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THE CHIPS ARE DOWN



The Hospitality Desk - nerve centre of the Championships

There are two sessions to go and all to play for as we reach the final day of these great Championships. In the Open *England's Sandqvist* and *Malinowski* have a handy lead over *Bulgaria's Stefanov* and *Aronov*.

In the Seniors, two *French* pairs lead the way, *Grenthe - Vanhoutte* and *Py - Piganeau*.

The *Netherlands Vriend* and *Arnolds* top the Women's table chased by *England's Senior - Penfold*.

Victory Banquet



The Victory Banquet will be held at the playing area – 4th floor – today Saturday 30th at 20.30.

Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Pairs (Senior, Women, Open Championships) will be held today June 30th in the Kremlin Palace playing area – 4th floor, during the Victory Banquet.

The following prizes will be awarded:
The three best classified in each A Final (title and medals)
The three best classified European Pairs – coming from the same country – in each A Final (European Trophy to the Federation and replicas to the players)
The three best classified in B Finals

Today's Schedule

O/W/S Pairs (Final A 3rd Session)	10.00
O/W/S Pairs (Final A 4th Session)	15.00
O/W/S Pairs Prize Giving Ceremony	20.30

The Antalya Hand

by Peter Ventura

You might have superficial knowledge about the fanciful notion that a Vilamoura hand consists of two six-cards suits, named after the European Championships in 1995 which was held in the Portuguese city of Vilamoura. That definition doesn't fit the following hand, which turned up in session three of the Semi Final A in the Open Pairs.

♠ A K J 9 5 4 3
♥ A K 10 6 4 2
♦ –
♣ –

We might use the term of an 'Antalya hand' instead, expressing a 7-6 suiter from now on.

Before we reveal the auctions from some of the tables, you can decide what to bid as North, red against green, when the auction has started in this way:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	?		

What's your approach? One of many strategies could be to overcall your longest suit first – hopefully not all will pass – and then jump in hearts. Pavel Vorobei of Russia had the chance of glory as he had the possibility to pass out One Spade as West.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K J 9 5 4 3
♥ A K 10 6 4 2
♦ –
♣ –

♠ 2
♥ J 3
♦ A K Q J 9 8
♣ A K 8 4



♠ 10 8 6
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 6 5
♣ Q J 6 3 2

♠ Q 7
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 7 4 3 2
♣ 10 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobei</i>	<i>Kahraman</i>	<i>Soltntsev</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♠!	Pass	Pass
2♦	6♥	7♣	Dble
All Pass			

One Club was Polish, so West 'had' to bid Two Diamonds, showing a strong hand with diamonds. Now the guillotine fell down over West as Ahmed Kahraman of Turkey bid Six Hearts. Evgueni Soltntsev did well to save in Seven Clubs. Which trick(s) South saw in his hand is still a mystery. My

estimate in the value of the board is EIGHT spades...

The defence cashed their three tricks but –500 was only worth 14% for N/S.

Nine E/W-pairs managed to buy the contract in Seven Clubs or Diamonds.

Andrew Robson bid cleverly against the reigning champions from Tenerife 2005, the Poles Piotr Tuszynski – Apollinary Kowalski.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♣*	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♦*	Pass	4♥
4NT	5♣*	6♣	6♥
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

Robson had a weapon to show both majors by overcalling Two Diamonds. Over Three Diamonds he once again bid diamonds to show his powerful hand and followed it up with Five Clubs over Four No-Trumps, described as six to seven diamonds and four clubs. When Allfrey found the strength to bid small slam Robson had an easy raise. When we asked Mr. Robson for a description of the auction he answered: 'It was just bridge!'

Bidding a grand slam with 13 tricks was worth a decent 71%.

As an Italian should have, Stelio di Bello had his share of luck.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kupnicki</i>	<i>S. di Bello</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>F. di Bello</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦*	Pass	2♥
3♥*	4♥!	Pass	Pass
5♦	6♥	All Pass	

* Both majors

Marian Kupnicki saved di Bello's day by reopening. 34% was not too bad for the Italians, considering they missed a cold grand slam.

Here is the auction from the Egypt pair Waleed El Ahmadi – Tarek Sadek facing the Norwegians Sam Inge Hoyland – Finn Brandsnes.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoyland</i>	<i>Ahmadi</i>	<i>Brandsnes</i>	<i>Sadek</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦*	Pass	2♥
3♥*	4♦*	Pass	4♥
5♦	6♥	Pass	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	7♥
Dble	All Pass		

Two Diamonds showed both majors. Hoyland had his chance but it turned out quite badly for him, that is to say, almost as badly as N/S +2470 and a 93% for the opponents could be.

Barry Westra displayed great courage as he redoubled his grand:

West	North	East	South
Koca	Westra	Eren	Ramondt
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦*	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	7♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Redble	All Pass	

Two Diamonds showed both majors. The Dutch pair shared the top with the Turkish pair Cengiz Arigun – Akin Ucar, both pairs scoring +2940.

Bjorn Fallenius – Martin Schifko had a pessimistic view as they stopped in Five Spades for a poor 19%-board. They must have been more satisfied by their score than their auction. Waldemar Jaworski – Grzegorz Narkiewicz of Poland stopped in Five Spades too, but was doubled by David Burn of England. Wow, a striped-tailed ape double, we thought, but Burn admitted 'I doubled in the pass out seat'. N/S scored +1250, although that was way over average, 79%, for Burn and Janet de Botton. Even if the Poles could have redoubled, it would have been a fairly good result for the English pair as Five Spades Redoubled scores 2000 while the vulnerable grand scores 2210!



David Burn

Where Every Prospect Pleases, and Only (Her)man is (de) Vile

Last night Tacchi and Herman played in the Journalist's Pairs, and did not finish last. When they played against us, Herman passed a Bacon Torpedo Two Diamond opening (normally, and in this case, game forcing).

Tacchi commented after the game that Herman was the only player capable of getting a one-card ending wrong. I riposted that this was hard to do – and then we started thinking about just HOW this could be done.

The simplest if unlikely way is to lead as declarer from the wrong hand at trick 13 and to have the opponents accept it. An even sillier mistake by declarer would be for one defender to lead at trick 13 when it was not his turn, and for declarer to accept it!

An even less likely option might be in the case that a player plays no cards to a trick early on and now reaches trick 13 with a winner and a loser and has to guess which one to lead.

I had always thought Jim Mason of Leicester had produced the minimum misplay when he was fourth to play on the penultimate trick. Declarer, needing both the last two tricks led a heart towards dummy's bare queen. I followed suit, dummy played the queen, and Mason with the king of hearts and a small heart left was unable to rise to the occasion.

I think we've all played with a partner when declarer has led towards a winner in dummy at trick 12 and we have discovered that partner could not work out which hand declarer was going to win the trick in. More common and more excusable is the situation where declarer leads a low card at the fourth round of a suit. One defender has a winner in declarer's suit and a winner in the suit that partner has left – but dummy has the second highest card in that suit. Who is going to win trick 12? If it is partner you must throw one card, if declarer, you must throw the other.

Some situations are even rarer.

♠ –	♠ –	♠ Q 10				
♥ J 9 2	♥ A K 5 3	♥ Q 5				
♦ K	♦ –	♦ –				
♣ –	♣ –	♣ –				
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N	E					
W	S					
♠ K	♠ K	♠ K				
♥ 7	♥ 7	♥ 7				
♦ A	♦ A	♦ A				
♣ –	♣ –	♣ –				

Betty Fox (according to Patrick Jourdain) once found herself in the following inconvenient position. She was in dummy, at no-trump, and needed three of the last four tricks. She was about to lead ace king and another heart when after leading the ace, she discovered she was a card short and had played two cards to one trick earlier on.

Now she realized that if she followed this line she would be left with no card for trick 13. So after cashing the ace she led a low card; but which card should she keep for trick 12? She guessed right, and kept a spade. But at trick 12 West pitched his heart and at trick 13 the lead passed to her Left Hand Opponent and West had a winning diamond to cash.

