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Allegra come back from behind to join Parioli as group winners



Our elegant hostesses

The two groups had quite different stories to tell after yesterday's play. In group A it was plain sailing for the qualifiers as both Parioli and De Lombard were sure to go through with their head-to-head match still to come. It was no surprise to see this match end in an honourable Grand Masters' draw.

Things were happening till very late on Friday night in the other group. Before round 5, four teams could still qualify as only 9 V.P. separated them. Bamberg and Mragowia were 6 and 5 V.P. ahead of Allegra and three more ahead of EYKT. When the smoke cleared, Allegra had easily beaten Mragowia 22-8 to go through. In the other match, EYKT looked well on their way to qualify just four boards from the end, but as we all know, Germans never give up. Four boards later the result of the match had turned out to be a draw, more than enough to see Bamberg into the semis but just not enough to keep them at the top of Group B.

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Today's VuGraph & BBO & SWAN Matches

- 10.00 GSD Allegra vs The Lombard - Neth (VG)
TC Parioli vs Bamberg BC - Ger (BBO)
Enc - England vs EYKT - Iceland (SWAN)
- 13.00 TC Parioli vs Bamberg BC - Ger (VG)
GSD Allegra vs The Lombard - Neth (BBO)
Nasby BS - Sweden vs Mragowia Si - Pol (SWAN)
- 15.15 To be decided
17.30 To be decided

Programme & Schedule of play

Saturday 14th October

- 10.00 Semifinal 1
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Semifinal 2
- 15.15 Semifinal 3
- 17.30 Semifinal 4

RESULTS**ROUND 3**

Group A

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------|
| TC Parioli - Italy | - Tordas Gamax - Hun | 25 - 3 |
| Nasby BS - Sweden | - Enc - England | 7 - 23 |
| Inc - Ireland | - The Lombard - Neth | 5 - 25 |

Group B

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Bamberg BC - Ger | - GSD Allegra - Italy | 19 - 11 |
| Fnc - France | - EYKT - Iceland | 15 - 15 |
| Mragowia Si - Pol | - Vestfold - Norway | 25 - 2 |

ROUND 4

Group A

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Nasby BS - Sweden | - TC Parioli - Italy | 5 - 25 |
| Tordas Gamax - Hun | - Tlr - Netherlands | 5 - 25 |
| Enc - England | - Inc - Ireland | 25 - 2 |

Group B

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| GSD Allegra - Italy | - Fnc - France | 19 - 11 |
| Mragowia Si - Pol | - Bamberg BC - Ger | 12 - 18 |
| Vestfold - Norway | - EYKT - Iceland | 7 - 23 |

ROUND 5

Group A

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------|
| The Lombard - Neth | - TC Parioli - Italy | 15 - 15 |
| Inc - Ireland | - Nasby BS - Sweden | 20 - 10 |
| Tordas Gamax - Hun | - Enc - England | 19 - 11 |

Group B

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| GSD Allegra - Italy | - Mragowia Si - Pol | 22 - 8 |
| Fnc - France | - Vestfold - Norway | 14 - 16 |
| EYKT - Iceland | - Bamberg BC - Ger | 15 - 15 |

RANKINGS**GROUP A**

After 5 rounds

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| TC Parioli - Italy | 111 |
| The Lombard - Neth | 106 |
| Enc - England | 71 |
| Nasby BS - Sweden | 57 |
| Inc - Ireland | 47 |
| Tordas Gamax - Hun | 47 |

GROUP B

After 5 rounds

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| GSD Allegra - Italy | 92 |
| Bamberg BC - Ger | 91 |
| Mragowia Si - Pol | 83 |
| EYKT - Iceland | 82 |
| Fnc - France | 64 |
| Vestfold - Norway | 29 |

Semifinals A

| |
|---------------------|
| GSD Allegra - Italy |
| v |
| The Lombard - Neth |
| TC Parioli - Italy |
| v |
| Bamberg BC - Ger |

Semifinals B

| |
|-------------------|
| Enc - England |
| v |
| EYKT - Iceland |
| Nasby BS - Sweden |
| v |
| Mragowia Si - Pol |

Semifinals C

| |
|--------------------|
| Vestfold - Norway |
| v |
| Inc - Ireland |
| Fnc - France |
| v |
| Tordas Gamax - Hun |

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Round Robin | EYKT v. Allegra | by Jos Jacobs |
| Round 2 | | |

The Iceland team had suffered the smallest of losses in their first-round encounter with the Poles (14-16) whereas Allegra had kicked off in great style, winning by 25-2. The Turin team were no doubt hoping to keep up that pace whereas the EYKT team realised that they had to register a good result in this match to keep their chances of qualification alive. Looking at the final outcome of their match, an exact tie at 49 all, I wonder which team was most pleased with this result...

