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BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR...



The hard working Registration office on another busy day

...or you may get it, as the old proverb goes. This was what happened to the two top teams in the Swiss, who got to select their opponents, and regretted it when they were both defeated.

Having said that, it was generally a good day for the teams who had done well in the Swiss. The teams who had finished 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th are still in. Ozdil, Jacobs De Botton and Team Orange 1 are joined by Ireland - the winners and only survivors of the repechage, together with Hecht, Denmark and Miroglio.

In the Senior quarterfinals there will be two Polish teams, two Italian squads, one French, one American, one English, and Nissan Rand's melange, who climbed from last place in their group to snatch the fourth qualifying spot.

In the Women's quarterfinals part-American teams headed up both groups, with two Dutch teams, one Polish, one French, one Austrian and one Anglo-German squad rounding up the numbers.

The two teams with German representation will clash today; lots of bragging rights at stake!

Vugraph Today

The Vugraph starts at 10.30 today in the Gran Canaria Salon (the far side of the swimming pool as you come out of the Hotel Mediterraneo).

We hope to be able to show results from Open Senior and Women's quarterfinals.

Since the Bulletin staff, despite frenzied searching, were unable to find anything to correct in yesterday's bulletin, this erratum slip has been inserted in error.

Registration

Players in the ¼, ½ and Final of the Open, Women, Senior Teams can register for the pairs today between 15.00 and 16.00 in Room Cibeles

From the Appeals Committee

Following a lengthy hearing of the Championships' Appeals Committee, on Sunday evening, the pair of Massimo Lanzarotti and Andrea Buratti was disqualified from the Open teams event.

The Appeals Committee has published its reasons, which appear on Page 3

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Schedule of Play

- 10.30 Open/Women/Senior Teams Quarterfinals
- 10.30 Open/Women/Senior Pairs Qualifying Session 1
- 15.30 Open/Women/Senior Pairs Qualifying Session 2
- 16.00 Open/Women/Senior Teams Semifinals

Pairs events

The open pairs will be played in Los Espejos (sections A, B, C and D), Tenerife (sections E, F and G) and Minerva (section H).

The starting positions will be posted in front of these playing rooms this morning.

The women and senior pairs will be played in Imperial. Starting positions will be posted at the site this morning.

Teams Quarter and Semifinals

All matches will be played in Salon Royale in hotel Mediterraneo. Starting time 10.30.

Open Teams Swiss: Round I - Kalish v. Poland I

by Jos Jacobs

In 2003, the Kalish team, at the time consisting of three pairs (the third pair being the Herbst brothers) won the first Open European Team Championship in Menton, France. This looked a good reason to report about their first match in Sunday's Swiss, even more so as they had to face a strong Polish team.

The action started on board 2 when a good save was found at one table.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Martens	Podgur	Jassem
		2NT	Dble
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Podgur's gadget of opening 2NT for the minors shut out the opposition completely. Both North and South were strong enough to double once, but there it rested. Kalish -300.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	D. Yadlin	Krupowicz	I. Yadlin
		Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	3NT	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

At the other table, Krupowicz' interference came too late. They too found the save in 5♦, but the Yadlins judged well to bid one more and were allowed to score 650 and 8 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Martens	Podgur	Jassem
			Pass
1♣	2♠	Dble	3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Well, Martens' double may look a little over-optimistic, but, as he told me afterwards, he was in fact trying to beat his personal record. Once, about 10 years ago, he doubled the opponents in 3NT when they were holding 30 h.c.p. between them. This time, they were holding 31 h.c.p. so that part of the mission got accomplished.

His side won IMPs on the board, as this was the bidding in the other room:

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	D. Yadlin	Krupowicz	I. Yadlin
			Pass
1♣	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

This needs some explanation. Polish Club (strong variety) and 3♦ showed a heart suit. 3♠ showed a very strong hand and 4NT was a further invitation based on general values. Thus, 5♦ was not a number of key-cards but simply a second suit, happily accepted by West. Nicely done for a solid 1370 and a well-deserved 6 IMPs.