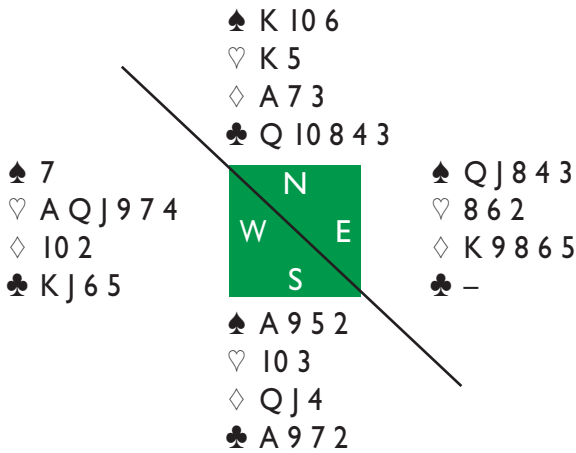
Appeal No. 14 Italy v Norway/England

Appeals Committee:

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Open Pairs Qualification Round 4

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Fabbrini</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Fossi</i>
	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Contract: Two No-Trump, played by North

Lead: small diamond

Result: 10 tricks, NS +180

The Facts:

East/West called the Director at the end of the hand, complaining that South had not alerted the double. If the double had been alerted and explained as "points", West would have bid 2♥ and East would have led a heart against 2NT.

The Director:

Found that although the double should have been alerted, West should have asked about its meaning.

Ruling:

Result Stands

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players

The Players:

East stated that he believed a double without an alert to be a normal negative double. He had asked North "negative?" and received the reply "Yes". When he had led diamonds and seen the dummy, he had asked again, and South had said "just shows points".

West explained that he did not want to ask, for fear of damaging his own situation, revealing that he had hearts as well, in case South ended up declaring. He did not ask, because 99% of players do have hearts when they double in this position.

South told the Committee that Italian alert regulations say one should alert the double if it shows a particular number of cards, which is why he hadn't alerted. To him, the word "negative" equates to "not penalty", and it does not show anything else.

The Committee:

Dismissed West's reasoning that asking would reveal anything. He should have asked. By passing he's hoping for a miracle, and so he does not deserve redress.

No player is entitled to assume that the field plays negative doubles in a particular way - what is usual in one part of Europe is not usual in another part.

If he had asked however, he would have received the reply "negative", which is not a full explanation.

Without a full explanation after diligent enquiry East/West would have been entitled to redress.

The Committee decided to award a procedural penalty against North/South in order to emphasise the absolute need to alert and give full explanations when asked.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

North/South receive a Procedural Penalty of 10% of a Top.

Deposit: Returned

Championship Questionnaires



Please hand in your completed Championship questionnaires to the Main EBL office on the third floor or the Registration Desk in the lobby.

These are your championships – give us your opinions!

Final Analysis

by Mark Horton

This deal from the second session of the Women's final caught my eye, as it featured an interesting play problem.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 9 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 10 2	
♥ A 9 8 3		♥ K Q	
♦ 9 6		♦ Q J 8	
♣ A 10 2		♣ 7 5 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠*	2♦	2♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

1♠ Both majors

North leads the three of diamonds, and keeping your options open you put up dummy's queen. That loses to the king (you of course unblock the nine as a matter of routine) and South switches to the king of clubs. You decide to duck that and South switches to a trump.

Now what?

The most likely explanation for South's failure to play a second club is that she doesn't have one.

The simple route to success is this:

Take the trick in dummy, cash the top hearts, return to hand with a trump (they are 4-1), ruff a heart high, come to hand by overtaking the queen of spades, draw the last trump, cash the ace of hearts – South discards – cash the ace of clubs – South discards – and play a diamond to the eight. South can win but has to give dummy the last trick.

This was the full deal:

	♠ 7		
	♥ 10 7 6 4		
	♦ 10 7 3		
	♣ Q J 9 8 6		
♠ K J 9 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 10 2	
♥ A 9 8 3		♥ K Q	
♦ 9 6		♦ Q J 8	
♣ A 10 2		♣ 7 5 4 3	
	♠ 8 6 5 3		
	♥ J 5 2		
	♦ A K 5 4 2		
	♣ K		

The more complex line is to win the spade in dummy and

then draw a second round while coming to hand. Then you play a diamond to the eight. South wins and exits with a trump. You win in hand, cross to the queen of hearts and cash the queen of diamonds discarding a club. These cards remain:

		♠ –	
		♥ 10 7 6	
		♦ –	
		♣ Q J	
♠ J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A	
♥ A 9 8		♥ K	
♦ –		♦ –	
♣ A		♣ 7 5 4	
		♠ 8	
		♥ J 5	
		♦ 5 4	
		♣ –	

Now cashing the ace of spades executes a criss cross squeeze against North.

At the table declarer mistimed the play very badly and went down.

In the replay East was the declarer and the opening lead of the ace of diamonds made life very simple.

Can this be True?



The story is fast taking on an apocryphal life of its own, but we hear that following incident occurred in the Women's Finals, and is rapidly acquiring mythic status.

At some point in an auction the hand that was about to be dummy bid Six No-trumps, as both she and her screen-mate confirmed. The tray went through but the top bid became detached under the screen. Both players the other side of the screen thought the contract was six Spades – and since the same player would be declarer no one was any the wiser.

So far so bad; but now one defender took a ruff, and dummy did not notice. Although at one point the question was asked out loud why a player was leading, and the response was given 'I ruffed' no one spoke up – and that included the defender who 'knew' the contract was Six No-trumps.

Eventually after the score had been entered it took ten boards for the lachrymose declarer to come to the Tournament Directors for advice and help.

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Correct Approach

by Jan van Cleeff

After winning the silver medal French Senior Patrick Grenthe – as a true sportsman - showed us a hand on which he failed. As often is the case, the dummy, in this case Philippe Vanhoutte, immediately spotted the correct approach when the hand was played.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 5 ♥ K 9 ♦ A Q J 8 3 ♣ J 6 5 2		♠ A K J 8 2 ♥ J 7 5 4 ♦ 9 6 4 2 ♣ –	♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ Q 8 3 ♠ 9 7 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 10 9 7 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>		<i>Vanhoutte</i>	
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2NT	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All pass		

* gf, agreeing diamonds

North led a club, ruffed in dummy. Grenthe tried a heart for the king and ace and was down immediately, when North continued the suit.

Vanhoutte, in view of the 2NT bid, suggests the following interesting line of play. A trump to the ace at trick two, followed by the ten of spades for the queen (to cover is best) and ace, king, jack of spades (pitch a heart), eight of spades (pitch the king of hearts). Ruff a heart, ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a club. This leads to eleven tricks.

With spades 3-3 and a doubleton trump in South, this line does the job as well. South ruffs the fourth trump and declarer overruffs. North may overruff or not. That doesn't matter much, declarer is home, since the king of hearts is protected.

Match-point Decision

Consider the following problem as a match-point pairs problem. You sit East and reach Four Spades on the auction shown. South leads the heart ace, and North (Victoria Gromova) drops the queen, which either means 'I have the queen-jack, an odd number, do play diamonds, or DON'T play clubs!' Partner has to work out which makes the most sense to them.

South shifts to the diamond ten, and you elect to take the ace – you would, wouldn't you?

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.


♠ Q 9 ♥ 8 ♦ A K J 9 5 4 ♣ 10 8 5 3		♠ A K 7 6 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A Q 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Dble	3♥	1♠ 4♣	2♥ All Pass

To your intense aggravation when you draw trumps North turns up with four. What should you do after playing three top spades?

Say you exit with a fourth trump; North wins and emerges with the club seven. Play on.