The match started well for Allegra who already led 2-0 when board 3 arrived to substantially increase this lead:

Board: 3. Dealer South/EW

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | 1♠ |
| INT | 2♠ | 3NT | All pass |

North definitely could consider himself unlucky when he led the ♠K only to find out that his partner did not hold a single spade honour at all. Even after this unfortunate lead the contract was not home at all. Duboin won the ♠A and cashed his club tricks, no doubt very pleased to see them break 3-3. On the run of the clubs, South had discarded his low diamond which proved costly a few tricks later. After the clubs, a heart from dummy went to declarer's queen and next came the ♦J. North covered (would you have played low?), dummy ducked and South won the trick. Now, Duboin could win the spade return and finesse against the ♦10 for his contract and an automatic overtrick as well. Allegra a terrific +630.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Armannsson</i> | <i>Ferraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> |
| Pass | Pass | INT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | INT | All pass |

On a spade lead from south declarer decided not to put all his money on the lucky club break but to go after the diamonds first. This enabled the defence to clear the spades with the ♥A still in South as an entry to cash the spade winners. Down two. Allegra another +200 and 13 Imps. EYKT had recouped 5 Imps of their 15-imp deficit when a not too grand slam arrived:

Board: 8. Dealer West/None

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♣ | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All pass | |

No problem. EYKT +920.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Armannsson</i> | <i>Ferraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | 6♦ | Pass | 7♦ |
| All pass | | | |

No problem. EYKT +50 and 14 Imps back to go into the lead.

Please note that the grand depends only on the trump position and thus had reasonable chances, only just below the required odds for a grand.

Ferraro decided to open INT on his hand, in spite of the six-card diamond suit. In their match against Parioli the English showed how to deal with this sort of liberties.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Hydes</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Probst</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| 2♣ | 2♦ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 5♦ | All pass | |

West did his best with a nuisance 2♣ opening but when Nunes bid 4♠ the Italians looked well on their way towards the small slam until Fantoni resigned in 5♦. Parioli +420.


Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Cooke</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Gibbons</i> |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♦ | Pass | 6NT |
| All pass | | | |

2♠ showed clubs and the rest was quantitative and natural. As the diamond safety play is available now, 6 NT clearly is the best contract. England +990 and 14 Imps to them.

Back now to the Allegra match.

Board: 11. Dealer South/None

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| | | | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | All pass |

This seems the correct contract to be in but it could not be handled once the spades broke 4-1. Declarer has to establish his side tricks first before running the spades and squeezing himself. One down, EYKT +50.

Disaster struck in the other room:

Closed Room


| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Armannsson</i> | <i>Ferraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> |
| | | | Pass |
| 2♦ | 2♥ | Dbf | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | Dbf |
| Pass | 3♥ | Dbf | 3NT |
| Dbf | 4♦ | Dbf | All pass |

After a harmless start of the auction suddenly an explosion followed. As so often, the last double was the one that really hurt, though even losing 300 with 3NT not on would not have been a good result for Allegra.

As it was, Ferraro went down four, EYKT +800 to lead by 18 now.

On the next board, a number of declarers showed their fine card-reading sense:

Board: 12. Dealer West/NS

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3NT | All pass |

Baldursson led the ♣Q which was allowed to hold. He exited with a diamond to dummy's blank king and Duboin led a spade, the king winning. His next move was a low club. When North did not play an honour, dummy's eight was inserted to bring down the ace. Jonsson continued a diamond, but Duboin was in full control. He cashed two top diamonds and concede a diamond to North who exited with a heart. In dummy for the last time, Duboin now had no option but to cash the ♣K and play a spade to the queen. As North had not established his clubs he could not hold the ♠A any more, Duboin must have thought. Allegra +400.

On Vugraph, Versace played this hand in exactly the same way...and he was not the only other one.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>ArmannssonFerraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> | |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| INT | All pass | | |

Declaring only INT, Armannsson could afford to cover the ♣Q lead with the king. South won the ace and continued a diamond so the contract was never in danger. EYKT +120 but a loss of 7 Imps. Their lead now: 34-23

With the score at 36-23, we went into the final quarter of the match, and an exciting finale it was:

Board: 16. Dealer West/EW

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All pass |

Jonsson must have had other ideas about Baldursson's INT rebid but it was Bocchi who had the last word. The defence cashed two spades before taking their diamond ruff. After that, a club and a trump still had to be lost for down three, +500 to Allegra.

This might not have been a bad result had Armannsson made his vulnerable game at the other table...

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>ArmannssonFerraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> | |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| 2♠ | 3♥ | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All pass | | |

South led the ♣K which was allowed to hold and switched to a trump won in dummy. A diamond to the ace was followed by a heart, South winning his ace. Declarer now won the club return, ruffed a diamond in dummy, threw his club loser on the ♥K and ruffed a club, thus establishing dummy's 13th club as a winner.

Things had developed well for declarer but his problem was that he had not too many trumps left. He had made six tricks at this point but had only two trumps left in either hand. So there was no way to both draw one round of trumps and scoring enough ruffs. Down two. Allegra +200 and 12 Imps back to reduce the deficit to just the odd Imp.

Two boards later, the Italians struck another blow:

Board: 18. Dealer East/NS

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | All pass | |

A normal contract and a normal diamond lead by West. Jonsson won the ♦A and returned a low diamond but west hopped up with his jack and continued the ♠J. Declarer won the king, cashed the ♦K and played a spade, seeing the bad break. The ♥Q was taken by East's ace and the low heart return was ducked to West's ♥10. Duboin now could easily lock declarer in dummy by returning a diamond. As declarer could not cash a spade without giving up any chance of making, he had to play a club immediately. This enabled West to not only score two clubs, but a diamond as well. Down three, Allegra +300.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>ArmannssonFerraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> | |
| | 2♠ | Dbl | |
| 2NT | 3NT | All pass | |

2NT asked for the minor after the two-suited opening bid.