On the next board, another solid slam was on, this time even a grand. However, it was missed at both tables. To me, it looks as if neither East realised the importance of his third-round control in hearts, but the readers should judge for themselves, of course.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Martens	Podgur	Jassem
		1NT	Pass
		2♦	Pass
		3♥	4♣
Redble	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	D. Yadlin	Krupowicz	I. Yadlin
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Anyway, no swing here.

There was a swing on the next board when Martens ventured a light double:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Martens	Podgur	Jassem
		3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Jassem could not avoid two off. This should have been a reasonable enough score had his team-mates bid their vulnerable game one way or another, but in the closed room...

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	D. Yadlin	Krupowicz	I. Yadlin
		3♠	All Pass

Low diamond led to the king, ♥K covered and ruffed, trump to the king and a club going on the ♥Q made this one an easy 10 tricks. Kalish thus won another 7 IMPs. Better timing of their aggressive actions once again brought Kalish a bushel of IMPs on the penultimate board of the set:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Martens	Podgur	Jassem
			Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The preempt worked well as North was not strong enough, in his own opinion, to overcall. East had an automatic raise and there it rested. Down two.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	D. Yadlin	Krupowicz	I. Yadlin
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When West did not even double 4♣ their last chance of finding the save had gone. Eleven tricks when the spades disappeared on the diamonds and 10 more IMPs to Kalish.

The match ended 25-14 to Kalish or 18-12 V.P. A good start for the title holders.

Disciplinary Hearing No. 2

Italy v Israel

Appeals Committee:

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England), Jean-Paul Meyer (France)

Open Teams Swiss "A" Round 6

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4 3</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">N</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">W E</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">S</p>	<p>♠ A 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ J 8 5 4 3 ♣ K J 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 4 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Roll</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
			2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Contract: Six Diamonds, played by South

Lead: ♥A

Play: ♣9, taken by the King, ♦J-6-2-7, claim

Result: 12 tricks, NS +1370

The Facts:

At the end of the play, East called the Director to explain what he had seen.

The Director:

Told the facts to the Chief Tournament Director, who decided to call upon the Appeal Committee to hold a Disciplinary Hearing.

Present: All players, the Captain of East/West, and the Coach of North/South

The Players:

The Chief Tournament Director explained to the Committee what the East player had told him. Dummy, North, had leaned across to take a look into East's cards. East had then noticed that North had held his arms crossed, and had signalled with three fingers on his arm. East had seen a signal with three fingers three times. Declarer had then played the ♦J at trick three, and had let it run, thus making his contract.

East then told the same story in his own words. He had not shown his cards, but North had taken a look into them anyway. East had seen three fingers on three occasions, and he had called the Director after Declarer had successfully finessed in diamonds.

East complained that he had been so shaken about the whole thing, that he could no longer play to his full capacity. They had lost the match 2-25.

West related the play to the first three tricks:

- West led the ♥A, East contributing the ♥8;
- West then asked a number of questions,

particularly about the ♥K, which South confirmed having shown in the auction;

- West switched to the ♣9, taken by the King

- After some thought, South called for the ♦J, East contributing the ♦6 in tempo;

- South thought for some more time and let the ♦J run.

East once more showed what he had seen North do: the left arm lay before him on the table, the right hand lay across it, with the middle three fingers pointing downwards. East showed that he had seen the three fingers once across the wrist, once across the forearm and once free on the table in front of the arm.

South was asked to confirm the play as described above, which he did.

South was then asked to explain why he played the diamonds in the manner he did. He gave the following responses:

- The lead of the ♥A was curious because dummy had not made a cue-bid in hearts;

- After all the questions he decided to play diamonds 1-3;

- The first two boards were bad for him and he needed 20VP to qualify for the next round;

- Diamonds are always badly divided in this tournament. He had also found the ♦Q on board 24 (West commented that he had made lots of bids on that board, so finding that Queen was clear-cut).

