass |  |  |

Lesniewski/Harasimowicz reached sensibly 6 after a perfectly controlled auction. 2NT was game forcing relay and 3s showed the distribution 3-6-2-2 or, as here, a singleton king in a minor. $4 \%$ and $4 \diamond$ were cuebids and when Ewa went on with $5 \%$ over $4 \checkmark$, Marcin nicely judged that small slam was the spot to be at.
For a moment Gitelman/Winestock were headed towards the same contract. 21 was artificial game forcing, $3 \checkmark$ showed six hearts and three spades. Fred's $4 \%$ was cue for hearts, he then informed about two aces and the trump queen. Fred now thought everything in the garden was lovely, right till the tray came back - with 6@! The Canadian pair was lucky this time, since the play was quite straight forward with spades and hearts behaving. No swing!
Half of the boards were played and Gitelman \& co were still in the lead; 5 to 0 . Then came:


Sheri Winestock, USA
Board 6, Dealer East, EW vul
\& $\int 3$
$\vee K 4$
$\diamond 9$
\& Q J 1098653
4982

| N | -10764 |
| :---: | :---: |
| W E | $\bigcirc$ A Q J 7 |
|  | $\checkmark$ Q J 8 |
| S | \&K 7 |
| , AKQ 5 |  |
| $\bigcirc 962$ |  |
| $\diamond 106542$ |  |
| ¢2 |  |



Both North players put maximum pressure on East/West with a smart 4e-bid. Philippe Cronier was left to play there and when the defence 'forgot' to attack the heart suit, declarer's hearts were pitched on the spades: contract just made.
There were more fireworks at the other table, where Nadine Peyrot took an immediate sacrifice. Sheri Winestock was warned not to continue the auction, but when she did the punishment came. North led his singleton diamond and Fred Gitelman didn't want to gamble with a heart finesse, so he cashed the ace of hearts instead to avoid threatening diamond ruffs, and he was two down: -500 and 9 IMPs to Harasiimowicz .
Later on a part score gave Harazimivicz 5 IMPs and on the following deal a helpful lead in 3NT resulted in another 10 IMPs.

## PRIMER DIA DEL CAMPEONATO

En el primer día de los Campeonatos, un total de 70 equipos participan en el Torneo Mixto, encuadrados en 10 grupos de 6 equipos y 2 grupos de 5 equipos. Los 3 primeros de cada grupo se clasifican para la siguiente ronda, suizo $A$.
Curiosamente, los 2 equipos españoles que seguimos quedan encuadrados en los grupos de 5 equipos: el equipo Ventín (Ventín, Gaviard, Von Arnim, Lambardi, Pont) en el grupo E y el equipo Passarinho (Passarinho, Panadero, Penev, Nehmert) en el grupo H. Ambos sólo tendrán 2 equipos a eliminar (en lugar de 3) y un BYE para descansar.
Póngase, en Sur, en la situación de María Panadero y Daniele Gaviard para la salida, después de la siguiente subasta:


La voz de $2 \diamond$ es artificial y sus cartas son las siguientes:

## - 542 <br> $\bigcirc$ AQ 105 <br> $\diamond$ A 42

2- 654
La salida a triunfo y a trébol parecen descartarse, por lo que hay que salir a un palo rojo, aunque no nos guste hacerlo bajo As. María acertó a la primera saliendo bajo el $\diamond A$, ya que la mano completa era la siguiente:


El declarante no había venido a Tenerife para que le salieran el primer día bajo As, y


Juan Pont, Spain
pasó pequeña del muerto. Joao Passarinho ganó con la $\diamond \mathbf{Q}$, adelantó el $\nabla K$ y jugó $\diamond$. Una multa y 13 IMPS para Passarinho.
En cambio, Gaviard salió del $\vee A$ y cuando vió la señal positiva del compañero, adelantó la $\oslash$ Q y jugó el $\diamond 2$. La presión al declarante era máxima, pero no salió bien. El juagdor en Este razonó que Sur no hubiera salido de una palo encabezado de $A Q$ sino era porque en el otro también tenía problemas y llamó al $\diamond K$ del muerto.

Otro mano que ha dado de hablar fue jugada por Juan Pont, en la posición de Norte, aunque rotamos la mano para comodidad del lector.
Dador Sur. Este-Oeste vulnerables.

| Oeste | Norte | Este | Sur |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2 ST |
| Paso | $3 \mathbf{e r}$ | Paso | $3 \diamond$ |
| Paso | $3 S T$ | Todos pasan |  |

Después de negar algún mayor cuarto, Juanito recibe la salida del 85 (cuartas) para la $\vee Q$ de Este y su $\vee A$. Las cartas eran las siguientes:

$$
\text { Ⓚ } 864
$$

『9732
$\diamond$ Q J 98
2)