This was the full deal:

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

As it turned out, E/W, Farholt/Rahelt had done surprisingly well just by reaching Four Spades. But at most tables the defenders allowed 11 tricks to make. Ponomareva as South trustingly played a diamond at trick two, seeing the possible disruption of entries to dummy, and that made declarer's task very much harder. It looks almost impossible not to let the club seven run does it not; but there again if North had the diamonds under control why would they not exit with a heart and let you do the dirty work in clubs on your own?

At the table declarer did indeed only make ten tricks, which still represented about an average, but 450 would have been an excellent result – beaten only by those sacrificing in Five Hearts for 500.

A Battle of Pips

Maija Romanovska from Latvia defended well on board 20 in the Open Pairs semifinal-A

Board 20. Dealer West. EW Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ A J 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K J 8 4 ♥ Q J 9 7 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 7 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
		<i>Maija</i>	
Pass	1♦	INT	Dble
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

MMaija led a diamond which went to dummy's nine, West's ten and declarer's jack. Declarer played his spade. Maija won with the ace and played another small diamond (the king had been better considering the size of her spot cards. Sometimes partner even has the eight).

A heart to the king won the next trick. Declarer continued with two rounds of trumps discarding a spade and a heart. Maija exited with the spade ten. Declarer put in the jack and ruffed West's queen. The heart that followed was ducked again. Declared could throw a club away, then gave Maija her heart ace but had to lose two club tricks in the end. Nicely defended.

However, declarer could have done better. If after the second diamond declarer plays two rounds of hearts and Maija wins to exit with a heart, two club losers go on two high major cards and Maija must ruff with her trump trick. So she must duck. But now declarer throws his remaining heart on the spade king and turns to clubs. Look at those spot cards. He covers whatever card West plays. Maija can win with the jack and exit with the heart ace, but declarer ruffs and plays a high club. Eventually his club five produces the ninth trick.

Anti-doping

Anti-doping information for Shanghai 2007

All players participating in Shanghai in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, who, for health reasons, use pharmacological products included in the WADA list, are required to present the relevant medical documentary evidence to the WBF Medical and the Anti-doping Committee prior to the tournament. Seniors are not subject to scrutiny.

*P.W. Gabriele - EBL Medical Committee Chairman
WBF Medical Committee Member*

Clever Little Devil

by Mark Horton

In a low scoring match one individual piece of brilliance can turn defeat into victory.

In the Women's quarter-final between Germany-Croatia and Poland the alliance led 10-5 at half time, and stayed ahead deep into the second half.

Then this deal came along:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 6 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ Q 8 7 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>	<p>♠ Q J 9 5 ♥ A J 8 5 4 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ K 10 7 3 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 ♣ 9 5 3</p>
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As you can see Seven Hearts depends on the diamond guess, and Six Hearts is rock solid, so when the Polish pair stopped in game it looked like a real opportunity for their opponents.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weber</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Gromann</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
			2♣*
Pass	2♥!	All Pass	

* Natural 11-15

Cometh the hour, cometh the woman.

Grazyna Brewiak produced a brilliantly timed psychic response that picked off the heart suit and secured a match winning swing for her side as Poland took the second half 37-28 to win 42-38.

Prize Money



As soon as possible after the end of the Finals today we will post the final rankings of all the players who have won prize money.

To collect the money you will have to go to the Registration Desk in the lobby of the Kremlin Hotel, which will be open as soon as the rankings are known, until 8.30 or so. You will have to identify yourself with your badge. This is the only way to receive your money.

The money that is not collected will be used for the benefit of players in future events, who will no doubt be grateful.

The three players qualified highest in open, senior and women series receive their prizes at the victory banquet.

EBL President's Press Conference Antalya 2007



From left to right: **Jan Van Cleef** Vice President IBPA, **Yves Aubry** First Vice President EBL, **Gianarrigo Rona** President EBL, **Panos Gerontopoulos** Honorary Secretary EBL, **Ata Aydin** President of the Turkish Bridge Federation

The timing of the Press Conference, which took place while the players were competing in the various Pairs Championships, meant that the attendance was restricted. Nevertheless, it addressed a number of important issues.

The EBL President **Gianarrigo Rona** delivered an informative opening address, highlighting various aspects of the EBL's present and future activities.

He drew attention to the technical difficulties that have been experienced during the Championships with regard to the electricity supply.

(It was later revealed that it is almost unheard of for there to be a loss of power in Antalya, but the unexpected heat wave had resulted in more than 35 forest fires in the region and this had been largely responsible for the difficulties.)

In order to canvass the opinions of the players on various aspects of the Championships the EBL has circulated a questionnaire to more than 1500 people, but as yet only approximately 100 replies have been received.

The President drew attention to forthcoming events, the Youth Championships in Jesolo, which will establish new records in the Schools and Girls events, and the 2008 European Team Championships in Pau, France.

In that tournament the format will be as in Warsaw 2006 unless more than 40 countries enter, in which case the Open series will be divided into two groups.

After Pau there will be a change in the format to minimise the length of the event for the less successful teams.

The 2009 European Open Championships are scheduled to take place in Riccione, Italy and the 2010 European

Team Championships will be in Amsterdam.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions from the floor.

Jan Van Cleeff, *IMP Magazine*, Vice President of the IBPA asked on behalf of the IBPA President Patrick Jourdain (who was playing in the Seniors Final) about the financial results of the Championships.

The President replied that the Championships would deliver a substantial profit to the EBL reserves.

Asking a second question on his own behalf Jan Van Cleef enquired about the arrangements for VuGraph in Pau.

The EBL First Vice President, **Yves Aubry**, (*President of the FFB*) said that the FFB has a contract with BBO for all events held in France, but this did not apply to EBL events and it was up to the EBL to decide which system would be used.

Panos Gerontopoulos said that the EBL was working on a tournament management system that would attend to all tournament operations from Registration to the publication of results and advertising. It was hoped that it would eventually enable play at every table to be transmitted. He also said at the same time that private transmission of matches by independent companies would be facilitated.

Mark Horton *Bridge Magazine*, on behalf of himself and **Patrick Jourdain**, *Daily Telegraph London*, pointed out an anomaly in the recharge system.

If you qualify for the main knock out in the teams event via the recharge there is no penalty, but if you qualify

for one of the pairs finals there is a significant one in the guise of the carry-over. Perhaps this could be addressed?

The President said that this could be discussed. (Subsequently Ton Kooijman said that this point had also been raised by one of the Dutch players.)

Mark Horton's second question was to ask that the EBL consider introducing a rule to the effect that a player who has been found guilty of a serious breach of the regulations should not be allowed to compete in the next edition of the Championships following the one in which the offence leading to the suspension was committed, regardless of any other penalty.

The President gave a detailed answer, pointing out that the EBL respected all bans imposed by National Authorities. He also observed that for example in Italy, a player who has received a ban for more than one year in respect of a serious breach of the regulations is automatically banned from representing his country for life.

Ron Tacchi, *Vaupillon Recorder*, suggested that the EBL could improve its finances significantly by enforcing the regulations relating to smoking. He had taken a single photograph that would have raised approximately 2000 Euro.

The President, pointed out that in Pau French Law prohibited smoking in any public place and would be strictly enforced. He also mentioned that the same regulations existed in Italy, expressed his dismay, and indicated that the appropriate steps would be taken.

Cem Ozden *Antalya Agency*, asked a number of questions about the EBL's opinion of the organisation and asked for comparisons between this event and Tenerife. He also asked if the EBL had any suggestions for Turkish players.

The President replied that this had been an excellent venue and had introduced a new concept, a fully inclusive hotel package. The EBL were happy with the organisation of the Championships.

He pointed out that in the last four years membership of the Turkish Federation had increased from 2000 to 8000 and the standard of play had also risen.

He noted that Turkish players were extremely active on BBO.

Ata Aydin *President of the Turkish Bridge Federation* also responded to these questions. In a passionate address he said that it was essential that in future years the EBL and the WBF found a way to reduce the expenses at a major event.