North explained that all through the day, when dummy, he had laid both arms on the table and rested his head on them. This could not be confirmed by East/West since this was the third board of the match and he had not been dummy on the first two.

North told the Committee he had only 20% vision in his left eye, and the red honours were all the same to him from that side.

When confronted with East's statement, North denied that he had looked at East's cards.

The Coach of North/South, in name of their Captain (who was absent), explained that he had told his team to win the match by at least 19 or 20VP. He had never heard allegations of this kind in 30 years' work for the federation and this particular team.

West finally added that South had also put his head on his arms while thinking about running the ♦J.

The Committee's Deliberation:

The Committee addressed the issue of their jurisdiction under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. Under law 91B: *Right to Disqualify, The Director* (and on a reference, the Committee) *is specifically empowered to disqualify a contestant for cause.*

The Committee also addressed certain technical issues raised by North/South:

- The Committee rejected the argument that "Diamonds are always badly divided in this Tournament".

- The Committee noted that bidding and making Six Diamonds by normal play was

quite likely to win the board as the slam was not straightforward to bid.

- The Committee noted that tackling diamonds (trumps) by leading the Jack was singularly against the odds; except in the specific circumstances when declarer knows that East has exactly three diamonds. In this case the odds are 3-1 in favour of leading the Jack.

- The Committee noted that East's duck of the Jack of Diamonds was correct technique. South could have had five diamonds, in which case it is a normal gambit to lead the Jack to induce a cover with Q10x.

The Committee's reasons:

In the play of the hand, East/West believed that Declarer had acted upon improper information conveyed from dummy. They suggested how this information was possibly passed.

When asked to explain his reasons for playing the hand in such a fashion declarer gave a number of reasons which the Committee found unconvincing. It was adjudged that the nature of these explanations by a competent player was self-incriminating.

The Committee's decision:

Lanzarotti-Buratti to be disqualified from the teams event - Law 91B.

Match Score adjusted to 18-0 in favour of the team of East/West.

Matter to be referred to the Credentials' Committee with reference to the Pairs' event in these Championships.

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Seniors Round 3 - Priday vs Resta (and the resta)

by Ace Ventura

In the Seniors Teams Qualification Priday (England) and Resta (Italy) after two matches were the top teams in Group A, and it seemed sensible for us to sit down to watch them to meet in the third round. We expected to see some nice bridge due to the experienced assembly.

First let's see if you can solve this defence.

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

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Longinotti	Hiron	Maci
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

5♠ shows two aces and the queen of clubs. South leads a club to your ace. What next? The answer will appear later on in the article.

Priday got off to a flying start immediately due to a big swing on the first board:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Falco	T. Priday	Resta	V. Priday
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Longinotti	Hiron	Maci
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

In the Open Room Guido Resta opened 2♣ Precision style, 2♦ was a relay and 2♥ showed a minimum with clubs and hearts or any strong hand with clubs. 2♠ just asked for more information and 2NT now, according to the Italians' conventions, promised 15-16 HCP and two key cards outside clubs so Dano de Falco expected a better hand from East and simply jumped to 6♣. Vivian Priday's lead, the jack of diamonds, was won in dummy

and next came a club to the jack and king. Tony Priday won the next trick with the trump ace and played a spade. Resta had only the finesse to hope for and when it did not succeed he was down one.

At the other table, Maureen Hiron played the same contract and she got a club lead to the ace. North didn't see any reason not to switch to a spade, his partner's suit. A finesse was not an option here, otherwise it would have been a suicidal overcall. Hiron took the ace, cashed a top club, ace and king of hearts, and then drew trumps to produce this ending:

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

♠ -		♠ 10 2
♥ 9		♥ 7
♦ A K Q 5		♦ 4
♣ -		♣ 5

♠ K		
♥ -		
♦ J 10 9 6		
♣ -		

Neither defender could hold on to four diamonds on the last club - double squeeze, fait accompli; +920 and that was 14 IMPs to Priday.

The defence could have broken up the squeeze by either returning a diamond, as Vivian Priday did in the Open Room, or play a diamond after winning the trump ace.