El $\diamond$ K gana baza y jugamos $\diamond$ a la Dama (el impasse al $\diamond 10$ es peligroso, al no haber 2 entradas en el muerto), que también hace baza. Tenemos 8 bazas y hay que intentar la novena. Juanito juega el $\diamond$ J (es más probable un $\diamond I O$ tercero que un $\diamond A$ tercero, ya que en este último caso el jugador con el As no hubiera cedido 2 veces), pero no hay suerte $y$ Este adelanta sus bazas a $\diamond$, donde Oeste y Sur descarta tréboles.
Oeste, leyendo la posición, no vuelve a $\curvearrowright$ (sólo es bueno si Sur tiene AK secos, improbable que ya supondría una mano con 6 tréboles) y juega el 27 , para el J, Q y pequeño. Corazón cedido al 10 y corazón obliga a Este a un descarte vital. La posición, desde el punto de vista de Este:


Sobre el $\vee 6$, para el $\vee 7$ del muerto, Este debe descartar. Está claro que si su com-
pañero tiene la puede descartar un tranquilamente, ya que el palo está bloqueado. Sin embargo, si el compañero tiene el \& 10 , hay que descartar trébol. ¿Y bien?
Este descartó pic y Juanito cumplío su mano. Grave error, porque hasta el momento Sur sólo había mostrado 18 puntos de honor y era favorito a tener la L Q .
Finalmente, el equipo Ventín finalizó segundo de su grupo E con 79 puntos, mientras que el equipo Passarinho alcanzó idéntica posición en el H, con 88 puntos.Ambos están clasificados para el suizo $A$ que se celebra mañana, antes de entrar en los dieciseisavos de final.

## Championship Diary

Saturday's edition formed part of the local newspaper La Opinion, which featured the Championships on the front page as well as reporting in detail on the opening ceremony.
The high quality buffet meant that plans to visit the local Indian were rapidly shelved.
One of our reporters took breakfast with the wife of an antipodean tournament director. (No names, no pack drill). She noticed that various members of staff were around and were wearing different coloured shirts. 'I see', she said, 'the workers wear yellow shirts and the tournament directors wear blue.' (Le mot juste as our Co-Ordinator might say!)
The lifts contain a pointer that can be set in one of three positions. The first is $A$ - no idea what it means - the second $P$ - still no idea what it means - the third is Bomberos - we hope we don't know what that means.
Barry Rigal, our distinguished American Editor, collected the first BMA (Bulletin Merit Award) of the Championship by providing a fine lunch of bread, cheese, ham \& wine. It went down especially well with Tacchi who was having a bad hair day.
We went in search of Championship General Manager Ton Kooijman. Our requirements involved him restarting his computer. 'Have you saved your file?' we enquired. 'I saved it when I heard you in the corridor.'

## PASMAN VS TOKCAN，AN AMUSING MATCH

In Round 4 of Saturday＇s qualification，The Dutch team Pasman，consisting of interna－ tionals only，among them a number of former World Champions，had to face a far less re－ puted team from Turkey．So many may have feared a one－sided，dull match，but this was not really the case at the two tables．
The Turks started off with a miserable mis－ understanding on board I which cost them a non－vulnerable game swing straight away：

Board I．Dealer North．None Vul．

|  | Q Q 1098 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 7 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A Q 104 |  |
|  | \＆ A 4 |  |
| ，K | N | 4 765 |
| ¢KJ2 |  | QQ 53 |
| ১J987632 | W E | $\diamond$ K |
| ¢ 32 | S | \＆K Q 10985 |
|  | ¢ AJ4 32 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 109864$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark 5$ |  |
|  | ¢ 76 |  |

Open Room：

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INT | Pass | $4 \%$ |
| Pass | $4 N T$ | Pass | 59 |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | Pass | 5 |
| Pass | $5 N T$ | All Pass |  |

4\％was intended to show a weakish hand with both majors，but North was not on the same wavelength．He took it as Gerber and started showing his three aces．Over 5\％， again North was quite unsure what it might mean，as it took him a lot of time to produce $5 \diamond$ ．When Tokcan next bid 5 $\downarrow$ ，Demirbai was completely lost．After another very long thought，he gave up and signed off in 5NT， which Bertens was kind enough not to dou－ ble．As it went down three this friendly ges－ ture only cost his side 3 IMP＇s when his team－ mates duly reached game in the replay：

## Closed Room：

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INT | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ |
| $2 \diamond$ | Dble | Pass | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Pass | $3 \infty$ | Pass | $4 \infty$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Babac led the K rather than her blank $\diamond \mathrm{K}$