For example he would prefer to spend US\$50,000 on the development of Junior bridge rather than spend this amount on a Victory Banquet.

He also mentioned the expense of Presidential Dinners,

cocktail parties and buffets.

He asked if any other sport spent so much on such events?

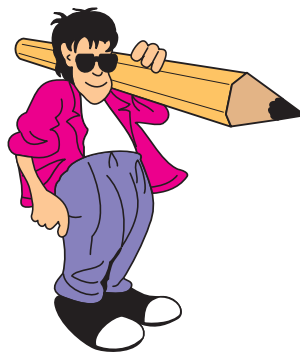
The EBL President said that the question of costs was constantly being addressed but it was essential to preserve the identity of the event over and above the various competitions. Citing his involvement as a member of the IOC Committee that had been responsible for the Winter Olympics in Turin 2006 he mentioned that 75% of the total costs were attributable to the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

Peter Ventura *Editor of the Swedish Bridge Magazine*, asked about the future plans for Junior bridge following the cancellation of the Individual Championship and Camp scheduled for the USA later this year.

The President said that in September 2007 the EBL would embark on a heavy programme of Junior events. He indicated that the EBL would organise a Youth Championship every year.

There being no further questions, Panos Gerontopoulos declared the conference closed.

Championship Diary



We are distressed by the news that Max Rebattu has been rushed to hospital following a suspected heart attack in the Press Room.

Danny came in to the office to tell us that the Spice Girls have reformed and are going on tour. Sabine immediately suggested that the EBL ask

them to perform at the opening ceremony in Pau.

'Is that what you Really, Really want?' asked Peter.

Today sees the anniversary of the publication of Einstein's article 'On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies', in which he introduces special relativity (1905), of 'Gone with the Wind' by Margaret Mitchell (1936) and of the first Harry Potter book (1997). Something for everyone there. Russians remember the Tunguska event in Siberia (the biggest meteor hit in living history - 1908) and the Soyuz 11 disaster (3 cosmonauts killed - 1971), while the British have mixed feelings because it is already 30 years ago since Virginia Wade became the last home winner at Wimbledon, and 10 years since sovereignty over Hong Kong was transferred to China.

The Story of the ETI TEAM (continued)

by Okan Zabunoglu

4) Continuing the 4th day

After getting knocked out by the Bessis team in the morning of the 4th day, one of the ETI players, having had enough bridge, decided not to enter the pairs event while not leaving town. It is that guy, me, who has instead found time for the joys of writing.

Starting from the afternoon of the 4th day, about a few hundreds times, we have been saying "GEÇMİŞ OLSUN", which is commonly said only to sick people. It corresponds to "Get well soon". And we kept saying "HAYIRLISI", trying not to get really sick. Finally we got genuinely sick of both sayings.

In yesterday's bulletin, I tried to translate "hayırlısı" as "may those events with a positive outcome come to pass in the long run". This may not be enough of an explanation. The following example will probably serve the purpose better of clueing you in.

Assume you are in a contract of 1, 2, or 3 of a Major making 6, so you score +230 (incidentally, is there a bridge player who is staying here in a room numbered 230!). At the table, it's very hard not to feel depressed, since this looks like a negative outcome at the moment. However, when you compare scores, you happily notice that you have gained 8imps because, at the other table, six of the same Major went down one. And that +8imps turn out to be just enough to... You see what I mean. That's a "hayırlı" +230.

On another occasion, you bid and make 7♠; and from where you stand, it appears to be hard to bid and tricky to make. Later, to your disappointment, you find out that your score of +2210 has not been big enough to prevent loss of a bunch of IMPs, since at the other table the same contract was re-cracked and made. So, that was NOT a "hayırlı" +2210.

By the way, during the evening of the 4th day, the Bessis team had won their following match to make it to the last 8.

The main event of the 4th day, of course, was that the Anadolu team, who had bought the last ticket for the knockouts in the last seat of the final wagon (finishing 5th in Seed B), was selected by the formidable Italian team and promptly knocked them out. Congratulations again, Anadolu. As for the Zimmermann-Angelini team, as Molva states in today's bulletin (#11), only the teams eliminated from the European Open Teams Championship understand the mood of the teams eliminated from the European Open Teams Championship.

(5.a) The 5th day (before the evening)

The events that occurred behind the curtains during the team-selection process leading to the match-up of Anadolu with Zimmermann-Angelini have been put into print by Murat Molva in today's bulletin (#11, pages 14-15). Alas, it is only in Turkish; and unfortunately, Molva writes in a style that is nearly impossible to translate into English. I guess, he, himself, is the only person in Turkey who can translate his stories!

If you spot some Turkish people around constantly smiling and/or bursting out laughing in a sudden while reading a bulletin, you can bet that they are reading something written by Molva.

Molva's article aside, the 5th day is a really monotonous one for me, and probably the hottest for everyone (so far!); even a walk between Kremlin and Topkapi may cause one's brain to be fried – and that is assuming that one can manage to find one's way at the first try. (By the way, are your trials long, or short, or both?) If anyone gets lost on the way, they will need to shelter in an air-conditioned place before their brain burns out.

For me, it has been a day to sit around, to write a few paragraphs from time to time, while trying to dodge any conversations about real bridge-hands. It's interesting to note that many players have told me how envious they are of me, because I am not playing in the pairs! I wonder if it has really turned into such a burden.

By the way, Bessis beat Zia in the afternoon round and proceeded to the top four. Congratulations (again). Disregarding the result of our match, it was fun playing against Father and Son Bessis, real gentlemen at the table. Our teammates also had similar impressions about the young Israeli pair of Bessis team (Ginossar and Pachtman) at the other table.

However, with no hard feelings, I can not refrain myself from asking Bessis: "Couldn't you find some other team to select as your first opponent for the knockout stage? Did you know that there were 23 teams ranking below ETI? While making your selection, were you aware of the fact that ETI had collected as many VPs as you had?"

Do not get jealous, but for me, it's time to go take a daytime nap. In the evening we'll find out if Bessis made it to the final.

(5.b) The 5th day (the evening)

I have both good news and bad news for ETI players. The good news is that Bessis, the team that beat ETI, is in the final. The bad news is that Bessis, the team that beat ETI, is in the final.

I also have good news for a close friend following the event from the US (G.M. Prabhu): Texan Aces is in the final.

(5.c) The 5th day (the night)

The ETI pair who had chosen to play in the open pairs returned sadder but wiser, reporting that they dropped to Group B. But, there was more to it. It was interesting to note that they were playing with 57.66 % in the 4th qualifier just before the very last round when they met the remaining ETI player at the table. They scored 3 % and 0 % successively on the last 2 boards; needless to say, it was that which obviously caused them to drop to Group B.

In other words, ETI crushed ETI. Keeping in mind that ETI

is a company famous for its biscuits, if you happened to see biscuit crumbs at/around a table, you would know where the ETI players had met in the last round.

That was the bad news (this time, bad news first!). The good news was that the ETI pair, before being crushed, had a chance to play the following amusing deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A 4 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ A K 10 8 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 9 7 5 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ Q 7 6	♠ 6 ♥ K Q 8 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ J 9 4 3 2
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West <i>Uzum</i>	North	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South
INT	2♣*	2♣	Pass
Dble	Redble	All Pass	3♥

2♣ Majors

Final contract: 3♥ redoubled

Opening lead: ♣A

Kuranoglu ruffed the opening lead in dummy, played the diamond jack and, when this was allowed to win, he continued with a small diamond to the queen, taken by West's ace. West shifted to a heart, and dummy's ten held the trick. Now, declarer cashed the diamond king, followed by the last good diamond. East ruffed, declarer pitched his stiff spade, and West over-ruffed to lead his last trump. Dummy's ace won this, as East pitched a spade. This was the position that had been reached:

♠ A 4 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ K 10 8 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 9 7 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ Q 7	♠ – ♥ K Q ♦ – ♣ J 9 4 3
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North is on lead, and declarer has won five tricks so far and has three more for sure. In need of one more trick, and with nothing better to do, declarer played the spade queen, small from East, ruffed in hand; West correctly unblocked the ace. Otherwise, West would have been end-played when declarer played a spade off dummy after ruffing a club.

