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## MORE SHOCKS THAN WIMBLEDON

There were some surprises when the knockout stage of the Mixed Teams Championship got under way yesterday. None bigger than the defeat of the number 1 seeds, Jacobs, who lost by IIMP to Kirstan. Welland went down to Praha and Kowalski was upset by De Botton. In one of the toughest match ups Passarinho prevailed over Harazimowicz.

In the round of 16 the two biggest wins were recorded by Gitelman and Armstrong, and you may recall that they both had to emerge from the swiss repechage - perhaps they are teams of destiny? Meanwhile Erichsen scored a good win over Gromova, Herbst dealt with Kirstan, Goldberg edged out Passarinho, De Botton saw off Popova and Brigada accounted for Glasson.

So, with eight teams standing the odds on a European victory are 7-1 - but will the bookmakers come out on top?

The draw has worked out in such a way as to produce four intriguing quarterfinals,

with the winners of each being hard to predict. After an all too brief survey we discover that the smart money is on Herbst, Erichsen, Levy and Goldberg, but we would not advise you to put your shirt on on any of these predictions - especially if it is an EBL Championship one!

The Mixed Pairs Championship got under way last night - too late for any results to appear in today's bulletin, but rest assured that you will miss nothing of interest, including detailed results in tomorrow's edition.

### TO ALL MIXED TEAMS Playing ¼ - ½ & Final

Registration for Mixed Pairs today  
Tuesday 21 June from 20:00 - 21:00 in  
Room Cibeles

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### Schedule of Play

10.30	Mixed Pairs Qualifying 2nd Session
10.30	Mixed Teams Quarter-Finals
15.30	Mixed Pairs Qualifying 3rd Session
16.00	Mixed Teams Semi-Finals



The Lavazza girls provide a winning smile in the official EBL Championship shirts, a perfect souvenir for Euro15 (or even better two for Euro25).

### 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.

## Swiss Round 2

What could be more appropriate music for a Swiss system than Rossini's William Tell overture? It was of course the theme tune of an early Western TV series, a fact not lost on your reporter. Plans to include a free CD featuring this and other famous overtures in every copy of today's Bulletin were vetoed by the EBL Treasurer.

Once again the Lone Reporter, along with his faithful Australian companion Sue, watched the fight for qualification in Tenerife. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. The Lone Reporter rides again!

It was Germany v Poland/France under the spotlight, but the match was very tight and there were few swings of note. Still, there were a few interesting moments.

Board 9. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 7 3 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ 7 6 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ A Q 4</p>	
N		E							
W		S							
<p>♠ K J 4 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ 10</p>									
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>						
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Weber</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Weber</i>						
	Pass	INT	Pass						
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass						
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass						
Pass	Dble	All Pass							

North speculated on the slow nature of the auction and doubled. South led the ten of clubs and North put on the jack, declarer winning with the queen. She crossed to the jack of diamonds and tried a spade to the queen. South took the king and played back a diamond. Declarer won in hand with the ten and played a spade to the ace and a spade. South won and switched to the five of hearts. North won and played back the nine of hearts. Declarer ducked and South had to overtake. She cashed the king of hearts for one down, +100.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Schreckenberger</i>	<i>Peyrot</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♣	All Pass	

East led the queen of spades and declarer was allowed to win with the king. He played a club and East won and played a second spade. West won and gave his partner a ruff, but declarer took the right view in hearts to make the contract, +90 and a push.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 6 2 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ A J 10 8 7 ♣ Q 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ K 7 6 4 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A 9 6 4</p>	
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W		S							
<p>♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ J ♦ 9 2 ♣ K J 8 7 5 3</p>									
<p>♠ J 8 5 4 ♥ A Q 10 5 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ 10</p>									
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>						
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Weber</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Weber</i>						
		Pass	Pass						
1♣*	1♦	1♥	2♥*						
Pass	3♦	All Pass							

The South hand looks suitable for discussion by a bidding panel. Once partner has overcalled what should South bid? INT? Double? 3♦? 2♣? Answers on a postcard to Daily Bulletin, Tenerife. Meanwhile South found a fifth alternative with her choice of 2♥.