Wietske van Zwol，The Netherlands
in partner＇s suit．Verhees won the $\boldsymbol{r} \mathrm{A}$ and next played the Q ．When East followed suit low，seemingly showing no interest，he almost effortlessly called for dummy＇s ace and thus brought down the singleton $\$ \mathrm{~K}$ to secure his contract．His next move was sort of an anti－ climax，however：he led a low diamond to the queen，this time losing to yet another blank king．With a club and a heart as his other los－ ers，ten tricks were his at the end for a score of 420 and a swing of II IMPs．
Six IMPs more went Dutch on the next board：

| Board 2．Dealer East．N／S Vul． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4KQJ652 |  |
|  | ¢Q 106 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$－ |  |
|  | 2 Q J 63 |  |
| $\triangle$ A 10 | N | ¢ 73 |
| $\bigcirc 732$ | W | QAKJ 5 |
| 勺J7652 |  | $\checkmark$ K Q 103 |
| \＆ 54 | S | \＆ 82 |
|  | ¢ 984 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 984$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 984 |  |
|  | \＆K109 |  |

Open Room：

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3 \diamond$ | $3 \Omega$ | $1 \diamond$ | Pass |
| $3 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |  |

The $7-9 \mathrm{hcp}$ raise in diamonds worked well for EW．The contract will make，and NS can－ not make more than 2s against accurate de－ fence．When North overcalled，this defence was needed but it looked easy enough：『K and a club switch to the ace，followed by two more rounds of hearts．The A then settled the issue．One down．
Closed Room：

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INT | Pass |  |  |
| Pass | 2 | All Pass |  |

The 12－14 NT－opening did not work so well for EW，as the diamond fit got lost in the process．Who can blame West for not com－ peting any further over $2 \triangleq$ ？On the $\diamond$ K lead， North emerged with an overtrick for anoth－ er +140 and 6 more IMPs to the Dutch．
The next board was mainly a matter of judgement．

Board 3．Dealer South．E／W Vul．
$\triangle 9$
『KJ97652
$\diamond$ Q 73
$\$ 62$

| ¢ A Q 1032 | N | ¢K865 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$－ | N | $\bigcirc 84$ |
| $\diamond 109852$ | W E | $\checkmark$ K 4 |
| \＆K 53 | S | \＆AJ 1097 |
|  | ¢ J 74 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 103 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A J 6 |  |
|  | 2Q 84 |  |

## Open Room：

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 19 |
| $1{ }^{1}$ | $3 \bigcirc$ | 4\％ | $4 \bigcirc$ |
| Pass | Pass | 49 | $5 \bigcirc$ |
| 54 | All Pass |  |  |

By overcalling IS Huub Bertens made life easy for his partner．She could first make a fit－ bid with $4 \%$ and next go on to 49 when given room to do so．As it happened， $4 \%$ had clari－ fied the position for West so he at his turn was able to go on even to 54 which he duly made by finessing the 9 Q through South，the 1\％opener．Pasman＋650．

## Closed Room：

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2 \diamond$ | $2 \triangleleft$ | 4 | 5 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Uysal，on the other hand，treated his hand as a twosuiter．Babac could easily jump to 4s but was in trouble when 58 came back to her as the EW club fit had remained secret．She therefore had no reason to double and no reason to bid on，so she just passed，collect－ ing a meagre 50 for a loss of another 12 IMPs．

The score stood at 29－0 now，but on the next board，the Tokcan team missed a very good chance to hit back：

Board 4．Dealer West．All Vul．

$$
5
$$

QQ 108763
$\triangleleft 10542$
292

| 处 763 | N | ¢ A Q J 1098 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QJ4 | W E | $\bigcirc 95$ |
| $\checkmark$ A 98 |  | $\diamond$ J |
| 210853 | S | 2K Q 76 |
|  | ¢ 42 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ AK 2 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ KQ 763 |  |
|  | 2 A 4 |  |

Open Room：

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ | $2 \diamond$ |
| $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | $4 \diamond$ | $4 \leftrightarrow$ | $5 \diamond$ |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

Of course it＇s unlucky for EW that 4s goes down：hearts are 2－2 and the 2AJx are over the $\mathrm{e} K \mathrm{Qxx}$ ．The Turkish NS found their proper save，however，as $5 \triangleleft$ will go down only one for 200 to Pasman．
Closed Room：

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | $1 \mathbf{4}$ | Dble |
| $2 \vee$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | Pass |
| Pass | $5 \vee$ | Dble | All Pass |

When Simons more logically in my opinion doubled Is rather than overcall $2 \diamond$ ，Verhees took a delayed save in hearts against which

Babac led her singleton $\diamond$ J. Uysal won the king with his ace but, instead of returning the $\diamond 9$ immediately and hoping for the best, he first cashed the $\Phi \mathrm{K}$. When Babac followed with the queen, Uysal did return the $\diamond 9$ for his partner to ruff, but as he had no other entry the second diamond ruff never came. Flat board instead of a 7-IMP gain for Tokcan.
On the next board, for a change, we saw a Dutch misunderstanding:

| Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢ J 1083 |  |  |  |
|  | ¢K 32 |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A Q 98 |  |  |
|  | * 102 |  |  |
| ¢ 652 |  |  | ¢K Q 97 |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 1076 |  |  | ¢AJ85 |
| $\diamond$ J 1076 |  |  | $\checkmark 543$ |
| + A J |  |  | - $\mathrm{Q}^{9}$ |
|  | , A |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 94$ |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 2 |  |  |
|  | 2K | 6 |  |

## Open Room:

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pass | $1 \$$ | Pass |
| I 8 | Pass | $2 \otimes$ | All Pass |

This was a decent enough contract, but the defence started off quite effectively. © to the king and ace, $\diamond K$ and a diamond to the queen. $\diamond A$ on which South's remaining spade went away, and the last diamond which was ruffed by declarer with the $\vee J$. The $\vee \mathrm{A}$ and another followed, so North was on lead again with the QK. Whatever he played, declarer could sooner or later finesse the $\$ 10$ for his contract. Pasman + I IO.