With nothing else to do, declarer ruffed a club; what should East do? Unblock the club queen, or just play the small club? In reality, East dropped the queen, and declarer ruffed a spade and exited with a club, scoring the jack as his ninth trick. As expected, that produced a sheer top.

If East kept his club queen, then, when declarer ruffed a spade and exited with a club, the defence would have had no option but to yield the ninth trick to dummy's jack spades.

Either way, a black-jack wins – as it normally does at the gambling tables.

Did the defense have a chance to beat the contract earlier? For instance, at the trick where East ruffed the fourth diamond and South pitched a spade, what if West did not over-ruff but discarded instead? Then, declarer can easily crossruff for six trump tricks, in addition to one trump and the two diamond tricks already in the bag.

How about the opening lead of a heart? Now, declarer wins in hand and leads his spade toward dummy. From there on, the contract seems to be unbeatable although the defense has several possible options, each of which can be coped with by the appropriate counterattack. I hope it is so; this analysis has stood up halfway through day six....

(6.a) The 6th day (before the evening)

Today, thanks to the format, the ETI single-player is not allowed to have another chance to pulverize the ETI pair since the player is ensconced in Flight A, the ETI pair is in Group B.

At about 10 o'clock, I and Uzum took a short tour around the playing area in Topkapi, where the final match of the Open Teams was going to start in half an hour. We don't know why, but the playing area looked very cozy...

(6.b) The 6th day (the evening)

Congratulations to the European Open Champions: Bessis,

Congratulations to the Runner-ups: Texan Aces.

A few words to Bessis: *We never knew that you guys were this good, and nobody warned us about you (although some of us had seriously suspected it, as we found out too late).*

Final words to ETI players: *Remember the match we lost to Bessis, (OK, OK, sorry, I know you will never forget), the imp difference was 4 in 28 boards, which can be converted to a differential of 0.1429imps per board. Do you think it is too wide a gap for us to close before the next European Open?*

Open Pairs – Final A – Session 2

by Peter Ventura

The Open Pairs was coming to the boil on Friday morning. Four sessions are on the program to find out which pair will become the new European Champions. We kick off with some boards from the first session, named the second due to the carry over.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 10 7 5 3 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ J ♣ 7 6 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K Q ♥ J 5 ♦ A K 10 9 8 5 4 ♣ K 8	♠ 9 2 ♥ K 10 9 8 6 ♦ 6 ♣ Q J 10 9 2 ♠ A 8 6 4 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ Q 7 3 2 ♣ A 4
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West <i>T. Bessis</i>	North <i>Sen</i>	East <i>M. Bessis</i>	South <i>Senguler</i>
			INT
Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Turkish pair Tezcan Sen – Zafer Senguler ignored their heart fit and instead went for a no-trump contract,



Tezcan Sen

well aware about the fact they were playing match-points. The Open Teams gold medallists, father and son Bessis were playing E/W, and after the younger Bessis had led the diamond jack the elder Bessis cashed ace and king of diamonds and then exited with another diamond. In theory you can always make eleven tricks in no-trumps. You cash the heart ace and then overtake the queen with the king. When the jack drops you have your entry to the clubs, which you have established by playing the queen and another to the ace, if East wasn't kind enough to cover. In practice declarer ran all his hearts and East had a discarding problem. When he pitched a club declarer had an easy journey to eleven tricks; N/S +660. That was worth the whole pot as a great deal of the field made +650 in Four Hearts.

Note though that declarer should have been put to the test and might have been held to +620. After winning the first trick with one of the top diamonds, East can shift to the eight of clubs. Now declarer has to decide whether he'll finesse or not, considering the risk that West will win the king and then give partner a ruff. That's good match-point bridge.

Our Turks got another 96% on the following board, since they were one out of three pairs reaching Six Diamonds. The Bessis' were the second pair and they reached the good small slam in this way:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 5 ♥ A J 6 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ 7 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 10 9 ♥ Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ J 7 ♣ 10 9 2 ♠ A K 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A K Q 6 4	♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ – ♦ K Q 8 5 3 2 ♣ J 8 5
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West <i>Jansma</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Verhees</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
2♥	3♦	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

East led the queen of hearts, ruffed in dummy. With the favourable trump split there was not much to the play.

Geir-Olav Tislevoll – Ole Berset of Norway were the third pair in the field to reach the small slam in diamonds. Six pairs tried to play the slam in no-trumps, but with two missing aces that was not the best spot to be at – and ob-

viously none of them succeeded.

Even when playing match-points, declaring no-trumps is not always the best strategy, at least if you misguess the play. The same Turkish pair was again involved, but this time they scored 100% as defenders.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ Q 10 9 8 4 ♣ A 6 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <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		♠ 7 4 3 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ J 8 4 2	♠ A J 10 9 5 2 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ – ♣ K Q 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Senguler</i>	<i>Khazanov</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Lebedeva</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdble	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Maria Lebedeva and Igor Khazanov had the possibility of a huge score here, as E/W had nowhere to flee. But South missed the opportunity, and against Three No-trumps East led a club, which was won in dummy. When declarer for some reason finessed in spades through East, Senguler could win the queen and then cash his two diamond winners for a top.

Bjorn Fallenius – Martin Schifko let E/W play in One Heart doubled, after East's Kock-Werner-double, more commonly known as SOS.

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Schifko</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The defence cleared the trumps and then poor Quantin only got two tricks. Which was the trick outside the trump trick? Well, it may be hard to guess, but it was the queen of spades as North unblocked his king under the ace. However, N/S +1100 was worth 96% for N/S. Starkowski/Golebiowski recorded +1400 and for that they scored 100% when they defeated One Heart doubled, taking all tricks except from one.

Nicklas Sandqvist – Artur Malinowski, in the leading position most of the day, were the only pair to bid and make slam.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Sandqvist judged well to cue bid clubs and that drove the pair to a playable slam. Malinowski ruffed the opening lead of the king of diamonds and then simply played a low spade to the eight, since West had opened the bidding. West eventually scored a heart trick but that was N/S +980 and a well-earned 92%-board for the English pair.

On Vugraph Cezary Balicki had the chance to be a hero but ended up the goat.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠!	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

* Transfer to 2♦

The defenders led the spade king and now had a shot for 1100. But even 800, after a small slip, scored nearly all the match-points.



Adam Zmudzinski

From the Commentators' Table

by Barry Rigal

The finals always throw up deals of technical interest, as well as the more glamorous and dramatic deals. On the first problem, North had to work out which combination of cards to play partner for, and not able to do so.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 3 2 ♥ Q 7 6 4 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ 10 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 ♥ A 10 8 3 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A K Q J
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Jassem had the opportunity to be a hero on this deal – which proved too tough for most defenders. Quentin/Bompis reached the inferior spot of Three No-trumps (inferior because of the blockage in clubs and shortage of entries to dummy)

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Krzysztof Jassem

Martens led the diamond ten, promising the jack. Jassem took the ace as the queen appeared, and then had to decide where his partner's entry was, or whether it was right to try to kill dummy's entries.

Eventually he returned a diamond (hoping his partner has a club entry, or the spade ace) and declarer took his 11 tricks for a 56% board. On a heart shift dummy is dead and there are no more than eight winners.