The next board was flat but then another small slam was in the cards.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Falco	T. Priday	Resta	V. Priday
	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Longinotti	Hiron	Maci
	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

With South as declarer a small slam can be made in either minor, but neither pair had the tools.

Vivian Priday opened 1NT and 3♣ was game-forcing with some clubs. The club bid covered the weak spot in Vivian's hand so she tried 3NT. Tony's 4♣ was a slam try, 4♦ and 4♠ were cue-bids. Resta's double was enough to disturb North-South's bidding sequence. There was no agreement as to what South's pass over the double showed so North was left to decide what to do. Since it was uncertain if South held a heart stopper, North might have tried another move than a direct 6♣. A redouble might have given South the chance to step on the brake and stop in game. Resta had all the information he needed and it was not too difficult for him to lead a heart; de Falco could win the first two tricks, just enough to defeat the slam.

In the Closed Room Longinotti/Maci were on their way to finding 6♦. 2♣ forced to game with clubs and 3♥ looked for a no trump game. When Enrico Longinotti showed some diamond support the way to the small slam was open. 4♥ from Giovanni Maci was a cuebid and 4NT asked for aces. When Longinotti faced one ace only, it could be the ace of spades, so he passed. Declarer took all the tricks on a spade lead; +440 and 10 IMPs to the Italians.

The match was quite close but not necessarily well played and with two more boards to go Priday was in the lead by 37-25 IMPs. This was the exciting penultimate board:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Falco	T. Priday	Resta	V. Priday
	Pass	4♥	1♣
	1♥		All Pass (!)

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Longinotti	Hiron	Maci
	Pass	4♥	1♣
3♦	Dble		2♣
All Pass			4♠

In the Open Room South judged poorly not to take action over East's 4♥ and Resta therefore was left to play there undoubled. 4♥ was doomed to go down of course, but three down for -150 was a cheap sacrifice for EW.

NS reached 4♠ in the other room without any problems; +650 and a lucky recovery of 11 IMPs by Resta.

The last board of the set was a push, but a quite extraordinary one when Longinotti/Maci went two down in 6♣ missing the ace

and king of trumps and the Pridays only managed to take seven tricks in 3NT. That gave us the final score of 37-36 in Friday's favour, 15-15 converted into VPs.

In Qualifying Group B the British team Jourdain won heavily 25-4 against the Polish squad Szenberg. On board 31 (see the diagram above) Jourdain gained 17 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
Antas	Hirst	Kaczanowski	Jourdain

			1♣
3♦	Dble	4♥	6♠
All Pass			

Jourdain could afford one but not two spade losers. After a diamond lead, he was inclined to place East with solid hearts and therefore West with the king of spades. He won in hand to lead the queen of spades for +1430.

Almost the same auction was reported from the other table:

West	North	East	South
Luck	Szenberg	Goldenfield	Mitaszewski

			1♠
3♦	3♠	4♥	6♠
All Pass			

Here the declarer ruffed the heart lead and then played the trump ace - one down.

In the same group, Hollman secured a big win over Euro-Agro thanks to the very same board.

West	North	East	South
	Baze		Hollman

			1♣
Pass	1♥	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	5♥	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

4♥ was described as spades to Hollman as South and while awaiting the next move from EW he passed. When Baze could produce a double of 4♠ East's 5♥ call exposed his hand, so Hollman found a sensible bid: 6♠. West's double helped declarer play the spade suit successfully; NS +1660. That was worth 14 IMPs to Hollman & Co when only 5♠ was made at the other table.