At this table, North was the declarer and East led the ♣3. When dummy's six forced West's jack, declarer was in a good position. He cashed his top diamonds, East throwing the ♣9 (!?) and now followed this with the ♣Q to West's king.

The rest was easy enough. Allegra +630 and 14 Imps to lead by 13 with two boards to go.

Board 19 was a push when both Jonsson and Vivaldi went down in heart contracts. The interesting difference was that Jonsson was in 4♥ and Vivaldi in 6♥...

VICTORY BANQUET

THE CAPTAINS OF THE TEAMS
ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM
AT THE HOSPITALITY DESK
THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR OWN TEAM
AT THE VICTORY BANQUET

Over now to the next board, another slam:

Board: 20. Dealer West/All

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Jonsson</i> |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | 2♥ |
| 3♣ | Pass | 4♠ | All pass |

For once, the great Italian school of slam bidding did not lead to the optimum result on this board. Allegra +680.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| <i>ArmannssonFerraro</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Vivaldi</i> | |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3NT(1) | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♦(2) | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ | All pass |

According to the explanations given, 3NT showed six spades and a heart void and 4♦ confirmed three diamonds and four clubs. Knowing all this, Jorgensen had an easy raise to slam.

As the trumps were 2-2 with North holding the jack, there only were successful lines of play available. Declarer ruffed the third club low in dummy and saw South discarding. From there, he went on cross-ruff lines, counting his 1430 blessings when nobody could overruff at any time.

As the vulnerable slam swing is worth exactly 13 Imps the Icelanders had thus managed to tie the match. It had been very entertaining stuff for the world-wide audience. The final result would suit either team.

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| Round Robin | Bamberg v. Allegra | | by Jos Jacobs |
| Round 3 | | | |


Looking at Friday's remaining matches in view of the standings one could draw only one conclusion: Group B would probably be more interesting than Group A. In A, Parioli looked certain to go through, together with the team to keep its eye on the ball best when playing them in round 4 or 5. In the other group, the three leading teams had just 1 V.P. between them and, what is more, they had to play key matches all day long.

The first of these occurred in round 3 when Bamberg, the Germans from North Bavaria, had to meet Allegra Torino from Piemonte in Northern Italy.

This match too, like many of the matches involving Italians we have seen recently here and there, started off as a one-sided affair. The marked difference, however, was that the one-way traffic had Germany as its destination – an unusual sight, certainly from an Italian viewpoint.

It started on board 3 when the Germans were allowed to make a game which could have been defeated at trick 1 and at trick 2:

Board: 3. Dealer South/EW

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | All pass | 2♦ |

Can you blame Bocchi for leading a heart (the 5) from his long suit? Can you blame Duboin for returning his partner's suit, seeing the fall of the jack? Can you blame either of them for not leading a club at any time? Bamberg +400.


Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| Pass | 3♣ | Dbl | 1♦ |
| All pass | | | 3♦ |

A much more respectable but much less profitable contract from the junior pair. Allegra +130 and 7 Imps to Bamberg.

More serious things happened on board 7, due to a difference in approach:

Board: 7. Dealer South/All

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | Dbl | 2♣ |
| 3♦ | 3♣ | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All pass | | |

Once Gotard decided to open this rather unpromising hand (in spite of its two aces) – no doubt he had to, according to his system agreements – the auction developed in responsible fashion. There simply was no way for EW to find out if 5♥ was on or not. Allegra +200.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| Pass | 2♦ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♥ | All pass |

Once D'Avossa had to pass this rather unpromising hand (in spite of its two aces) the auction took a sharp gambling turn when Madala opened a weak two and Wladow jumped to game in his suit. When 4♠ came back to Wladow, he guessed well to bid one more and was rewarded with a score of +650 and 10 Imps to Bamberg to lead 19-1 now.

More Imps to Bamberg on the next board:

Board: 8. Dealer West/None

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| 1♣ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♠ | All pass |

Double-dummy this is an easy contract to play as both red suits are breaking 4-4 very obediently. A possible line looks to draw two top trumps before going on cross-ruff lines. A classic line of play, however, is to establish the side suit first. So Bocchi won the ♦K lead and played ♣A and another. This enabled north to throw two red cards on the ♣KQ and ruff the fourth round. As declarer still had to lose a natural trump trick he suddenly found himself one down. Bamberg +50.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Dbf |
| 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All pass |

With less to guide him, D'Avossa led the ♣Q after which Wladow had an easy enough road to ten tricks. He too won the ace and returned the suit, South winning and giving his partner a ruff. As this was only the second trick for the defence, contrary to what had happened at the other table, the natural trump trick still out meant that Wladow had just made his contract. Bamberg another +420 and 10 more Imps to lead 29-1 at this point.

A difference in hand evaluation caused a swing on board 11:

Board: 11. Dealer South/None

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3NT | All pass |

Even though the defence led and continued clubs, the contract could not be defeated. Alternatively, the diamonds were 3-3 as well. Allegra +400.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1NT | All pass |

The good five-card suit was worth an extra trick, so on the same club lead East easily came to the same nine tricks as his counterpart at the other table. Bamberg +150 and 6 Imps back to Turin.