East led the ten of spades and declarer ducked, won the second spade, cashed the ace of diamonds, played the jack of diamonds to the king and a club. West hopped up with the king and played his top spades. Declarer ruffed the second of those, ruffed a club and cashed the ace of hearts, claiming his contract when the jack appeared, +110.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Schreckenberger</i>	<i>Peyrot</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass*	Pass	2♣	2♦
4♣	All Pass		

Declarer had to lose four top tricks, -50, 4 IMPs for Weber.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ - ♥ K 5 4 3 2 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ A Q 9 4 3 ♥ 9 8 7 6 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A J</p>	
N		E							
W		S							
<p>♠ K 8 7 5 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 10 7 5 2 ♣ 3</p>									
<p>♠ J 10 6 ♥ A J ♦ A Q 8 ♣ Q 9 6 4 2</p>									
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>						
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Weber</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Weber</i>						
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass						
4♠	All Pass								

South gave some thought to bidding over East's opening bid, but with such a poor suit she was surely theoretically right to pass. Alas, the difference between theory and practice is sometimes unkind. Four Spades had to fail, but +50 was not exactly par for North/South.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Schreckenberger</i>	<i>Peyrot</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Dble	3♠	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

How unlucky was that for East/West? Who knows, if North had bid 4♠ over South's 4♣ they might even have bid the slam. Still it was a big swing, the only one of the match.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 5 4 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ K Q 6 4 3 ♣ K</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ A 8 2 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A J 10 9 6</p>	
N		E							
W		S							
<p>♠ J 10 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A J 10 7 5 ♣ 7 4 3 2</p>									
<p>♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ A Q 10 7 5 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 8 5</p>									
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>						
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Weber</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Weber</i>						
	Pass	1♣*	1♥						
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass						
3NT	All Pass								

Assuming you would all lead a heart, which card should/would you choose? With no certain reentry the ace is surely out of the equation, so the choice is the queen, ten, or just a small card. If declarer has something like ♥K9xx and dummy the jack then you will be poorly placed whatever you choose, so you should probably worry more about declarer having the king and dummy the jack. If memory serves the queen is the theoretical card but there is a lot to be said for leading a low one.

Okay, having given you something to think about I'll tell you what happened. South led the queen of hearts and declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the king and ace. North returned a heart and South won and cleared the suit. Declarer overtook the king of clubs with the ace and played the jack of clubs, hoping North would have to win. When South produced the queen the contract was one down, -100.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Schreckenberger</i>	<i>Peyrot</i>
	Pass	INT	2♣*
Dble*	All Pass		

When South came in to show the majors and West's double promised 10+. North/South were in trouble and in a sense they did well to stop where they were.

According to the play record West led the king of clubs and switched to a spade. East won and played ace of clubs and a club. South won and played a spade and West won and returned the jack of hearts for the three, king and ace. That looks like two down, but something - sorry I can't tell you what - happened and declarer made a seventh trick, so was only -200, still a loss of 7 IMPs.

The match score was 11-12 IMPs, 15-15 VP.



# The Sunday Swiss, Round 3: Herbst v. Gromova

## by Jos Jacobs

After two rounds, a few teams had done extremely well in scoring 50 and 46 VP. Behind them, there were many teams with between 36 and 40 VP. Two of these, Herbst and Gromova, had to play each other at table 4. In the Closed Room, not very much seemed to be happening, but in the Open Room it was action all the time, and some very interesting bridge too. It started right on the very first board:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 7 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ A Q 7 4 3 ♣ 9 7 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ 9 ♥ K J 10 9 3 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ 10 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 4 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q J 8 6</p>
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W	E								
	S								

### Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Herbst</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

When Gromov opened his rather weak two-suiter, the spade game was quickly reached. East, with nothing to guide her, had to find a lead and came out with the ♥J. When the queen in dummy held, ten tricks were very easy. Gromova +420.

### Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Van Cleeff</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Van Ettinger</i>
3♥	Pass	2♦	Dble
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

Once Jan van Cleeff elected not to open his famous "Muiderberg" 2♠ (Polish-style weak two-suiter but the minor need not be a five-card suit) EW were offered the chance to produce some noise, and they duly did. After the Multi 2♦ West could show his values by jumping to 3♥. This of course did not deter North from introducing his spade support, so the final contract became a normal enough 4♠.

The difference with the proceedings at the other table was that East had something to guide her in selecting the best opening lead. So out came the ♦J, a little speculative maybe, but a very good shot with the actual layout. Careful defence will beat the contract now, and careful declarer play might make the defenders' life a little more difficult.

There are four possible losers: two diamonds, a heart and a trump trick. The heart can go on the top clubs, but declarer cannot come to hand in time after unblocking dummy's top clubs. So West should win the first diamond trick and play a heart immediately. If declarer covers the ♦J with the king,

the switch is almost automatic, so better play is to duck the opening lead. Now West has to overtake with the ♦Q and switch to a heart.

At the table the ♦J was covered with king and ace after which West played a heart. One down. Gromova +50 and the first 10 IMPs.

On board 18 both teams overbid to a hopeless 4♥, down two, and might even consider themselves lucky that nobody doubled this. No score.

Next came a slam that proved too difficult for most of the playing room:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 9 5 4 ♥ - ♦ K 9 6 ♣ K Q J 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ A ♥ J 10 9 7 6 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ A 10 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 3 ♥ K 8 4 2 ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ 5 2</p>
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W	E								
	S								

### Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Van Cleeff</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Van Ettinger</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Very well done indeed. The key to the grand is of course East's raise to 4♣, bypassing 3NT in what still remained a fully natural auction.

The same auction was produced by Louk Verhees and Anneke Simons (team Pasman) in their match against the Hecht Johansen team. However, when Dorte Lilleborg and Lars Blakset also reached 7♣ (auction unknown but mainly the same, one assumes), this board was a very honourable, but also a remarkable push in that match.

Why remarkable? Well, it turned out that in most matches, reaching a small slam was enough for a swing in your favour. So why should Herbst/Michielsen feel unhappy about their sequence at the other table of this match?

### Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Herbst</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When Ilan Herbst chose to rebid 3♠ the club fit was lost. Marion Michielsen did well to proceed with a cuebid over 3♠, so getting to 6♠ was easy enough. Their combined efforts would have won the board for them in

most other matches, but in their actual match it cost them 12 IMPs. Gromova led 22-0 now.

On the next board, Van Cleeff reached a thin game when he opened a 15-17 HCP. INT on a 14-count:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 3 2 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K 10 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ 9 8 5 ♥ K 10 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 3 ♣ 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 ♥ A 8 ♦ A 10 8 4 ♣ Q J 9 2</p>
N									
W	E								
	S								

### Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Van Cleeff</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Van Ettinger</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With everything well-placed for declarer, he could not go wrong. The ♥2 was led to the jack and ace and a club honour went to the king. A heart came back, East ducking and the clubs were cashed. Next came the ♠J. When West grabbed his ace and the hearts proved to be 4-4, a successful finesse of the ♠10 saw declarer home. Herbst +600.

### Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Herbst</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	INT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room NS were less ambitious and eight tricks were made on a heart lead.