Reaching Six Clubs would be beyond most partnerships. Only a quarter of the field managed it, generally after a strong club from East, which seemed to preserve space.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ K J 8 2 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ J 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 7 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K Q 9 7 4 ♣ A 10 5
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♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ Q 6	♠ 9 4 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ K 9 8 7 3 2				

Pszczola decided to test his compatriots here, and they were weighed in the balance and found to pass the test more than adequately. Pszczola declared Three No-trumps on an uninformative sequence (One Club – Three No-trumps) and on a low club lead he naturally ducked in dummy. When the jack forced the ace he returned a club – hardly the most subtle of plays! Chmurski eyed this suspiciously, and decided that declarer's decision to set up clubs for the defenders while he still had an ace was an indication that he had a lot of tricks to cash at once. So he played the heart ace and another heart, holding declarer to nine tricks and earning his side an 86% deal. Three No-trumps plus two generated a 94% score for E/W.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J ♥ 7 2 ♦ K J 5 2 ♣ A K Q 8 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 8 4 3 ♥ A K J 6 ♦ 9 8 7 3 ♣ 2
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	♠ K 9 6 2 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ Q 10 ♣ J 10 7 3	♠ A 7 5 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 9 6 5			

Thomas and Michel Bessis defended Three No-trumps against Berry Westra (West of course, Berry knows how to keep the journalists happy by sitting in the seat appropriate for his name). Thomas cashed the heart king – no joy there – and the defenders now played a spade to the king and a spade back. Declarer made the matchpoint play I would have done – namely a heart up, going for all the marbles. Thomas took it, and returned a third spade, fortuitously achieving the result of squeezing the West hand. Westra pitched a diamond, prepared to claim the rest, but the bad club break meant that he could now only make nine tricks. He actually endedplayed North with the heart jack to lead diamonds at trick 12 and was irritated to find the diamond queen inside all the time.

If Westra had followed the less piggy (but more accurate Matchpoint line) of cashing two top clubs, he would immediately have squeezed North. The best that player can do is to discard two spades on the top clubs. Now a heart to dummy lets declarer cash the spade ace and again catch North in the red suits, for ten tricks. Making game exactly got E/W a 38% result as opposed to an 82% score.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 5 ♥ K Q J 7 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ 3</p>	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 8 7 ♥ A 6 ♦ J 10 4 2 ♣ J 10 7 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 2 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A K 9 5</p>
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When Balicki/Zmudzinski find themselves on different wavelengths on defence, you can assume that the point at issue is a rather complex one. Defending Four Hearts (One Heart – One No-trump -- Three Hearts – Four Hearts) Balicki led a top diamond and received the expected disastrous news that players like me always encounter on leading from a king-queen, as dummy produced the jack-ten and declarer the ace.

Declarer won as South followed low (suggesting two). Then declarer drew three rounds of trumps, Zmudzinski following up the line, and now advanced the diamond nine. Balicki took it (yes he might have ducked) and Zmudzinski followed. Most unluckily, he was now faced with the following conundrum. The heart spots were such that declarer MIGHT have had king-queen sixth and partner jack-nine fourth. If so, maybe a spade through the ace would let partner ruff the third diamond before declarer got his discard. (Say declarer has Q5/KQ7432/A97/A3.) That was what Balicki thought, and –680 hardly troubled the scorers whereas conceding 11 tricks would have represented an average.

Yes, Zmudzinski should maybe follow 5-9-8 with that holding, but the fact that two interpretations of his plays could both hold water meant that there is obviously rather more to this than meets the eye.



The Albanian NBO is here in Antalya for the first time in an official EBL competition. The federation has 54 players and 8 of them are here participating. One pair entered the Senior pairs, another pair the Mixed pairs and two pairs in the Open pairs. Among the group were Kostandin Kapo (NBO President), Vjollca & Armand Xhuli, Eljana & Rika Pilika, Arton Xhori and Rasim Hamzoraj.

Şampiyonaların Son Günü

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Avrupa Şampiyonalarında son güne geldik. Bugün yapılacak Açık İkili üçüncü ve dördüncü Final seanslarından sonra Şampiyona tamamlanacak.

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	MENTON	TENERIFE	ANTALYA
	FRANSA	İSPANYA	TÜRKİYE
	2003	2005	2007
KARIŞIK İKİLİ	392	238	266
AÇIK İKİLİ	365	209	281
BAYANLAR İKİLİ	103	70	73
SENYÖRLER İKİLİ	102	58	59
KARIŞIK TAKIMLAR	118	70	71
AÇIK TAKIMLAR	137	83	104
BAYAN TAKIMLAR	25	21	20
SENYÖR TAKIMLAR	29	18	19

Gördüğünüz gibi Antalya Şampiyonaları katılımı 2003 Menton’u yakalayamamış durumda ama gene de oldukça memnun edici bir görüntü.

Menton’u yakalayamamış olmamızın sebeplerini de bir başka bültende açıklamaya çalışırız.



Listelerden de göreceğiniz gibi, Avrupa Açık İkili’de yarışmaya devam eden 6 Türk Çift Kaldı. Bu çiftlerden en şanslı olanı ise Diyarbakır’dan gelip İkili’ye katılan Mehmet Şerif Camcı ve Ekrem Özçikan çifti. Bu çift son birkaç bültendir

dilimize dolamış olduğumuz meşhur B grubuna düşmüş idi.

Tabii B Grubuna düşen her çift ile ilgili olduğu gibi bizler de kendilerinden ümidi kesmiştik. Fakat Şerif ve Ekrem önce B Grubunda 9.ncu oldular.

B Grubundan sadece ilk 8 çiftin Finale kalacağı göz önünde bulundurulur ise bu oldukça üzücü bir durum olarak görülebilir tabii. Ama şans kapıyı çalınca, Şeker Bayramlarında herkesin yaptığı gibi televizyonun sesini kısıp içeride sessizce oturmak yerine, kapıyı açmak bazan yararlı olabilir.

A Finaline katılma hakkını kazanmalarına rağmen Hintli 2 çift’in memleketlerine dönmeleri üzerine Turnuva Direktörleri Şerif ve Ekrem çiftine “Haydi çıkıp oynayın” dediler. Onlar da çıktılar oynuyorlar. Başarılı olmasalar bile, bir briççi için Avrupanın en iyi 51 çiftine karşı oynamaktan büyük mutluluk mu olur?



Bu tür Büyük Turnuvalarda başarılı olmanın zorluğundan bahsediyoruz hep. İşte size bunu gösteren ilginç bir el daha.

Board 24, D: Batı, Zon: Kimse

Batı	Kuzey	Doğu	Güney
Zmudzinski	Jagniewski	Balicki	Kwiecien
1♦	Pas	1♠ (!)	Pas
1NT	Pas	2♣	Pas
2♦	Pas	Pas	Kontr
H.Pas			

Polonyalı çift Zmudzinski-Balicki sistem olarak Polish Club oynuyorlar (tesadüfe bakın?).

Ortağının 1 karo açışından sonra Doğu’da oturan ünlü Balicki hemen rakibe en az zon, ve muhtemelen de bir şlem olduğunua kanaat getiriyor. Ve hemen “operasyon” yapmak üzere kolları sıvıyor.

Aşağıdaki ele bakarak gördüğünüz gibi, Kuzey-Güney çifti 6 pik'e kadar yapabilir durumdadır. Gerçi koz dam sorunu var ama olacak o kadar.

	♠ K8	
	♥ J76	
	♦ Q10984	
	♣ A65	
♠ Q6		♠ 743
♥ Q53		♥ 982
♦ AKJ63		♦ 752
♣ 973		♣ J842
	♠ AJ10952	
	♥ AK104	
	♦ -	
	♣ KQ10	

Fakat Balicki'nin yaratıcı 1 pik deklaresinden sonra Güney'deki oyuncu kendi taraflarının 6 pik yapacağına inanması kolay mı?

Güney pas diyerek gelişmeleri izlemeyi tercih ediyor. Şimdi eğer Balicki sesini çıkarmazsa Güney şüphelenip belki gene birşeyler yapmaya çalışacak. Fakat Balicki bu sefer de 2 trefli deklaresi ile ortalığı biraz daha karıştırıyor.