Dano de Falco, Italy

Awards For The Different Events

	Teams			
	Open	Mixed	Women	Seniors
1	100	80	70	70
2	92	74	62	62
3	84	68	54	54
4	77	63	47	47
5	70	58	40	40
6	64	53	34	34
7	58	48	28	28
8	53	44	23	23
9	48	40	18	18
10	44	36	13	13
11	40	32	9	9
12	36	29	5	5
13	32	26	2	2
14	29	23	1	1
15	26	20		
16	23	17		
17	20	15		
18	17	13		
19	15	11		
20	13	9		
21	11	8		
22	9	7		
23	8	6		
24	7	5		
25	6	4		
26	5	3		
27	4	2		
28	3	1		
29	2	1		
30	1	1		
31	1	1		
32	1	1		

	Pairs (final A)			
	Open	Mixed	Women	Seniors
1	90	75	65	65
2	83	69	59	59
3	76	63	53	53
4	70	57	47	47
5	64	52	41	41
6	58	47	36	36
7	53	42	31	31
8	48	38	28	28
9	43	34	25	25
10	39	31	22	22
11	35	28	19	19
12	31	25	16	16
13	28	22	14	14
14	25	20	12	12
15	22	18	10	10
16	19	16	8	8
17	17	14	7	7
18	15	12	6	6
19	13	10	5	5
20	11	9	4	4
21	10	8	3	3
22	9	7	2	2
23	8	6	1	1
24	7	5		
25	6	4		
26	5	3		
27	4	2		
28		1		
29	2	1		
30	1			
31	1			

	Teams (final B)	
	open	mixed
1	20	16
2	17	13
3	14	11
4	11	9
5	9	7
6	7	5
7	5	4
8	4	3
9	3	2
10	2	1
11	1	

	Pairs (final B)			
	open	mixed	women	seniors
1	15	15	12	12
2	13	13	10	10
3	11	11	8	8
4	10	10	7	7
5	9	9	6	6
6	8	8	5	5
7	7	7	4	4
8	6	6	3	3
9	5	5	2	2
10	4	4	1	1
11	3		3	
12	2		2	
13	1		1	
14	1	1		

	Pairs (final C)
	open
1	8
2	6
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1

For the open and mixed team events the ranking for the eliminated teams will be in accordance with their position in the Swiss A (plus the top teams in Swiss B). For the women and senior teams the average VP's in the round robin will be used (bye not included)

To be eligible for a prize in the women and senior category one needs to have played at least one event in that category. To be eligible for a prize in the open category one should have played in the open and mixed category only.

Weber Floods Cave

The two round robins in the women's event will each produce four qualifiers to contest the quarter finals. In Group B the Round 6 match between Weber's Anglo/German side and the USA's Cave was my pick. Weber was looking to consolidate her position in second place while Cave was hoping for a big win to get back into contention.

It's surprising how often you can tell from an early stage which way the wind is blowing and right from the start the German pair made their intentions clear - aggression at every opportunity.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weber	Sulgrove	Gromann	Sprung
	1♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Don't you get the feeling that after the first three bids the West hand is of the type favoured by the conductors of bidding panels? When West selected the aggressive option North decided to take no risks and rebid her powerful suit. West's double on the way out was not automatic, but her partner produced two important cards, enough to ensure the contract failed by one trick when East led the two of diamonds.

West	North	East	South
Henner-Welland	James	Radin	Brock
	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Once West had started with a double she felt compelled to introduce her suit at the five level. South was close to doubling - as it was, the obvious two down meant a 5 IMP pick up for Weber.



Christal Henner Welland, USA

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weber	Sulgrove	Gromann	Sprung
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

East's rebid promised more or less what she had - a strong hand would have been developed differently. With a source of tricks and two good looking cards on the side, the ♥Q and the ♣A, West powered into the slam. When South led the ace of spades she may have been worried, but only for a moment, as East was able to claim at trick three. Declarer would have had to work harder on a passive lead, as she will need to pick up the diamonds. +980 looked good on paper.

West	North	East	South
Henner-Welland	James	Radin	Brock
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

West made a couple of cue bids, but East was not interested, perhaps taking the view that if all West needed was spade control she would have bid differently. So, East/West's result from the other table was worth 11 IMPs.