Closed Room:

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pass | INT | 30 |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

Undoubtedly, Verhees expected a much stronger hand when his partner made a vulnerable 3e overcall after the weak NT opening bid. This time, it was Uysal who showed his disbelief in what was happening, and right he was. The lead was the $\varphi \mathrm{Q}$ won by dummy's ace.A diamond went to the ace and a club was led to the king. After some thought, West took his ace but returned a spade rather than the $\vee Q$ or $\vee I 0$. This way, an undertrick or two disappeared, but declarer still had only seven tricks and thus lost 500. Tokcan 9 IMPs.

On the next board, an instance of non-concentration by Demirbai hit the jackpot:


Board 6. Dealer East. E/WVul.

Ⓚ 5
© 1072
$\diamond$ AK 42

* A 984

| ¢ 763 | N | - A 1042 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QQ 4 | W E | $\bigcirc$ A 986 |
| $\checkmark$ Q J 8 |  | $\diamond 9753$ |
| \&) 10753 | S | \$6 |
|  | 4 Q J 98 |  |
|  | QKJ 53 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 106$ |  |
|  | \%K Q 2 |  |

Open Room:

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pass |  |
| Pass | $1 \diamond$ | Pass | INT |

All Pass
During the play of this hand, Demirbai never stopped saying sorry to his opponents, but it was in fact his partner who exploited the situation. With not quite perfect defence Tokcan made nine tricks for +150 to her side.
Closed Room:

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pass | 19 |
| Pass | 20 | Pass | $2 N T$ |
| Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |  |

On a diamond lead, declarer was never in with a serious chance to make her contract. It seems as if she would have needed to guess correctly in both majors. When she did not, one down was the result and Tokcan chalked up another 5 IMPs to halve the earlier deficit.
A defensive mistake of which Van Zwol took full advantage led to another swing to the Dutch:

| Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q Q 10543 |  |
|  | QKJ 65 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 93$ |  |
|  | ¢102 |  |
| ¢K 98 | N | Q |
| $\bigcirc 108$ |  | ¢Q9742 |
| $\diamond \mathrm{J} 10862$ | W E | $\checkmark$ AK Q 4 |
| ¢ Q J 4 | S | ¢ A 95 |
|  | - ${ }^{\text {¢ }} 762$ |  |
|  | PA 3 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 75$ |  |
|  | \&K8763 |  |

## Open Room:

| West <br> Bertens | North <br> Demirbai | East <br> Van Zwol | South <br> Tokcan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | $1 \triangleleft$ | Pass |
| INT | Pass | $2 \diamond$ | Pass |
| $3 \diamond$ | Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |

As NS had not entered the auction, it was far more difficult for them to find the proper defence as they had no clues whatsoever. South started well by leading a trump which ran to declarer's queen. Next, Van Zwol presented the $\mathbf{~}$ and put up dummy's king when South played low. Then, she played a heart from dummy. Now North has to rise with his king and play a club through to beat the contract. When he did not, South won her $\triangle \mathrm{A}$, but could not effectively attack clubs. In the
end, dummy's clubs went on the two top hearts and that was a juicy 400 more for Pasman's team.
Closed Room:

| West <br> Uysal | North Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| INT | Pass | $2 \checkmark$ | Pass |
| Pass | 24 | 3\% | 34 |
| $4 \checkmark$ | All Pass |  |  |

When West showed less aggression here at his second turn, Verhees balanced with $2 \Phi$ to liven things up. Simons raised to 3s when East introduced her third suit. Finally, West came to life again and thus $4 \diamond$ became the final contract. This looks like sort of absolute par, as 34 is likely to make. The defence against $4 \diamond$ was correct: South led a trump and next hopped up with her A , whereas North, realising the danger and helped by South's spade raise, could find the good play of jumping up with his 8 K to lead a club through. Well done, 50 more for Pasman and another 10 IMPs.
The final nail in the coffin for the Tokcan team was a co-production of both Dutch pairs:

| Board IO. Dealer East. All Vul. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 AKQ 975 |  |  |  |
| QKJ |  |  |  |
| $\diamond{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |
| ¢1063 |  |  |  |
| $\pm 1043$ | N |  | Q ${ }^{1} 6$ |
| $\bigcirc 52$ | 4 W E P |  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 64 |
| $\checkmark$ AK Q 854 |  |  | 97 |
| \& ${ }^{\text {Q }}$ | $\mathrm{S}$ |  | \& AK 94 |
| 4 82 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc 109873$ |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark 63$ |  |  |  |
| ¢ 8752 |  |  |  |
| Open Room: |  |  |  |
| West N | North | East | South |
| Bertens D | Demirbai | Van Zwol | Tokcan |
|  | 24 | $1 \%$ | Pass |
| 2 - |  | 3 | Pass |
| 31 | Dble | 4\% | Pass |
| 5 - All | All Pass |  |  |