Leading 33-8 already, the Germans reached their maximum lead of the match on board 15:

Board: 15. Dealer South/NS

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| ♠ K Q J 7 6 ♥ K J 9 ♦ Q ♣ A Q 9 8 | ♠ -- ♥ Q 10 8 4 3 ♦ K J 9 6 3 ♣ 7 6 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W S E </div> ♠ A 4 2 ♥ A 5 ♦ 10 5 4 2 ♣ K 5 3 2 | ♠ 10 9 8 5 3 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ J 10 |
|--|--|--|

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| 1♠ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All pass | | |

Piekarek led a heart to Gotard's ace and the suit was returned. Once Bocchi finessed the ♥J rather than a possible ♣K he had to concede a heart ruff as well and thus quickly was one down. Bamberg +50, a tremendous result for them.
 Contract Result : 4SW-1

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Dbl | 2NT |
| 3♠ | 4♦ | 4♠ | 5♦ |
| Dbl | All pass | | |

Vulnerable against not, the save is too expensive anyway, certainly so when D'Avossa went down three to lose another 800. Not that it mattered very much: down two would have cost 11 Imps and in real life the swing was a mere 13 Imps. Bamberg now led by 46-8.

Once again, we saw a grand finale with four consecutive swings, three of them being of double-figure calibre:

Board: 17. Dealer North/None

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ♠ K 9 ♥ J 9 7 5 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ K J 9 | ♠ A J 8 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ K J ♣ Q 10 6 5 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W S E </div> ♠ Q 5 2 ♥ A Q 10 2 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ 8 7 2 | ♠ 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A 8 4 2 ♣ A 4 |
|---|---|---|

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| All pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2NT |

The card played in dummy caused a surprise swing here. East led a spade and dummy played the queen, covered by king and ace. Declarer crossed in hearts and led a club to the ten which held, followed by a club to East's ace. From the play to trick one Bocchi deduced that Duboin held the ♠9 so he simply continued the suit, declarer winning the jack (!?). Another club went to West's king and a low diamond came back, North obviously going up with the king, his only chance. When the ace proved to be with East declarer had to go down four in his contract for a score of +200 to Allegra.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| | 1NT | All pass | |

At this table, declarer played low from dummy and won West's ♠9 with his jack. Here too a heart went to the queen and a club went to the ace but East, not being able to profitably return a spade, returned a diamond. West could win his ♣K later as well as three more diamonds but the contract had come home with an overtrick: +120 and 8 Imps to Allegra.

Another swing to Allegra on the next board:

Board: 18. Dealer East/NS

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| ♠ -- ♥ 7 6 3 2 ♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> N W E S </div> </div> | ♠ J 6 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A J 7 6 5 | ♠ A Q 10 8 3 ♥ A K ♦ K 9 8 3 2 ♣ 3 |
| | | ♠ K 9 7 5 4 ♥ Q 10 9 5 ♦ J 6 ♣ K Q | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| | | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ | All pass |

South led clubs, Bocchi ruffing the second round. He next ruffed a spade, crossed in hearts, ruffed another spade, cashed dummy's top trump, crossed again in hearts and ruffed a third spade with dummy's last trump. He next ruffed a heart and drew the last trump, ending up with an over-trick for +420 to Allegra.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ | All pass |

Less careful play led to the Bamberg declarer's downfall. A heart was led to the ace and the ♠A cashed. A spade was ruffed at trick three and declarer created an extra entry to his hand by conceding a club now. South won the queen and returned the king, declarer ruffing. Another spade was ruffed and dummy's ♦A cashed. Declarer only now crossed in hearts and tried to ruff another spade, but North overruffed and gave his partner an overruff in clubs. The ♠K was the second under-trick. Allegra a surprise +100 and a much-needed 11 Imps. The score: 48-27 to Bamberg.

On the next board, the Italians handed back these Imps:

Board: 19. Dealer South/EW

| | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| ♠ Q 8 4 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ Q 10 9 7 3 ♣ A 10 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> N W E S </div> </div> | ♠ 10 9 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 ♦ A K 8 2 ♣ -- | ♠ J 7 6 5 ♥ 3 ♦ J ♣ K J 9 8 7 6 4 |
| | | ♠ A K ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ Q 5 3 2 | |

In the Open Room, NS had reached the normal 4♥ and made 11 tricks. Bamberg +450.

In the Closed Room, they were more ambitious:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| | | | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Dbl | Pass |
| Pass | Redbl | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All pass | |

Well, the slam certainly has play, but not today. Diamonds 5-1 (!) and trumps 3-1 gave declarer a hopeless task. Bamberg +50 and 11 Imps back to them.

And the last board:

Board: 20. Dealer West/All

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ K 10 9 4 ♥ 7 5 3 2 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ J 4 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> N W E S </div> </div> | ♠ 8 6 5 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 9 7 3 | ♠ A Q ♥ K J 10 9 6 ♦ K 5 ♣ A Q 10 8 |
| | | ♠ J 7 2 ♥ 4 ♦ J 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 6 5 2 | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | DbI | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All pass | | |

When Gotard led a club to dummy's jack Bocchi had little trouble as this was an extra entry to lead trumps from dummy. As there was no need either to overtake the ♠Q, he made two overtricks for a fine +680 to Allegra.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | DbI | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All pass |

On a diamond lead to the ace and a diamond return, the ♦K scored declarer's first trick but he still was in trouble. He overtook the ♠Q and advanced the ♣J which lost to the king. Back came a diamond, ruffed in hand. The ♣A was cashed and a club ruffed. A heart from dummy to the nine held but as there was no way to reach dummy again declarer still had to concede two trump tricks to North for down one, +100 and the final 13 Imps of the set to Allegra.