Weber continued to gain steadily and a couple of swings near the end completed an impressive performance.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weber	Sulgrove	Gromann	Sprung
		Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With a powerful hand full of tenaces West made a practical decision that proved to be a winning one. North led the four of hearts and declarer won with the queen and played the

jack of spades. South won with the king and returned a heart. West won and exited with a low club to South's ten. She won the heart return in dummy, took the spade finesse and cashed her winners, the fall of the queen of spades and the king of clubs giving her ten tricks and +430.

West	North	East	South
Henner-Welland	James	Radin	Brock
		Pass	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

West's scientific approach was reasonable, but unsuccessful and Weber had another 7 IMPs.

The match finished as it had started, with an aggressive action by the German pair paying a big dividend.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weber	Sulgrove	Gromann	Sprung
	2♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	All Pass		
Dble			

Did South bid 5♠ in the hope/expectation it might make? That's asking a lot facing a weak two bid, even a disciplined one. East led the queen of diamonds and declarer won, drew trumps, played a club to the king and a low heart. When West went up with the king declarer had saved a trick, down one, -100.

West	North	East	South
Henner-Welland	James	Radin	Brock
	1♠	4♣	4♠
Pass			
All Pass			

This time it was essential for East/West to be spot on in the defence, but at the point when declarer led a low heart West went up with an honour, so that was +420 and 11 IMPs.

Weber had won 51-3 IMPs, 25-4 VP and was looking good for one of the four qualification spots, but Cave was in serious trouble.



DIECISEISAVOS DE FINAL EQUIPOS

Después del suizo de ayer, finalmente 32 equipos se clasificaron para los dieciseisavos de final, entre ellos el equipo español Pont (J. Pont, J. C. Ventín, J. De Miguel, A. Wasik, P. Lambardi y A. Knap). A partir de entonces los equipos se enfrentan en rondas eliminatorias, quedando el equipo Pont emparejado contra el danés Denmark (obvio y patriota).

Es opinión de este cronista que en estos emparejamientos lo que realmente importa son los swings de las subastas de slam. Tantas manos de parciales, por muy bien que juegues, son irrelevantes a menos que haya algún accidente de 800 o superior. No quiero decir que sea lo único importante, pero cuando hay tanta igualdad, un match de 28 manos se decide por esas 4 ó 5 manos en la zona de los slam.

La mano 3 del match fue un ejemplo de ello:

Dador Sur. Este-Oeste vulnerables.

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Doblo	Paso	¿?	5♣							

Hoy en día, tener 16H con fallo en un palo y estar en 4ª posición es un peligro. Cuando a Este le llega la subasta por primera vez, tiene que hablar, vulnerable, a nivel de 5. Como no quiere acertar el palo a jugar, dobla y el problema pasa a su compañero.

¿Debe nombrar su mejor palo o pasar? Si nombra el ♥, ¿a qué altura debe hacerlo? Evidentemente, es muy fácil subastar a cartas vistas, pero en la mesa es difícil acertar siempre. Pasar y poner las multas correspondientes sólo se recompensa con +300, por lo



Pablo Lambardi, Argentina

que tal vez si que valga la pena cantar 5♥, vulnerable contra no. Cantar slam, aunque tengamos honores muy correctos y el compañero es muy posible que esté fallo a trébol, es demasiado arriesgado, a mi entender.

En la mesa, Oeste decidió pasar para +300, pero los contrarios cantaron slam. 15 IMPS para Denmark aunque cantar manga hubiera sido igualmente 13 IMPS de pérdida.

Más tarde, en cambio, les devolvimos el golpe.

Dador Oeste. Norte-Sur vulnerables.

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N					
W E					
S					
<p>♠ A K J 8 7 5 ♥ 6 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 5 4 2</p>					

En la sala cerrada:

Este	Lambardi	Oeste	Ventín
IST	2♦	1♥	1♠
4♥	Todos pasan		Paso

El declarante puede ganar el contrato si acierta el trébol. Después de la salida de ♠A, ♦A y ♦ fallado puede subir al muerto con el ♥A, trébol hacia la ♣Q, arrastra y A♣. Sin embargo, con este carteo se pierde con el trébol 3-3 o con 4-2 con doubletón de ♣9 en Sur (siempre con el ♣K colocado).