2 karo deklaresi güney'in önüne geldiğinde yapacağı çok fazla bir şey yok gibi. O da kontr çekerek "Hayırlısı neyse o olsun" diyor. Ortağı pas geçişerik bu uyandırma kontr'unu ceza'ya çevirince bıçak sortında bir kontr'lu 2 karo kontratı oynanmaya başlanıyor.

Kuzey-Güney çifti bu elde 450 skorunu rahatça alabilecekken ve hatta şlem var ise 980 yazacakken rakibi 2 karo kontrlu oynattıklarında en az 3 batırmaları gerek. Hatta eğer şlem skorunu yakalayıp geçebilmek için 5 batırıp 1100 almaları gerek.

Esasen masadaki oyun sonunda oyun sadece 4 batınca Kuzey-Güney bu borddan 800 alıyorlar. 1100 veya şlem skoru olan 980 kadar olmasa da 800 skoru Kuzey-Güney için oldukça iyi bir sonuç

Tabii en kötüsü bu elde şleme kadar gidip koz dam bulamamak sureti ile batmak olurdu. Eğer bizi finalde oynatsalardı siz sevgili okurlarımıza bunun bir gösterisini yapardık ama kısmet değilmiş.



Son olarak Final Grubunda oynayan oyuncular ile oynamayan oyuncuların genel hal ve tavırları konusunda değinelim.

Gördüğüm kadarı ile Finale kalan oyuncular da genel bir davranış değişikliği olayı yaşanıyor.

Normal şartlarda koridorda koşan bir çocuk görse gülümseyerek bakan veya hatta kendi dilinde sevecen bir şekilde "Aman evladım fazla hızlı koşma bak yerler taş, düşüp bir tarafını yaralarsın. Ayrıca da bu yanımdaki amca doktor ve çok koşup terlersen sana iğne yapar haaaaa" diyecekken, finale kaldıktan sonra aynı çocuğu gören oyuncu aklından "Bu çocuğun benim Final oynadığım bu nadide turnuva salonunda ne işi var? Bir de gürültü yapıp herkesin, ve özellikle benim dikkatimi dağıtıyor. İşin kötüsü düşüp kafasını yarmasının da bana yararı yok çünkü o zaman ağlayacak ve benim canım daha çok sıkılacak" şeklinde düşünceler geçiriyor.

Bir başka örneği de az önce BBO vugraf odasında gözlemlemiş bulunuyorum. Oyun esnasında operatörlerden birisi hapşırıldı. Eh insanlık hali tabii. Normal şartlar altında masada bulunan oyuncuların veya çevresindeki eş, dost ve akrabalarının kendisine "Çok yaşa", "İyi yaşa", "Bless you", "Gesundheit", "Hasta la vista" gibi sözler söylemeleri beklenirdi.

Fakat bu olay Avrupa Açık İkili Şampiyonası Finalinin 2nci seansında ve üstüne üstlük BBO vugraf odasında vuku bulunca, ve bir de ayrıca masadaki çiftlerden birisi Türk olunca, hapşırılan operatörün hemen önünde oturan Fransız oyuncu'nun yüzünün aldığı şekli bir görmenizi isterdim.

Yüzündeki ifadeye ve mimiklerine bakarak beyefendinin aklından muhtemelen geçen şeyleri şöyle yorumlayabiliriz:

"Şu rezalete bak. Ben burada Avrupa şampiyonu olmakla mı uğraşayım? Yoksa vugraf operatörlerinin hapşırık yolu ile saçtığı Kuş Gribi virüsleri ile mi savaşayım? Nezle isen evinde oturursun birader. Ne işin var gelip BBO operatörlüğü koltuğunda? Hem ayrıca belki bu hapşırık bir sinyal de olabilir. BBO Operatörü de Türk, masadaki rakipler de Türk. Belki bunlar "Hapşırırsam pik dön" şeklinde anlaşılabilir ve bana karşı komplo yapıyor olabilirler? Ben biliyorum herkes bana komplo yapıyor zaten".

OPEN PAIRS - FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	SANDQVIST - MALINOWSKI	58,98	27	WINKLER - HOMONNAY	51,14
2	STEFANOV - ARONOV	56,47	28	BIRMAN - BIRMAN	51,12
3	AHMADI - SADEK	56,42	29	MARSTRANDER - ANDERSEN	51,06
4	BOMPIS - QUANTIN	55,88	30	MACSKASY - LAKATOS	50,76
5	RAMONDT - WESTRA	55,72	31	SOLHEIM - ANFINSEN	50,55
6	JANSMA - VERHEES JR	55,00	32	YAVUZ - ERCAN	50,43
7	MARASHEV - TSONTCHEV	54,63	33	WIJS - MULLER	50,37
8	GIROLLET - FLEURY	54,11	34	YILANKIRAN - SIRIKLIOGLU	50,18
9	SKRZYPCZAK - GIERULSKI	54,05	35	AKGUL - YUKSEL	50,04
10	YADLIN - YADLIN	53,96	36	HOILAND - KVANGRAVEN	49,97
11	JASSEM - MARTENS	53,57	37	BALICKI - ZMUDZINSKI	49,92
12	JAWORSKI - NARKIEWICZ	52,96	38	ZARA - ELIAN	49,45
13	FORRESTER - BAKHSI	52,63	39	KHAZANOV - LEBEDEVA	49,40
14	PIEKAREK - SMIRNOV	52,57	39	DI BELLO - DI BELLO	49,40
15	CHMURSKI - GAWRYS	52,39	41	ZIMMERMANN - MULTON	49,26
16	FALLENIIUS - SCHIFKO	52,32	42	ERBIL - UYSAL	49,21
17	KWIECIEN - JAGNIEWSKI	52,06	43	MUZZIO - ANGELERI	49,06
18	KARAKOLEV - ZAHARIEV	51,77	44	BJARNARSON - ASKGAARD	48,98
19	TOWNSEND - GOLD	51,75	45	VASSILEV - NANEV	48,67
20	BESSIS - BESSIS	51,67	46	VOLHEJN - KOPECKY	48,43
21	DUBININ - GROMOV	51,66	47	CAMCI - OZCIKAN	48,37
22	KHIOPPENEN - KHOLOMEEV	51,63	48	TISLEVOLL - BERSET	47,33
23	SEN - SENGULER	51,52	49	BARBOSA - SA	46,57
24	KOWALSKI - ARASZKIEWICZ	51,23	50	GOTTHARD - DUMBOVICH	46,25
24	IONITA - COLDEA	51,23	51	MINTZ - LIMOR	46,09
26	STARKOWSKI - GOLEBIEWSKI	51,18	52	VAINIKONIS - PSZCZOLA	45,46

WOMEN PAIRS - FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	Bep VRIEND - Carla ARNOLDS	56,17	14	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	51,11
2	Nevena SENIOR-DELEVA - Sandra PENFOLD	55,21	15	Belis ATALAY - Guler VAHABOGLU	51,06
3	Chantal HAMMERLI - Maria ERHART	54,69	16	Martine ROSSARD - Johanna RACZYNSKA	50,97
4	Nathalie FREY - Veronique BESSIS	53,47	17	Simonetta GROSSI - Katia PIGNATTI	50,71
5	Renate HANSEN - Filiz Uygan ERDOGAN	53,30	18	Heather DHONDY - Nicola SMITH-GARDENER	49,55
6	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Victoria GROMOVA	53,25	19	Matilda POPLILOV - Daniela BIRMAN	49,47
7	Giulia POZZI - Annalisa ROSETTA	53,17	20	Y De Morant Claudia POMARES - V.TORIELLI	49,04
8	Gunn HELNESS - Siv THORESEN	52,76	21	Ilaria SACCAVINI - Simonetta PAOLUZI	48,70
9	Anneke SIMONS - Jet PASMEN	52,73	22	Elena KHONICHEVA - Alexandra NIKITINA	48,68
10	Giusy BERNABEY - Clara LAUS	52,72	23	Meike WORTEL - Marion MICHELSEN	47,82
11	Miriana MITOVSKA - Valya YANEVA	51,78	24	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU - M.VARENNE	47,63
12	Nikica SVER - Marina PILIPOVIC	51,67	25	Ipek SAGTEKIN - Karen McCALLUM	47,10
13	Maria Marit RAHELT - Stense FARHOLT	51,30	26	Phoebe LIN - Faith MAYER	46,13