Another slam, but an easier one, came next:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 8 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9 7 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ 6 3 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ 10 9 6 2 ♣ A J 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K Q 8 5 4 ♥ A K ♦ A J ♣ K 8 6 5</p>
N									
W	E								
	S								





Victoria Gromova, Russia

**Open Room:**

West	North	East	South
Dubin	Van Cleeff	Ponomareva	Van Ettinger
	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

3♦ was a transfer and 4♣ either a cuebid or a second suit. The strange thing is that the spades never entered the picture. It might have been possible to refuse the transfer, not an attractive idea when the doubleton heart is AK if you are at all playing this special agreement. On this board, it did not really matter, but the heart slam (and the spade slam too) is a shade inferior to 6NT, certainly at matchpoints.

An overtrick was made when East led a spade rather than his ♣A.

**Closed Room:**

West	North	East	South
Herbst	Gromov	Michielsen	Gromova
	1♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

The Strong Club solved the problems quite well. 2♥ was a game force with hearts, and 2♠ was natural and showed a fivecard suit. Once South could raise spades, North was in full control and selected the correct final contract without any hesitation. Well done.

The board earned the Israeli-Dutch team 1 IMP when Michielsen led the ♣A - it turned out to be the only way to score a trick with it.

The next board saw a partscore swing of 5 IMPs go the Russian way when at both tables they set their opponents by one trick in 3 of a major.



Jan van Cleef, The Netherlands

Then came the penultimate board, a subtle lesson in defence.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

**Open Room:**

West	North	East	South
Dubin	Van Cleeff	Ponomareva	Van Ettinger
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	All Pass

With all these soft values, East wisely refrained from an immediate 2♠, but when West doubled 2♥ quickly became inevitable.

You lead the ♥A against 2♠ and what next?

If you simply continue the suit on partner's encouraging signal, North will win the king and play the ♥2 for you to ruff in front of dummy. The rest should be easy: ♣K (!) and a club, followed by another heart. Declarer can ruff this high and cross to dummy to lead a spade felling the ace, but after that another heart will create a third defensive trump trick after all for down two, vulnerable.

This nice scenario was no longer possible, however, when a trump was returned at trick 2.

**Closed Room:**

West	North	East	South
Herbst	Gromov	Michielsen	Gromova
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

EW did well to avoid getting to 2♠. In 2♥ North had no trouble in coming to the eight tricks that were always there for him.

So another partscore swing, 6 IMPs this time, for the Russians who won the match 35-11 or 23-7 VP.

**Championship Diary**

Saturday 19 June 2005

Having been asked more than once just what is involved in being Editor here is a sample day. I have omitted the names of countless well meaning individuals who visit the office on a variety of pretexts.

07.30 An early start, planning to write a more complex piece on the practicalities of reporting bridge deals when all your reporters watch the same hands.

07.45 After a quick breakfast head down to the office for a Lavazza and spot that the paper has arrived. I was expecting the Bulletin to stand alone today, so that is a surprise. So is the absence of four pages that we proof read until late into the night. Plans for article suspended.

07.50 Jean-Paul - always up with the larks - tells me the playing times advertised on page 1 are wrong, and there are six rounds today, not five. I could spend much time deliberating whose fault that is but the important thing is to make sure it doesn't happen again.

08.15 Check email to the sound of Freddie Mercury & Monserat Caballe's Barcelona via the hotel's piped music.

08.35 Jean-Paul suggests we check the Internet version. Eureka! Well at least our worldwide readers have got the full monte.

09.30 We spot our favourite antipodean tournament director who is bearing up manfully under the constant ribaldry pointed in his direction as the Australian cricket team currently touring England stumbles from one defeat to another. His latest excuse is that it is a deliberate ploy to improve the odds on Australia retaining the ashes.

10.15 I spot Tacchi reading a copy of The Hands of Time, and ask him if he is enjoying it. 'I don't know, I keep getting interrupted,' is his enigmatic reply.

11.30 While I am waiting for Match 2 to start I tune in to Radio 4 to listen to the cricket. Meanwhile Tacchi, who has no interest in the game prefers music. When I ask him who he is listening to he replies 'Spencer Davies.' 'Has he just hit a boundary?' I enquire. 'No, he's just potted the pink in the middle.' (I know this is complicated for our non sporting readers, but these are long days and we have to do something to keep our spirits up.)