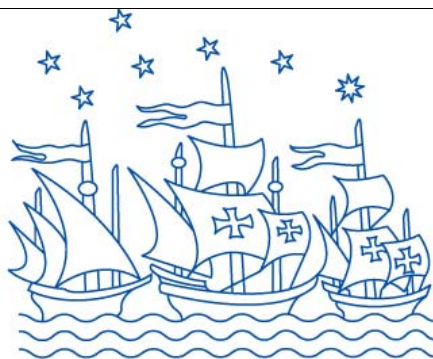
The final score thus had become 59-40 or 19-11 V. P. to Bamberg. The group would see a new leader: the Mragowia team from Poland who had just beaten Vestfold all ends up. An interesting two more rounds were in sight.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO MRAGOWIA**

On Friday we were informed that there had been a last-minute change in the representation of Poland here in Rome. The Sakura team from Kraków (mentioned in the programme and in yesterday's Bulletin) was unable to play here at the very, very last moment. Upon hearing that news on Wednesday evening (!), the Polish Bridge Union informed the team from Mragowo that they had earned the right to play here, provided they could agree on doing so within about 15 minutes or so.

As we all have seen, the Mragowo team found a way to accept this honourable invitation at the shortest of notices: there are here! It goes without saying that they deserve a very warm and very special welcome for this remarkable achievement. By now, we all know the result: the last minute team did well but just missed qualification for the semis. Thank you for coming!

Historians among us may remember that the 1989 European Junior Bridge Camp took place in Mragowo, a small town in the North-East of the country.



Stelle dell'Orsa

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Round Robin | Osservatorio |
| Round 3 | by Franco Broccoli |

Nel girone B, il terzo turno di gioco ha fatto registrare il confronto tra i leader di B.C. Allegra di Torino, ed i secondi, i tedeschi del BC Bamberg, qui presenti con:

Josef Piekarek/Thomasz Gotard, Michael Elinescu/Entscho Wladow, Michael Gromöller/Andreas Kirmse. Le prime 2 coppie sono scese in campo, rispettivamente, contro Bocchi/Duboin (sala aperta) e D'Avossa/Madala.

Non è che sia cominciato bene per il tricolore....

Board 3

Dich. Sud – E/O in zona

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| ♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ A 8 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ D 6 5 4 | | ♠ 7 5 3 ♥ 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ A F 9 7 | ♠ D 10 2 ♥ R D F ♦ R F 8 4 ♣ 8 3 2 |
| | ♠ R F 4 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A D 10 5 2 ♣ R 10 | | |

Sala aperta

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| | | | 1♦ |
| passo | 2♣ | passo | 2♦ |
| passo | 3SA | fine | |

E' un tresenzaccio, questo. Attacco o ritorno fiori e la difesa ha aperto le 5 prese necessarie per segnare. Ma non sempre le cose vanno come vorremmo. Bocchi ha attaccato 5 di cuori, per l'Asso di Duboin. Eccoci qua. O adesso, o mai più. Non c'è prova d'appello: o fiori, o 400 per N/S. La seconda. Duboin è tornato nel colore d'attacco del compagno. 9 prese per Piekarek.

Sala chiusa

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| | | | 1♦ |
| passo | 3♣ | contro | 3♦ |
| fine | | | |

Contratto rilassante, anche perché la manche non c'è, che dopo l'attacco fiori, è stato realizzato da D'Avossa con surlevée. 3♦+1, ma 7 imp per la Germania

Board 7

Dich. Sud – Tutti in zona

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| ♠ 5 4 ♥ 8 3 ♦ R 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ R 6 4 | | ♠ 7 ♥ A R D F 9 5 2 ♦ A F ♣ D 10 7 | ♠ R F 10 8 6 3 ♥ 7 ♦ D 5 ♣ 8 5 3 2 |
| | ♠ A D 9 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ A F 9 | | |

Sala aperta

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| | | | 1♣ |
| passo | 1♠ | contro | 2♠ |
| 3♦ | 3♠ | 4♥ | passo |
| passo | 4♠ | passo | passo |
| contro | fine | | |

Differenti valutazioni, poi vedremo dove. Gotard ha deciso di aprire primo di mano in zona, e questo, non ci crederete, ha rallentato la licita che, seguendo un corso inerziale (?), ha portato la coppia italiana a contrare le 4♠ avversarie. Bocchi ha attaccato con l'Asso di cuori e ha proseguito Asso di quadri e quadri per il Re di Ovest che ha giocato il terzo giro nel colore. Il dichiarante ha tagliato alto per cominciare a fare avanti e dietro: picche Asso, cuori taglio, picche Dama, cuori taglio, fiori...Dama di Norberto (che avrà giocato questa figura in controgioco almeno 75 volte) e Asso del morto. Picche per il Re e fiori....9 (anche Piekarek ha giocato la stessa figura qualche volta). 4 ♠ x -1

Sala chiusa

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| | | | passo |
| passo | 2♦ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| passo | passo | 5♥ | fine |

Che vi devo dire, Wladow si è appoggiato in competizione. Vedete, comunque, l'accelerazione per la mancata apertura? Nord sottoapre, Est chiude (o almeno crede), Sud chiude (o almeno crede) ed Est richiude (stavolta definitivamente). Attacco Asso di picche e picche. Un treno di cuori, tre colpi a quadri tagliando in mano e fiori. 5♥ mi.10 imp per la Germania.