En la mesa, el declarante optó entonces por correr el ♣J, cubierto por Norte, y el contrato se fue una multa por la baza que hizo Sur con el ♣9.

¿Podía sin embargo Oeste protegerse contra esto? Sin duda. Después de las 3 primeras bazas, juega ♥ hacia el As, ♣J cubierto para el ♣A y todos los triunfos. A falta de 4 cartas:

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N					
W E					
S					
<p>♠ K ♥ - ♦ - ♣ 9 5 4</p>					

Sur debe proteger los tréboles y el ♠K, por lo que sus descartes han sido obligados. Sólo es necesario que el declarante se haya fijado en el ♠3 de Norte (semifallo) y haya deducido que la voz de Norte de 2♦ fue con 6 cartas. Entonces Sur tenía originalmente una 6-1-2-4 y la posición TIENE que ser la del diagrama anterior. Sólo hace falta jugar ♠ para que Sur caiga en nuestra tenaza de ♣.

La defensa podía haber multado si adelanta el ♠K antes (aunque deje la ♠Q firme en el muerto, controlada por los triunfos de

Norte).

En la sala abierta:

Wasik	Norte	Pont	Sur
		4♥ (!!)	4♠
Doblo	5♦ (!!)	Doblo	Todos pasan

Pont, en tercera posición no vulnerable, puso máxima presión al contrario con su apertura de 4♥ con tan sólo 6 triunfos de KQJ. Sur, completamente vendido, subastó 4♠ y a partir de allí la sangre se adueñó de la mesa. Cuando la niebla se había disipado aparecieron varios cadáveres con la marca de +1100. 15 IMPS de vuelta para Pont.

El partido se decidió en la siguiente mano:

Dador Sur. Norte-Sur vulnerables.

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W E					
S					
<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ 10 7 6 5 3</p>					

En la sala cerrada, los daneses llegaron hasta 6♠. La salida fue del ♣3 ganado por el ♣K del muerto, ♠A y ♥ para el ♥6, ♥K y ♥A. A cartas vistas, la jugada correcta es ceder el ♥K pero no queremos que el declarante haga su 12ª baza con un rey mal colocado sin la dama. ♠ hacia el muerto reveló la mala distribución del triunfo y ahora el declarante sólo puede cumplir si el palo de corazón está 3-3 con el ♥J colocado.

Por tanto, ♥ al ♥10, seguimos con la ♥Q (todos sirven) arrastramos acabando en el muerto, ♥8 firme descartando el ♦10 y ♦ para la mano, ya firme.

En cambio, en la sala abierta, los españoles se quedaron en manga, tras comprobar los valores perdidos en ♣ y la falta de dos cartas clave: el ♥A y el ♦K. El slam es malo, porque incluso con el triunfo 3-2 hay que acertar el corazón, y además la salida a ♦ (aunque no en este caso, ya que el declarante era Este y Sur tenía ambos honores) pone el slam en peligro inmediato.

Pero, tal como comentaba al principio de la crónica, varias manos como ésta deciden un partido. Aquí se perdieron 11 IMPS (-980 y +450) en lugar de ganar 11 IMPS (+50 y +450) si el slam no se hubiera cumplido, es decir, 22 IMPS de diferencia. Teniendo en cuenta que el resultado final fue 75-53, se podía haber empatado el partido y 4 manos más de desempate hubieran sido necesarias.