12.00 Round 2 beckons, and once again Sue Grenside is my aide de camp. I ask Max Bavin to tell Tacchi whom I am watching and to take a picture of the table. Tacchi refuses and instead takes a picture of the players.

14.00 Some of you must have seen or at least heard of the movie Ace Ventura, Pet Detective. We could not afford Jim Carey's fee but we do have the services of our own Ace, Peter Ventura, Bridge Detective.

15.00 The excitement is too much for Tacchi, who has to go for a lie down.

19.00 England defeat Australia at cricket - the perfect way to wind up this Diary, even though our day will go on for several more hours.



The Estoril Conference Centre

south of the area and the Sintra mountains in the north. Here you will find the perfect combination to enjoy an event like the World Bridge Championships in 2005: an atmosphere that is both relaxed and sophisticated combined with inexpensive, modern, ample and well equipped facilities serviced by highly trained staff. The international Lisbon Airport is just a half-hour drive away; there is a good road network, efficient telecommunications, with a wide variety of hotels of different categories at a comfortable walking distance from the playing area; there are restaurants ranging from the simplest to the most sophisticated, a variety of sporting activities from swimming, sailing, surfing to golf and tennis, as well as the largest Casino in Europe, and a new top class marina in Cascais. The heart of Lisbon, one of the world's great historical cities, is just a short train journey away.

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A limited number of rooms have been reserved for the event, please fax or email preferably before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2005 or as soon as possible "first come, first served".

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	single	hotel/conf.center		Bus, Taxi
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Cascais Miragem *****	134 €	20 min	inc	5/10 min
Estoril Eden ****	118 €	15 min	inc	4/8 min
Vila Galé Estoril ****	89 €	5 min	inc	
Quinta da Marinha ****	89 €	(6 km)	inc	Golf Area
Sana Estoril ***	86 €	10 min	inc	3/5 min
Baja ***	85 €	35 min	inc	10/15 min
Atlântico **	84 €	15 min	inc	4/8 min
Inglaterra **	75 €	85 €	inc	3/5 min
Londres **	66 €	77 €	inc	4/8 min
Lido ***	38 €	45 €	inc	3/5 min

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## REGISTRATION

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- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup / Seniors Bowl 1<sup>st</sup> July
- World Transnational Open Teams 15<sup>th</sup> September

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS NAMES

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup / Seniors Bowl 15<sup>th</sup> July
- World Transnational Open Teams 30<sup>th</sup> September

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup / Seniors Bowl 15<sup>th</sup> July
- (US\$ 4,700 less US\$ 1,200 = US\$ 3,500 / team staying in designated hotels)
- World Transnational Open Teams 30<sup>th</sup> September
- (4 new players: US\$ 1,500 less US\$ 500 = US\$ 1,000 / team or € 1,200 less € 400 = € 800 / team staying in designated hotels)

REGISTRATION OF SYSTEMS

- Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup 15<sup>th</sup> August
- Red sticker systems for Senior Bowl & WTOT 30<sup>th</sup> August

ENTRIES must be sent to:

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## SYSTEMS

For Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup only. The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration, but players should note that it will be a requirement that all systems are registered in advance via email to Anna Gudge: [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk) (see page 18).

## THE VENUE

An internationally known resort, Estoril, "the land of kings and fishermen", will be host to the 2005 Bermuda Bowl. The Estoril Coast strikes a harmonious blend between the delights of the land and the enchanting beauty of the sea. *It is close to the capital, Lisbon (international airport), it is Portuguese and it is fantastic!*

Its climate is one of Nature's greatest blessings. It is never too hot or too cold, the humidity is always at a comfortable level and there is enough variation between the beaches in the



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# ESTORIL - PORTUGAL

## Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl World Transnational Open Teams Championships

### 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005

In accordance with the provisional schedule, the play will start daily at 10.00/10.30 a.m. and finish at 7.30/8.30 p.m., except on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> when play will be extended to 11.00/11.30 p.m.