Very nicely bid by the EW pair. During the play, West needed a little bit of luck as the spades were 6-2, but when South could not overruff dummy the contract was safe. Pasman +600 .
Closed Room:

| West <br> Uysal | North <br> Verhees | East <br> Babac | South <br> Simons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3NT | Dble | INT <br> All Pass | Pass |

Once again, the weak NT was not the ideal way to tackle the problems of this hand. North's double was a sort of a gamble, of course, asking partner to find the doubler's solid or semi-solid suit. Simons simply led the 48 for a quick two down.
The strange thing is that the West hand looks quite unsuitable to run to $5 \triangleleft$ after the double, but it would have been a nice climax to this amusing bridge match had West in fact run on the very last board. As it was, this board settled the blitz result. We may well hear more from the Pasman team as the event goes on.

## PASO FIRME DE LOS EQUIPOS ESPAÑOLES

Tras clasificarse con holgura en la primera fase del Torneo Mixto, los equipos Ventín y Passarinho están compitiendo en el suizo A, en espera de clasificarse para las eliminatorias, que empiezan mañana día 20. Teniendo en cuenta sus primeros resultados $y$ el hecho que se clasifican 27 equipos del total de 36 que compiten en el suizo $A$, las opciones para alcanzar dicha fase son sólidas, pero hay que luchar hasta el final.
En la segunda ronda del suizo, a Juan Pont se le presentó una oportunidad de demostrar su agresividad en la subasta.

Dador Oeste. Norte/Sur vulnerables.

| Oeste | Pont | Este | Gaviard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paso | Paso | Is | Paso |
| 49 | $?$ |  |  |

Sus cartas son las siguientes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { s- } \\
& \diamond \text { K } 5432 \\
& \diamond \text { K } 63
\end{aligned}
$$

2 K 10875
Gracias a que es pasador, su doblo negativo no puede interpretarse como mucho juego, pero sí con una gran distribución. Si su compañero no tiene mucho juego (o bazas en ©), pasará y lo más grave que puede ocurrir es que le cumplan y pierda 5 IMPS. Pero si no tiene puntos perdidos en y sí tiene juego y distribución, la ganancia puede ser impresionante:

|  | Q - |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\text { PK } 5432$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 63 |  |
|  | 2K 10875 |  |
| ¢K8752 | N | - A Q 943 |
| -Q 10 | W E | 『9876 |
| $\diamond$ J 10752 | W E | $\checkmark 94$ |
| \& 3 | S | \& AJ |
|  | ¢ J 106 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AJ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A Q 8 |  |
|  | 2Q9642 |  |

Después del doblo, Sur subastó 5 y, tal


Joao Passarinho, Spain
como están las cartas, hizo 12 bazas para +620 . En la otra mesa, Pablo Lambardi no dio opción a los rivales.
Dador Oeste. Norte/Sur vulnerables.

## Lambardi Norte Von Armin Sur <br> 24 Paso 4\& Todos pasan

La apertura ultra-agresiva de 24 impide a Norte intervenir (ahora NO es pasador) y sobre 4@ Sur sólo puede pasar y poner una multa, para - 100 y 13 IMPS para Ventín.
Otra mano curiosa, que ocasionó varios resultados espectaculares.

QJ 765
Q4
$\diamond$ A Q J 84

* Q 4
-96


QJ 10732
$\diamond$ K 6
\&) 108752

$$
\text { ®AK } 865
$$

$\triangleleft 932$
\& $\mathrm{A} K$
En la mayoría de las mesas Oeste abrió de un correcto 2 débil, aunque el resultado más común (-800) no le pareció tan correcto al compañero. Había varios jugadores en Sur, sin embargo, que reabrían por $3 \checkmark$ en lugar de doblar, por lo que finalmente estábamos en 3ST jugados por Norte, cumplidos.
Por último, en la mesa que seguía este cronista los ánimos estaban más caldeados (en Norte-Sur jugaba un matrimonio) y al reabrir Sur por 38 , Norte decidió pasar. Desconozco el idioma que utilizó Norte al extender el muerto, pero traducido debía sonar algo así como: "Ya que no has querido doblar, ahí te quedas ... cariño".
Sin embargo, en ninguna mesa se alcanzaron los 1100 de multa a 24 , aunque con salida a corazón es el resultado que Norte-Sur pueden alcanzar. Seguramente no siguieron la máxima de mi amigo Arturo Wasik, que sostiene que hay que concentrarse en todas las manos, aunque el resultado ya te parezca muy bueno.
En efecto, después de la salida del $\vee 4$, Sur sabe que Oeste tiene dos cartas en el palo, $y$ que el $\diamond K$ es una entrada para descartar una