WOMEN TEAMS final results

GROUP A			GROUP B		
1	BAKER	208	1	USA/RUSSIA	185
2	D'OVIDIO	205	2	PASMAN	160
3	VERBEEK	192	3	WEBER	155
4	POLAND	182	4	CHANTAL	136
5	DHONDY	170	5	CAVE	133
	HELNESS	170	6	ALMIRALL	131
7	PENFOLD	169	7	DENMARK	125
8	ITALIA - PENNISI	166	8	TANANBAUM	123
9	BARR	137	9	ITALIA - RESTA	119
10	OSLO	128	10	JACOBUS	75
11	EURO CHICKS	112			

SENIOR TEAMS final results

GROUP A			GROUP B		
1	RESTA	165	1	HOLLMAN	177
2	KLUKOWSKI	158	2	AUBRY	162
3	PRIDAY	145	3	FORNACIARI	155
4	RAND	144	4	SZENBERG	142
5	SCHIPPERS	141	5	PRAHA	130
6	SERF	136	6	JOURDAIN	129
7	KAPLAN	129	7	TROUWBORST	121
8	SPENGLER	111	8	IRELAND S.	118
9	GORZYNSKI	107	9	EURO-AGRO	89

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND of 32				ROUND of 16				Consolation Swiss					
Team	(1-14)	(15-28)	Total	Team	(1-14)	(15-28)	Total						
1	ALLIX	13	47	60	1	ALLIX	26	37	63	1	BELGIUM COOREMAN	98	
	DUMBOVICH	26	16	42		MIROGLIO	39	45	84	2	ONSTOTT	95	
2	BURAS	29	6	35	2	SAZONOV	29	31	60	3	COMPUTERLAND AZS PWR91	91	
	AGRESSOR	16	22	38		IRELAND	45	28	73	4	EGYPT	91	
3	OZDIL	38	37	75	3	KALISH	17	9	26	5	TEAM ORANGE 2	90	
	ARMSTRONG	11	27	38		HECHT	17	15	32	6	ALIZEE	87	
4	JACOBS	31	41	72	4	JACOBS	15	41	56	7	PORTUGAL	78	
	KHAZANOV	34	13	47		JENS AUKEN	21	16	37	8	PASSARINHO	78	
5	KALISH	40	40	80	5	OZDIL	34	26	60	9	MOSSOP	77	
	WOLFARTH	21	21	42		BAREL	12	30	42	10	NANEV	76	
6	DE BOTTON	36	40	76	6	DE BOTTON	35	69	104	11	LATVIA	76	
	GRENTHE	26	25	51		PALMA	35	18	53	12	CASTELLANI	75	
7	TEAMORANGE I	58	40	98	7	TEAM ORANGE I	30	27	57	13	BREMARK	75	
	HIRST	12	30	42		ZIMMERMANN	38	6	44	14	UYSAL	73	
8	SAZONOV	17	50	67	8	DENMARK	44	20	64	15	DENMARK JUNIOR I	72	
	POPOVA	37	18	55		AGRESSOR	14	35	49	16	BODIS	70	
9	POLAND I	19	39	58						17	MCGOWAN	70	
	IRELAND	48	55	103						18	BELGIUM HENRI	69	
10	ZIMMERMANN	21	38	59						19	POLAND 2	67	
	PIEKAREK	25	23	48						20	O'ROURKE	67	
11	BLUMENTAL	14	34	48						21	SMITH	65	
	PALMA	44	28	72						22	GODED	63	
12	LESNIEWSKI	8	45	53						23	FAZZARDI	62	
	HECHT	38	22	60						24	LIECHTENSTEIN	59	
13	JENS AUKEN	50	19	69						25	DENMARK JUNIOR 2	55	
	PANAHPOUR	17	30	47									
14	RUBIN	9	33	42									
	BAREL	24	49	73									
15	DENMARK	47	28	75									
	PONT	6	47	53									
16	MIROGLIO	17	42	59									
	WELLAND	25	13	38									

WOMEN TEAMS

Quarterfinals

Table	Home	Away
5	Baker	Weber
6	USA/Russia	Verbeek
7	D'Ovidio	Chantal
8	Pasman	Poland

SENIOR TEAMS

Quarterfinals

Table	Home	Away
9	Resta	Szenberg
10	Hollman	Friday
11	Klukowski	Fornaciari
12	Aubry	Rand

Quarterfinals

Table	Home	Away
1	Ireland	Miroglio
2	Jacobs	Hecht
3	Ozdil	De Botton
4	Team Orange I	Denmark