## THE WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Transnational Open Teams Championships is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having an unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2005. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, as well as those from the Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge.

The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting in the evening at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards).

The Quarterfinals will start on Thursday late afternoon, the Semi-finals will be played on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and the Final will end on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

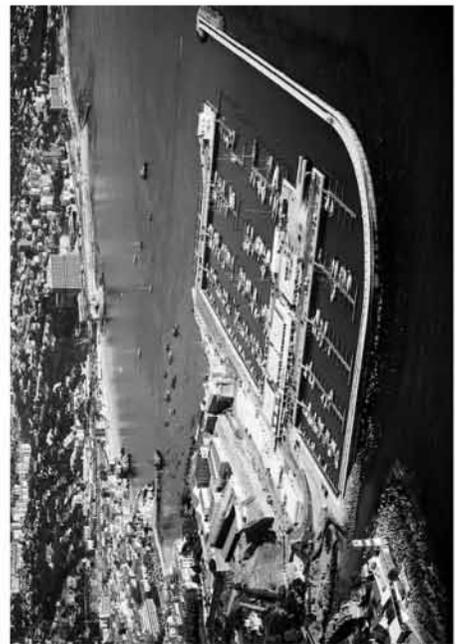
(Provisional Programme)

The Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 at 6.30 p.m. at the Estoril Congress Centre.

The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl : Round Robin will start on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and finish on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, with a knock-out stage starting on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> with Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals the following week.

In these three events the Quarterfinals will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, allowing people who want to play this event to be free in time.

The Closing Ceremony, which will include the prize giving, a victory banquet and a first class musical show, will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Estoril Casino.



# ELIMINATORIAS DEL TORNEO MIXTO

32 equipos de los 70 iniciales lograron pasar finalmente a las eliminatorias del Torneo Mixto por Equipos, jugadas a 28 manos. Entre ellos, el equipo Ventín (clasificado el 7º del suizo A) y el equipo Passarinho (clasificado el 22º del suizo A). Quedaron emparejados contra los equipos Fornaciari (Italia) y Harasimowick (Francia), respectivamente.

La mano 4 es muy instructiva desde el punto de vista del declarante (girada para comodidad del lector):

Dador Sur. Todos vulnerables.

**Sur** Lambardi **Norte** Armin  
IST Todos pasan

♠ 4 3  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ A 9 8 6 2

N		
W		E
	S	

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

Lambardi sale del ♦K, que gana baza. Continúa con la ♦Q, que vuelve a ganar y ♦ para el ♦A de Este, que cobra el último ♦, donde usted descarta un ♠, Oeste un ♥ y el muerto un trébol. Viene ahora el ♠9, para el ♠10, ♠Q y el ♠3. La vuelta del ♥10 le deja a usted en su mano. ¿Y bien?

Todo esto es muy raro. ¿Por qué Oeste ha salido de un palo tercero? Seguramente tendrá una 4-3-3-3, pero en ese caso, ¿por qué no ha salido del palo 4º? Jugamos todos los corazones (el palo estaba originalmente 3-3) y Oeste descarta 2 pics (el segundo es el ♠8) mientras su compañero descarta un trébol.

El misterio debe ser que Oeste tenía efectivamente una 4-3-3-3 con el palo 4º a pic encabezado de AQ, tenencia desde la que no es aconsejable salir. Probablemente se ha secado



Maria Panadero, Spain

el ♠A y está aguantando con 3 tréboles de Dama. Sólo hay que subir al muerto con el ♣A y jugar ♠, superando la carta de Este. INT =, para +90.

♠ 4 3  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ A 9 8 6 2

N		
W		E
	S	

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

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

La mano 19 presentó un problema muy interesante para la defensa.