## Side Event I

The winners - Guido Bruno Micheli and Maria Bruna Morelli - along with the joint runners up - S \& I Grzejdziak and Vera Calarelli andFranco Fonti - are eligible for prizes. They are asked to collect them from the Hospitality Desk as their earliest convenience.
perdedora. Por tanto, ganamos con el 8 K , $N O$ adelantamos el $\vee A$ y jugamos el $\diamond 2$ (número de cartas impar). Norte gana con el $\diamond A$ y vuelve de la $\diamond \mathbf{Q}$ para el Rey del muerto.
Cuando el declarante juega $\odot$ desde el muerto, ganamos el As y nos enfrentamos al dilema. Si nuestro compañero tienes buenos triunfos, debemos ARRASTRAR; si no, debemos intentar PROMOCIONAR. Algún declarante debe acertar la primera de las opciones y arrastrar, ahora y cuando entre con el trébol. De esta manera se limita al declarante a 4 bazas ( 3 triunfos $y$ el $\forall K$ ) y lo mantenemos callado para el resto del match.
En la cuarta ronda apareció esta mano:

| Q Q 642 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ A Q J 3 |  |
| $\checkmark 106$ |  |
| 2 Q 98 |  |
| N | ¢ AK $^{\text {g }} 8$ |
| W E | ¢K 865 |
|  | $\diamond$ K 742 |
| S | \% A |
| . 1053 |  |
| $\bigcirc 2$ |  |
| $\checkmark$ Q 853 |  |
| 2KJ10 76 |  |

No hubo muchas mesas en las que se contratara $4 \checkmark$, por varias razones. Sin embargo, Passarinho-Panadero llegaron al contrato, después de esta subasta:
Dador Este. Este/Oeste vulnerables.

| PassarinhoNorte Panadero |  |  | Sur |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1 \diamond$ | Paso |
| 18 | Paso | 49 | Doblo |
| $4 \bigcirc$ | Doblo | Todos pasan |  |

Después de la respuesta de $I \vee$, María Panadero escogió mostrar su semifallo a trébol, aunque esto siempre es peligroso con un honor mayor. La otra opción sería 2 ST, engañando en la distribución, para después apoyar a $\vee$.
El splinter permitió doblar a Sur, suficiente para que Norte doblara un contrato de manga, cuando al menos uno de los contrarios intentaba jugar slam. Joao le demostró que estaba cometiendo un error.
Después de la salida a trébol y suponiendo que el triunfo está 4 -I con el $\vee A$ bien colocado, hay varias líneas razonables para ganar el contrato. Joao simplemente jugó $\diamond$ al J y cuando ganó la baza, estaba en casa. Trébol fallado, $\diamond A$ y $\diamond$, que Norte puede fallar. Sin embargo, en ese caso y aunque Norte siga con $\vee \mathbf{A}$ y $\oslash$ Q, el declarante afirma el muerto fallando dos pics en su mano. Por tanto, Norte descartó un pic y ahora hay 2 bazas en pic, 3 en diamante, I en trébol, I fallo a pic y tres fallos en el muerto. +790 , mientras quedan pendientes 3 rondas para clasificarse.
Mañana empieza la fase final de este emociante torneo, repleto de figuras mundiales: Meckstroh, Bocchi, Hellness, Lanzarotti, Chemla, Buratti, Brogeland, Duboin, Levy, Rosenberg, etc... Seguiremos con atención sus pasos.