Board 8

Dich. Ovest – Tutti in prima

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ R 4 3 2 ♥ A R 4 3 ♦ 10 ♣ F 9 3 2</p> | <p>♠ F 10 8 6 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ F 4 3 2 ♣ 8</p> | | <p>♠ A 9 7 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A 8 6 5 ♣ A 6 5 4</p> |
| | <p>♠ D ♥ D F 8 6 ♦ R D 9 7 ♣ R D 10 7</p> | | |

Il compito è 4♠ da Est. La disposizione delle carte permette di arrivare a 10 prese, per esempio, incassando le teste (che sono 6, considerando anche Asso e Re d'atout) e realizzando 4 ulteriori prese a tagli in croce.

Gotard, in Sud, ha attaccato con il Re di quadri, per l'Asso di Est. Gli avversari non sono intervenuti in licita. Bocchi, volendo affrancare il colore laterale, ha proseguito Asso di fiori e fiori. Sud ha preso e ha giocato alti 2 giri nel colore per il taglio di Nord che aveva ancora diritto ad una presa d'atout. 4♠-1

Sala chiusa

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>D'Avossa</i> |
| 1♦ | passo | 1♠ | contro |
| 2♠ | passo | 4♠ | fine |

D'Avossa ha attaccato Dama di fiori, per l'Asso di Wladow che ha proseguito nel colore. Re di fiori e fiori taglio, ma c'era ormai solo una presa d'atout da incassare.

Altri 10 imp per la Germania.

(continua)

Butler ranking after Round Robin

| | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------|-------|-----|
| 1° | FANTONI Fulvio | NUNES Claudio | 1,45 | 60 |
| 2° | BOCCHI Norberto | DUBOIN Giorgio | 1,36 | 100 |
| 3° | VERSACE Alfredo | LAURIA Lorenzo | 1,33 | 80 |
| 4° | MULLER Bauke | WIJS Simon de | 1,11 | 80 |
| 5° | WESTRA Berry | RAMONDT Vincent | 1,05 | 40 |
| 6° | WLADOW Entschö | ELINESCU Michael | 0,98 | 100 |
| 7° | GIERULSKI Boguslaw | SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy | 0,84 | 100 |
| 8° | SEMENTA Antonio | ANGELINI Francesco | 0,75 | 60 |
| 9° | BRINK Sjoert | DRIJVER Bas | 0,66 | 80 |
| 10° | FERRARO Guido | MADALA Agustin | 0,60 | 20 |
| 11° | JORGENSEN Adalsteinn | ARMANNSSON Sverrir | 0,59 | 100 |
| 12° | HYDES Alexander | PROBST Richard | 0,37 | 100 |
| 13° | GROMOELLER Michael | KIRMSE Andreas | 0,30 | 40 |
| 14° | REIPLINGER Robert | DELFOUR Alain | 0,23 | 60 |
| 15° | PIEKAREK Josef | GOTARD Thomas | 0,12 | 60 |
| 16° | MEYER Jean-Paul | GUILLAUMIN Pierre-Yves | 0,10 | 60 |
| 17° | BALDURSSON Jon | JONSSON Thorlakur | -0,01 | 80 |
| 18° | SZTYRAK Leszek | CICHOCKI Miroslaw | -0,02 | 100 |
| 19° | LINDOPP Mary | CLIFFORD Peter | -0,18 | 60 |
| 20° | FERRARO Guido | VIVALDI Antonio | -0,18 | 60 |
| 21° | COOKE Jon | GIBBONS Paul | -0,28 | 100 |
| 22° | MAGNUSSON Thomas | WRANG Frederik | -0,38 | 60 |
| 23° | SUNDELIN Per-Olof | ELIASSON Per Gunnar | -0,41 | 80 |
| 24° | BALDURSSON Jon | HERMANNSSON Ragnar | -0,45 | 20 |
| 25° | ONISHUK Anna | RAEYMAEKER Karl De | -0,46 | 80 |
| 26° | WINKLER Gabor | LAKATOS Peter | -0,71 | 100 |
| 27° | GUSTAWSSON Marten | LAGERMAN Jan | -0,72 | 60 |
| 28° | HOMONNAY Geza | DUMBOVICH Miklos | -1,03 | 100 |
| 29° | HOGSTAD Sondre | BERG Jan Tore | -1,03 | 60 |
| 30° | STRETZ Francois | STOPPA Jean-Louis | -1,06 | 80 |
| 31° | KOPSTAD Kjell Otto | KOPSTAD Ole K. | -1,56 | 80 |
| 32° | SVENDSEN Odin | SVINDAHL Frank | -1,57 | 60 |
| 33° | BURNS Ciara | MURCHAN John | -1,83 | 60 |
| 34° | AVOSSA Mario D' | MADALA Agustin | -1,95 | 20 |

Round Robin

Round 2

La carica dei 121

by Mauro Saglia

La squadra Parioli sta conducendo il consueto campionato caratterizzato da una notevole attitudine all'edilizia urbanistica. In pratica si dedica ad asfaltare le squadre avversarie passandogli sopra, con ammirevole trasporto, con quelle macchine schiacciasassi che sono i suoi giocatori.