Dador Sur. Este-Oeste vulnerables.

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Doblo 4♣	Paso Paso	3♠ 4♠	Sur 1♣ Paso Todos pasan

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

N		
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A K  
♥ 9 6 5 3  
♦ A Q 6 2  
♣ A K 6

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

Parece que el declarante tenga que perder 2 triunfos y 2 bazas en los palos rojos, pero a veces en el bridge ocurren cosas sorprendentes, ¿no?

Después de la salida de la ♣Q, el declarante ganó en el muerto, arrastró 2 veces (Norte descartando un trébol), adelantó el ♣K (descartando un diamante y NO un corazón) y ♣ fallado. Vino ahora un triunfo para el ♠9 de Sur, descartando tanto el muerto como Norte un corazón.

Norte está en una posición peligrosa, ya que es el que aguanta el diamante y el tercer corazón. No lo vio así Sur, que adelantó su ♠Q firme (el muerto descartando un diamante ¿?) y permitiendo así un descarte desesperado del ♦J de Norte, pidiendo una vuelta a ese palo) y "escapó" con el ♣J en esta posición:

♠ -  
♥ J 7 4  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ -

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ J  
♥ A 10 8  
♦ 9 5  
♣ -

♠ -  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ -

♠ -  
♥ K Q  
♦ K 4  
♣ J 10

El muerto descarta un corazón y Norte

está muerto. Si descarta corazón, el declarante blanquea uno de ambas manos, mientras que si descarta diamante, los 3 del muerto proporcionan 3 bazas después de imparar a Sur. Contrato cumplido, aunque Sur bien hubiera podido arreglar la situación si hacía caso al compañero y jugaba ♦, rompiendo el squeeze.

A una posición parecida se llegó en otra mesa, donde mi compañero Barry Rigal seguía ese partido. Veánla en su reportaje y comparen las posiciones; sólo tienen en común la desesperación de Norte mientras le cumplían el contrato.

La siguiente mano no produjo ningún swing en el partido del equipo Passarinho, pero demostró la diferencia entre multar pasiva y activamente:

Dador Este. Este-Oeste vulnerables.

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Paso Paso Todos pasan	2♦ 3♣	Paso Paso	Sur 1♥ 2♥ 3ST

♠ 9 4 3  
♥ Q  
♦ A K Q 5 4  
♣ Q 9 7 5

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ 10 9 8 6 2  
♣ 10 8 4

♠ A 6 5  
♥ K 9 8 6 5  
♦ 7  
♣ A K 6 3

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

Mientras en una mesa la salida era del ♦7 y el declarante hacía lo que podía para conseguir 8 bazas a su aire (se puede ganar acertando el trébol o bien el corazón, pero son jugadas en contra de la probabilidad), en la mesa de Joao Passarinho no hay tanta paciencia cuando se trata de multar mangas.

Joao escogió la salida del ♣3, para el ♣7, ♣8 y J♣. El declarante adelantó 4 bazas a diamante (lamentando la mala distribución) y dejó correr el ♠9 para el ♠A de Joao. Ya tiene 9 bazas y su único problema es que antes de poder cobrarlas la contra consiga 5. Todo esto es difícil de ver en la mesa, pero Joao tenía preparada su última arma de la mano.

¡Volvió del ♣6, de nuevo bajo ♣AK! El declarante no imaginó tanta osadía y jugó el ♣9, confiando en que su salida hubiera provenido de un palo que originalmente era ♣A1063 ó ♣K1063. 3ST -1, después de hacerse 3 bazas en trébol, el ♦10 y el ♠A.

Finalmente, el equipo Passarinho venció por 22 IMPS y en el momento de escribir esta crónica están luchando para conseguir su pase a cuartos de final contra el equipo Goldberg (Suecia), mientras que el equipo Ventín cayó eliminado al perder por 9 IMPS. Esta noche (20 de junio) empieza también el Torneo de Parejas Mixtas con varias parejas españolas, del cual les mantendremos informados.