## MIXED TEAMS ROSTERS

| Group | Team Name | Surname | Surname | Surname | Surname | Surname | Surname |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Brigada | KHAZANOV | Lebedeva | ROMANOVSKA | RUBINS |  |  |
| A | Gitelman | CRONIER | GITELMAN | MOSS | MOSS | OVIDIO | WINESTOCK |
| A | Harasiomowicz | HARASIMOWICZ | LESNIEWSKI | PEYROT | voldoire |  |  |
| A | Hirst | HIRST | HIRST | LUCK | NELSON |  |  |
| A | Magyar | CSIPKA | HONTI | MAGYAR | MEZEI |  |  |
| A | Priday | GORDON | HIRON | PRIDAY | PRIDAY |  |  |
| B | Armstrong | ARMSTRONG | ARNOLDS | JANSMA | SMITH |  |  |
| B | Palma | ARRIGONI | CIMA | GIANARDI | PALMA | PRADOS | RESTA |
| B | Perry | KRANYAK | MOLSON | MOLSON | PERRY | ROBISON | SOKOLOW |
| B | Praha | hnatova | KURKA | POKORNA | svoboda |  |  |
| B | Salliere | elbee | LASSERRE | LeENHARDT | LeENHARDT | SALLIERE | SALLIERE |
| B | Uzumcu | SAYER | SEMERCI | uzumcu | ZAHARIEV |  |  |
| c | Colamartino | BASTARDINI | BENASSI | BERSANI | COLAMARTINO | MARTELLINI | VINCENZO |
| c | Harper | CRONIER | HACKETT | HARPER | LUSTIN |  |  |
| c | Herbst | BARR | Cleeff | ETTINGER | HERBST |  |  |
| c | Pbw | DITETOVA | FLADR | FORT | PAVLIK | SVOBODOVA | zouchova |
| c | Welland | HENNER-WELLAND | LEVIN | LEVIN | ROSENBERG | ROSENBERG | WELLAND |
| c | Zimmermann | BESSIS | BESSIS | HUGON | MORETTI | SAPORTA | ZIMMERMANN |
| D | Birman | BIRMAN | BIRMAN | SMEDEREVAC | WERNLE |  |  |
| D | Callaghan | CALLAGHAN | DUCKWORTH | JAMES - COURTNEY | SKOV |  |  |
| D | Kirstan | JACOBUS | KIRSTAN | MARQUARDSEN | TORNQVIST |  |  |
| D | Levy | LEVY | LEVY | MOUIEL | WILLARD |  |  |
| D | Multimaki | BACKSTROM | BACKSTROM | KOISTINEN | MULTIMAKI |  |  |
| D | Walsh | KEMPLE | MCDONAGH | TAAFFE | WALSH |  |  |
| E | Allegra | BOCCHI | BURATTI | CALANDRA | GOLIN | LANZAROTTI | PAOLUZI |
| E | Allix | ALLIX | FREY | MAUBERQUEZ | REESS |  |  |
| E | De Botton | DE BOtton | DHONDY | hallberg | SANDQVIST |  |  |
| E | Naveh | GRAIZER | HORVITZ | MERMELSTEIN | NaVEH |  |  |
| E | Ventin | ARNIM | GAVIARD | LAMBARDI | PONT | VENTIN |  |
| F | Brunner | BRUNNER | GOLDENFIELD | GOLDENFIELD | HOLLAND |  |  |
| F | Goldberg SWE | EfRAIMSSON | GOLDBERG | Goldberg | SVEDLUND |  |  |
| F | Lavazza | CARCASSONNE | CHEMLA | DUBOIN | ERHART | Ferraro | LAVAZZA |
| F | McGowan | BAXTER | JOHNSEN | McGOWAN | WALD |  |  |
| F | Schneider | Buchlev | MALCHUS | SCHNEIDER | SMYKALLA |  |  |
| F | Serf | beineix | delcourt | FOUASSIER | renoux | SERF |  |
| G | Canesi | CANESI | CEDOLIN | ROSSANO | VIVALDI |  |  |
| G | Elbaz | DAS | D'OVIDIO | ELBAZ | LAMOUR |  |  |
| G | Mizel | MALINOWSKI | MIZEL | NATHAN | WEINSTEIN |  |  |
| G | Team Pasman | BERTENS | Niemejer | PASMAN | SIMONS | VERHEES JR | zWOL |
| G | Tokcan | babac | DEMIRBAS | TOKCAN | UYSAL |  |  |
| G | Van Poperinghe | MARILL | PIGEAUD | POPERINGHE | TOFFIER |  |  |
| H | Erichsen | BROGELAND | BROGELAND | ERICHSEN | ERICHSEN | HELNESS | HELNESS |
| H | Hammond | HAMMOND | HANNAH | LANE | LEDGER |  |  |
| H | Passarinho | CORTES ARNAL | NEHMERT | panadero | PASSARINHO | PENEV | WLADOW |
| H | Weber | GOTARD | GOTARD | Gromoeller | SCHRECKENBERG | ER | Weber weber |
| H | Zach | LINDENLAUF | PATUZZI | PATUZZI | ZACH |  |  |
| 1 | Bugden | bugden | bugden | LANGSTON | LANGSTON |  |  |
| 1 | Dix | DIX | FENWICK | HARRISON | PARNIS-ENGLAND |  |  |
| 1 | Glasson | GLASSON | GLASSON | LEWIS | LEWIS |  |  |
| I | Hetz | HETZ | HETZ | LEVIT-PORAT | SCHNEIDER |  |  |
| 1 | Kowalski | KOWALSKI | MISZEWSKA | PANINA | ROSENBLUM | SARNIAK | TUSZYNSKI |
| 1 | Penfold | PENFOLD | SENIOR | SENIOR | WOLFARTH |  |  |
| J | Barel | barel | EMODI | YADLIN | ZUR-CAMPANILE |  |  |
| J | Goldberg USA | ABDOU | FALCO | goldberg | Olivieri |  |  |
| J | Gromova | DUBININ | GROMOV | GROMOVA | PONOMAREVA | SZCZEPANSKA | ZMUDZINSKI |
| J | Hauge | FUGLESTAD | HARDING | hauge | SAELENSMINDE | SVENDSEN | thoresen |
| $J$ | Jensen | JAGGER | JAGGER | JENSEN | JENSEN |  |  |
| J | Verdurmen | SALONEN | torre | torre | VERDURMEN |  |  |
| K | Cersanit Kielce | BANASZKIEWICZ | KOWALSKA | KUCHARSKA | KUCHARSKI | LUTOSTANSKI | MAJCHER |
| K | Fornaciari | BARONI | BURATTI | FORNACIARI | MARIANI |  |  |
| K | Jacobs | AUKEN | CUZZI | JACOBS | KATZ | VERSACE |  |
| K | Langeland | LANGELAND | ROREN | SVENDSEN | SVENDSEN | SVENDSEN |  |
| K | O'Rourke | andersson | EYTHORSDOTTIR | FREDIN | jacobus | MECKSTROTH | O'ROURKE |
| K | Rossard | AVON | KAPLAN | ROMANOWSKI | Rossard |  |  |
| L | Golebiowski | ARASZKIEWICZ | GOLEBIOWSKI | GRZEJDZIAK | GRZEJDZIAK | PASTERNAK | ZALEWSKA |
| L | Hirchenaut | colombaro | CUENCA | DANIC | hirchenaut | MEYER | MEYER |
| L | Kondoch | boeddeker | CAESAR | KONDOCH | ZARKESCH |  |  |
| L | Nordby | HOMME | HOMME | NORDBY | VIGMOSTAD |  |  |
| L | Peter Hecht Joh | nBEKKOUCHE | BLAKSET | CILLEBORG | HECHT-JOHANSE |  |  |
| L | Popova | ARONOV | GUNEV | POPOVA | zOBU |  |  |