Dopo aver travolto, come è noto, l'Irlanda per 25 a 1, ha vinto 21 a 9 con la squadra Inglese (un attimo di distrazione) e nel terzo turno, contro gli ungheresi a nuovamente cambiato marcia mettendo nel carniere un 25 a 3, per un totale di 71 victory; 4 victory sotto la media abituale.

Mentre scrivo la squadra del Tennis Parioli sta affrontando gli svedesi di NBS ed i risultati, board per board, oscillano tra i 18 ed i 21 victory per gli Italiani. Visto che l'animo del giocatore che non si cimenta è agitato, mi sono giocato con gli altri del bollettino il doppio 25 nei due turni che mancano, che farebbero raggiungere Parioli – Angelini quota 121.

So che le probabilità non sono altissime ma:

- sono fiducioso;
- hanno vinto consecutivamente le tre precedenti edizioni;
- ho scommesso 100 euro e mi pagano a 5.

Tutti buoni motivi, no?

Diversa è la sorte di Allegra, nel girone B, che è partita al passo con gli altri italiani vincendo 25 a 2 contro la squadra norvegese, ma poi ha pareggiato con l'Islanda, ha perso a 11 con la squadra tedesca ed ha recuperato qualcosa facendo 19 contro i francesi ed al quarto turno giocherà il tutto per tutto, per la qualificazione, contro la squadra polacca. Ovviamente quando queste righe saranno lette (le leggerà qualcuno? Forse è meglio dire pubblicate) i giochi saranno fatti.

Per la cronaca il quarto turno, nel frattempo, è terminato, con gli svedesi è finita 25 a 5 ed ho messo una seria ipoteca sui miei 500 euro.

Questa edizione, la quinta, è nuovamente ospitata dal circolo Parioli che, devo dire, è sede quasi perfetta per una manifestazione di questo tipo, con un numero di squadre limitato.

L'accoglienza è delle migliori, la cucina direi di ottimo livello, anche in considerazione del fatto che attorno alle 20,00 uno sciame di cavallette plana sul buffet ed il personale riesce abilmente a contenere l'assalto... pensate che i camerieri continuano a sorridere imperturbabili sino alle 23,00 circa.

Non voglio sapere cosa accada dopo le 23,00, una cosa è certa non voglio incontrare nessuno di loro dopo l'ora fatale. Dopo l'abituale digressione demenziale vi propongo qualcosa di bridge.

Dall'incontro AENC England – Parioli Italy del secondo turno – sala chiusa

Nel board 4, gli inglesi giocano 4 picche, Fulvio Fantoni attacca di 5 di quadri e gli avversari fanno 9 prese; nel board 5 gli inglesi giocano 4 picche, Fulvio Fantoni attacca di 5 di picche e gli avversari fanno 8 prese; nel board 6 gli inglesi giocano 2 picche, Fulvio Fantoni attacca di 5 di fiori e gli avversari fanno 7 prese.

Mi preparo alla standing ovation, se gli avversari giocano a picche e Fulvio attacca col 5 di cuori penso che non riuscirò a rimenerne serio. Beh, me l'hanno fatto apposta....so' passati tutti.

Al board 8 uno swing per gli inglesi che giocano e realizzano 6 senza in aperta mentra gli italiani si fermano a 5 quadri in chiusa poi di nuovo unpo' di manii in cui sembra che i match points siano come un torrente in piena che va in una sola direzione...o mare.

Ve ne propongo una che ha spostato 11 m.p. a favore di Parioli.

passati tutti.osta...ng ovation se gli avversari giocano a picche e Fulvio attacca col 5 di cuori penso che non riuscirò a rime

Board: 12. Dichiarante Ovest NS in zona

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| | ♦ F 9 6 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ A 4 3 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ 10 8 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ 5 3 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ A 3 | | | | | | | | | | |

Sala Chiusa

| Ovest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Hides</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Probst</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| ISA | passo | 2F | passo |
| 2Q | passo | 3SA | fine |

Premesso che gli avversari si conoscono e che l'atmosfera era molto goliardica ed impostata al totale fair play come si conviene ad una manifestazione di questo tipo, anche prima di questa smazzata ci era scappata qualche risata, a questo punto è accaduta una cosa singolare che si è svolta più o meno così.

Al termine della dichiarazione qualcuno dalla parte di Fantoni, ha bussato al sipario che è stato aperto e Fantoni,, senza rendersi conto di non aver ancora attaccato, si è messo a chiacchierare col suo avversario aldilà del tavolo, chiedendo vaghe spiegazioni, mentre Est stendeva le carte del morto.

Fantoni si è reso conto del problema solo vedendo l'espressione di Hides che strabuzzava gli occhi, non perchè il compagno avesse messo giù le carte prima dell'attacco ma per la loro qualità.

Fulvio accortosi del fatto si è scusato ed ha rapidamente intavolato la Dama di fiori che aveva già pronta in mano.

A questo punto Hides, serissimo, ha guardato ancora il drammatico morto, deglutendo, e con grande spirito ha detto ha Fantoni: "Se vuoi puoi cambiare attacco!".

Inutile dire che tavolo e dintorni sono esplosi in una fragorosa risata e, non ci crederete, qualcuno da un vicino tavolo ha esclamato una frase che più o meno suonava così: "E, non se ne può più!!!"

Singolare, no?