## MIXED TEAMS ROUND of 32 Final Results

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs
JACOBS	<b>KIRSTAN</b>	47 - 50
<b>GROMOVA</b>	MIZEL	73 - 25
<b>LEVY</b>	TOKCAN	68 - 35
HARAZIMOVICZ	<b>PASSARINHO</b>	54 - 77
<b>POPOVA</b>	WEBER	94 - 39
<b>BRIGADA</b>	CALLAGHAN	76 - 70
VENTIN	<b>FORNACIARI</b>	50 - 59
WELLAND	<b>PRAHA</b>	35 - 49
<b>ARMSTRONG</b>	PERRY	57 - 28
BAREL	<b>GITELMAN</b>	57 - 65
PENFOLD	<b>GLASSON</b>	40 - 77
KOWALSKI	<b>DE BOTTON</b>	38 - 90
O'ROURKE	<b>GOLDBERG SWE</b>	34 - 47
HAUGE	<b>GOLDBERG USA</b>	37 - 50
ALLEGRA	<b>ERICHSEN</b>	48 - 76
<b>HERBST</b>	TEAM PASMAN	72 - 46

## MIXED TEAMS ROUND of 16 Final Results

<i>KIRSTAN</i>	<b>HERBST</b>	36 - 56
<i>GROMOVA</i>	<b>ERICHSEN</b>	26 - 58
<b>LEVY</b>	<i>GOLDBERG USA</i>	64 - 40
<b>GOLDBERG SWE</b>	<i>PASSARINHO</i>	54 - 46
<i>POPOVA</i>	<b>DE BOTTON</b>	27 - 60
<b>BRIGADA</b>	<i>GLASSON</i>	77 - 60
<b>GITELMAN</b>	<i>FORNACIARI</i>	129- 34
<i>PRAHA</i>	<b>ARMSTRONG</b>	33 - 97

## MIXED TEAMS Quarterfinal

1	<b>HERBST</b>	<b>ARMSTRONG</b>
2	<b>ERICHSEN</b>	<b>GITELMAN</b>
3	<b>LEVY</b>	<b>BRIGADA</b>
4	<b>GOLDBERG SWE</b>	<b>DE BOTTON</b>

### Starting the K.O.

Those of you who were in Menton - no nothing about the temperature there - remember that we had a fixed pairing for the K.O.-phase, which meant that the strongest teams in the Swiss A had to start against the strongest teams in the Swiss B who were ranked 28 to 32. That was not considered to be a fair approach. P.O Sundelin suggested to change the format and to do what the Swedish Federation does in a similar event: simply let the highest ranked teams just pick their opponents from the lower ranked teams. So that is what we are doing here, in the mixed and the open teams. There was a nice atmosphere on Sunday evening, with Alfredo Versace expressing his amazement about the choices by some of the opponents and suggesting better ones. Some of the teams had such a wealth of choices that it seemed difficult to decide.

With this format, assuming that the teams 28 to 32 are chosen as late as possible, which appeared to be the case here, the pairing in the next round would cause the same problem of very strong teams meeting each other. So we decided to put the matches involving these teams in the position 9 to 13 in the brackets.

Ton Kooijman

## CONSOLATION SWISS FINAL RESULTS

Rank	Team Name	VPs	Rank	Team Name	VPs
1	BIRMAN	102	11	VERDURMEN	65
2	PETER HECHT JOHANSEN	89	12	DIX	52
3	MCGOWAN	87	13	BRUNNER	47
4	PBW	84	14	ROSSARD	47
5	COLAMARTINO	82	15	UZUMCU	44
6	NAVEH	82	16	HIRCHENAUT	43
7	HIRST	76	17	SERF	38
8	ZACH	75	18	HETZ	33
9	SALLIERE	73			
10	JENSEN	67			

### 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 24 June and 1 & 2 July.