## SWISS A FINAL RESULTS

| Rank | Team Name | VPs | Rank | Team Name | VPs | Rank | Team Name | VPs |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I | Jacobs | 122 | 13 | Allegra | 96 | 26 | Fornaciari | 86 |
| 2 | Gromova | 112 | 14 | Callaghan | 95 | 26 | Herbst | 86 |
| 3 | Levy | 106 | 15 | Goldberg SWE | 95 | 28 | Peter Hecht Johansen | 84 |
| 4 | Harazimovicz | 106 | 16 | Praha | 95 | 28 | Team Pasman | 84 |
| 5 | Popova | 105 | 17 | Mizel | 94 | 29 | Hirchenaut | 83 |
| 6 | Brigada | 104 | 18 | Perry | 93 | 30 | Palma | 79 |
| 7 | Ventin | 103 | 20 | Goldberg USA | 91 | 31 | Brunner | 78 |
| 8 | Welland | 103 | 20 | Weber | 91 | 32 | Naveh | 77 |
| 9 | O'Rourke | 99 | 22 | Tokcan | 90 | 33 | Serf | 77 |
| IO | Hauge | 98 | 22 | Kirstan | 90 | 34 | Priday | 71 |
| II | Penfold | 97 | 24 | Erichsen | 89 | 35 | Zimmermann | 69 |
| I3 | Kowalski | 96 | 24 | Passarinho | 89 | 36 | Hetz | 62 |

## SWISS B FINAL RESULTS

## Rank Team Name

I Armstrong

2 Gitelman
3 De Botton
4 Barel III
5 Glasson 107
6 Canesi 107
6 Uzumcu 107
8 Lavazza 103
9 Magyar 99

10 Van Poperinghe 96
II Birman 94
12 Jensen 93

VPs
118
117

## Rank Team Name

12 Schneider
12 Pbw
Salliere
Langeland
7 Kondoch
Golebiowski
Nordby
Bugden
Walsh 87
Cersanit Kielce
Colamartino
McGowan

87
VPs
93
93
92
91
90
90
88

86
84
83

| Rank Team Name |
| :--- |
| 24 Harper VPs <br> 26 Zach 83 <br> 27 Allix 82 <br> 28 Dix 77 <br> 29 Multimaki 76 <br> 30 Hirst 75 <br> 30 Hammond 72 <br> 32 Elbaz 72 <br> 33 Rossard 66 <br> 34 Verdurmen 64 <br>   63 |

The winner of match I plays the winner of match 16 etc.

| JACOBS | KIRSTAN | 10 BAREL | GITELMAN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| GROMOVA | MIZEL | 11 PENFOLD | GLASSON |
| LEVY | TOKCAN | 12 KOWALSKI | DE BOTTON |
| HARAZIMOVICZ | PASSARINHO | 13 O'ROURKE | GOLDBERG SWE |
| POPOVA | WEBER | 14 HAUGE | GOLDBERG USA |
| BRIGADA | CALLAGHAN | 15 ALLEGRA | ERICHSEN |
| VENTIN | FORNACIARI | 16 HERBST | PASMAN |