Concludiamo con lo svolgimento della mano.

La Dama di fiori è stata lisciata ed anche il ritorno, preso da Nunes con l'Asso ormai secco, che è tornato di 4 di picche.

Il dichiarante ha fatto la presa con la Dama ed ha tentato l'affrancamento di delle cuori giocando piccola per il nove del morto, catturato dal Fante di Sud cha è ritornato ancora picche.

Questo è il momento della verità.

Come è facile intuire dal diagramma, la particolare situazione delle picche fa sì che, indovinando il colpo, le prese di picche diventano tre e, come per incanto, le prese complessive nove, sbagliando si vedono al massimo otto prese e, per fare la nona, si deve sperare nella caduta del Fante di quadri o su una favorevole disposizione delle cuori.

Hydes ha passato il nove e, come per incanto, si è trovato due down.

Dall'altra parte Alfredino (si può ancora chiamare Alfredino un signore di mezz'età con moglie e due figli?) ha allineato nove prese.

Del resto si sa...l'acqua va al mare.

Round Robin

Round 5

The final round

by Jos Jacobs

Before the last round started the position in Group A was very clear. Parioli Angelini with 096 V.P. and De Lombard Rotterdam with 91 V.P. had qualified for today's semifinals, both with a match in hand. As it happened, they had to play this final match against each other, for statistical and honorary reasons. Below you will find a hand or two from this encounter.

In Group B, on the other hand, the situation was completely foggy. Four teams were within 9 V.P. of each other and, to make things even more exciting, the leaders had to play the number four and the nos. 2 and 3 also had to meet. So really everything was possible, though Mragowo and Bamberg certainly looked a little better placed at the start of the round. Thus, every reason to look at the matches in this group more closely than at the proceedings in Group A.

After a wake-up slam missed by just one pair and a routine game this was board 3:

Board: 3. Dealer South/EW

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| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>♠ K 8 6 5 4 ♥ J 8 ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 7 6 4</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
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| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Gierulski</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Skrzypczak</i> |
| | | | Pass |
| 1♥ | 2NT | 3♥ | 4♣ |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All pass |

Holding a fair hand and only 5-4 in the minors, Gierulski's choice of 2NT did not work very well as it induced South into a phantom save: unless North leads a spade there are four losers in 4♥.

Down three, obviously, so first blood to Allegra: +500.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
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| <i>Cichocki</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Sztyrak</i> | <i>Ferraro</i> |
| | | | Pass |
| 1♥ | 1NT | 2♥ | 2♠ |
| All pass | | | |

Madala made a much better choice by overcalling 1NT, showing at least the value of his hand. When South bid 2♠ everybody was happy. As Ferraro even managed to make this contract, Allegra scored another +110 and their first 12 Imps. Mind you: they had to win 18-12 to qualify...

A few boards later, THE hand of the Championship so far occurred:

Board: 12. Dealer West/NS

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| ♠ Q 9 8 4 2 ♥ -- ♦ A K J 10 7 5 ♣ J 2 | ♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ Q 8 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> | ♠ A ♥ K Q J 9 6 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 5 3 | ♠ K 5 3 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 10 9 7 6 |
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Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Gierulski</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Skrzypczak</i> |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 6♥ | All pass |

What to do with the losing clubs if dummy is void of trumps? On a low spade lead, Bocchi found the solution. He won the ace and drove out the ♥A. North won the second round and had no good return. His choice was a spade but it did not matter any more. Bocchi played off all his hearts, coming down to this end position:

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| ♠ Q ♥ -- ♦ A K J ♣ J 2 | ♠ - ♥ - ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ Q 8 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> | ♠ - ♥ 3 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 5 3 | ♠ K ♥ - ♦ 2 ♣ 10 9 7 6 |
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The last heart is played. South still has a superfluous diamond to throw, but North is in trouble and has to throw a club. Next come the two top diamonds to squeeze South in the black suits.

The rare phenomenon first caused some trouble among the commentators but they finally agreed that the audience had just witnessed a non-simultaneous double squeeze.

Obviously, if South does not keep on to his clubs declarer can simply cash the suit from the top. Very well played, Allegra +980.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Cichocki</i> | <i>Madala</i> | <i>Sztyrak</i> | <i>Ferraro</i> |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♦ | Pass | 6♥ | All pass |

Now look at one of the finest displays of teamwork I ever saw. Quite often, there is a defence to an impending squeeze, consisting of disrupting declarer's communications. This hand proved a wonderful example when Guido Ferraro put the cherry on his teammate's cake by leading a diamond.

With the squeeze broken, declarer had no option but to insert the jack and this had to go down three, losing two clubs in the end and the inevitable ace of trumps. Allegra +150 and 15 Imps to ensure qualification as well as first place in the group, as it turned out.

In the other Italian match, Parioli Angelini v. De Lombard, they also were in 6♥ at both tables and both Souths led a spade.

When Drijver did not play for the squeeze he had to concede one down, Parioli +50.

In the other room, on a spade lead, one would expect the world's No. 1 bridge player to fulfill his ambitious contract and so it proved. Playing along the same line as Bocchi Lorenzo Lauria also made 12 tricks for a gain of 14 Imps to his team. It also helped Parioli to ensure first place in their group as they earned a winning draw: 43-42 Imps. As Allegra won the other group, the chances of an all-Italian final on Sunday had remained intact.