SENIOR PAIRS - FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	Patrick GRENTHE - Philippe VANHOUTTE	56,13	13	Stanley WALTER - Christian MARI	51,19
2	Jean Marie PY - Patrice PIGANEAU	55,96	14	Guido RESTA - Dano DE FALCO	50,90
3	Christo DRUMEV - Ivan Tanev BONEV	54,93	15	Roger JACKSON - Anthony N GORDON	50,60
4	Bill PENCHARZ - Irving GORDON	53,63	16	Jozef POCHRON - Jacek LEW	49,67
5	Nico KLAVER - Roald RAMER	53,44	17	Julian FRYDRICH - Mordechay (Moti) GELBARD	49,65
6	Leszek KWIATKOWSKI - Kazimierz OMERNIK	53,23	18	Mike TEDD - Patrick JOURDAIN	49,22
7	Rami SHEINMAN - Adrian SCHWARTZ	52,55	19	Giampiero BETTINETTI - Leonardo MARINO	48,98
8	Andrew THOMPSON - Anthony CLARK	52,29	20	Francois STRETZ - Jean-Louis STOPPA	48,46
9	Christopher DIXON - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	52,28	21	Nico DOREMANS - Jaap TROUWBORST	48,38
10	Ergun KORKUT - Orhan EKINCI	51,64	22	Kath NELSON - Alan NELSON	48,16
11	Paul D HACKETT - Ross HARPER	51,45	23	Rhona GOLDENFIELD - B.GOLDENFIELD	47,95
12	Krzysztof LASOCKI - Jerzy RUSSYAN	51,22	24	Janusz RADECKI - Andrzej BEREZECKI	45,62

OPEN PAIRS - FINAL B

1	Ivan PEICHEV - Nikola BARANTIEV	65,47	52	Mehmet Emin COPUR - Naci DEMIRBAS	49,33
2	Eymen BEDIR - Erdem OZTURK	60,73	53	Ismail KEPENEK - Mustafa SAHIN	49,32
3	Edmund CZUBAK - Jacek CIECHOMSKI	58,83	54	David BURN - Janet DE BOTTON	49,29
4	V. Nikolov ISPORSKI - V. I.D. KOVACHEV AL-SHATI	58,26	55	Mehmet BOZKURT - Vedat SAYIN	49,22
5	Vincent de PAGTER - Jacco HOP	58,15	56	Mehmet Faruk KEPEKCI - Yusuf SALMAN	49,21
6	Ali OLCAY - Ayhan AKBIYIK	57,98	57	Mehmet Remzi SAKIRLER - Yusuf SALMAN	49,10
7	Murat KILERCIOGLU - Halil ATALAY	57,36	58	Sehmus ERCAN - Irfan ILGIN	49,09
8	Thomas VANG-LARSEN - Anders HAGEN	56,97	59	Aymeric LEBATTEUX - Nicolas LHUISSIER	49,07
9	Tony RUSEV - Gencho SOLUKOV	56,06	60	Radoslaw SZCZEPANSKI - Jacek SZUTOWICZ	49,06
10	Alain KAPLAN - Philippe COENRAETS	55,59	61	Lorenzo SANNA - Marco TOCCAFONDO	49,03
11	Dimitar KAPITANSKI - Stefan IVANOV	55,53	62	Haldun CIVGINER - Aden TOLAY	48,92
12	Evgueni SOLNTSEV - Pavel VOROBEL	55,52	63	Wojciech OLANSKI - Erikas VAINIKONIS	48,85
13	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Giulio BONGIOVANNI	55,40	64	Gerhard POLLAK - Peter ZELNIK	48,83
14	Kalin KARAIVANOV - Roumen TRENDAFILOV	55,16	65	Kiril MARINOVSKI - Kamen TCHERVENIAKOV	48,73
15	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	55,16	66	Philippe MARILL - Alexander LUCACIU	48,63
16	Waldemar SKORA - Gregor LEWACIAK	55,08	67	Omer ONEM - Sinasi Gursel SAYMAN	48,49
17	Giancarlo MARINI - Stefano CATA	55,00	68	Franco GIAMPAOLI - Devid CECCANTI	48,36
18	Massimiliano DI FRANCO - Amedeo COMELLA	54,93	69	Jo-Arne OVESEN - Kjell Otto KOPSTAD	48,18
19	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	54,89	70	Joseph ENGEL - Serjio KOVALIU	47,82
20	Lutfi ERDOGAN - Volkan OZEN	54,39	71	Ahmet ARPAT - Abdullah GULSUN	47,78
21	Reda AMIRY - Ahmed SAMIR	54,26	72	Rati BURDIASHVILI - Georgi UCHAVA	47,71
22	Liviu OJOGA - Dan VALIMARESCU	54,16	73	Florin DUMITRASCU - Marcu CODRIN	47,61
23	Giampaolo FRANCO - Fulvia GHIA	54,12	74	Andrzej CZECH - Piotr BEDNORZ	47,60
24	Paul FEGARTY - Catherine CURTIS	54,02	75	Mehmet KURANOGLU - Haldun VAHABOGLU	47,56
25	Marco BAVARESCO - Claudio BAVARESCO	53,83	76	Christophe MARRO - Stephane SANT	47,50
26	Jerry STAMATOV - Vladimir MIHOV	53,75	77	Marko MLADENOVIC - Nebojsa KARDZOVIC	47,21
27	John HASSETT - Howard MELBOURNE	53,24	78	Luigi ROIATTI - Roberto PERRO	47,14
28	Hasan YALCIN - Ayhan EREN	53,00	79	Tomasz SIELICKI - Marian KUPNICKI	46,61
29	Wojciech ROZWADOWSKI - G. ROMANOWSKI	52,93	80	Philippe SOULET - Bernard PAYEN	46,56
30	Diego BRENNER - Nina ANIDJAR	52,92	81	Ipek YILMAZ - Naran DAGSEVEN	46,54
31	Alex GAVRILOGLOU - Fil LAGOURANIS	52,82	82	Alberto BELLI - Andrea RICCIOLETTI	46,51
32	Evgeni SHANURIN - Vladimir TATARKIN	52,27	83	Jonny HANSEN - Gunn Tove VIST	46,25
33	Danny MOLENAAR - Tim VERBEEK	52,02	84	Frankie FRONTAURA - Serge de MULLER	46,25
34	Peter FREDIN - Gary GOTTLIEB	51,93	85	David PINHAS - Sinan ONURLU	45,49
35	Larry CEMALY - Joseph ISRAELI ZINDEL	51,74	86	Anatoly ZHOKHOV - Georgy YAMURZIN	45,32
36	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	51,74	87	Gabriele TANINI - Marco TARANTINO	45,13
37	Ali INCE - Terje WOLAN	51,73	88	Nick ZINKOVSKY - Andrey KISELEV	45,12
38	Zeki UCUM - Birol US	51,61	89	Mehmet Yasin AKSU - Recep BASALAK	45,03
39	Vesna DACIC - Goran ERAKOVIC	51,32	90	Patrick SUSSEL - Jean-Michel RUNACHER	44,78
40	Boye BROGELAND - Simon GILLIS	51,30	91	Francesco NATALE - Barbara CESARI	44,71
41	Geoffrey WOLFARTH - Gareth HYETT	51,28	92	Alex MUNTEANU - Aurelia MUNTEANU	44,51
42	Przemyslaw JANISZEWSKI - Radoslaw SZCZEPANSKI	51,21	93	Ekrem ARBATUN - Yener BAYRAM	43,79
43	Sergei ERSHOV - Leonid ROMANOVITCH	51,07	94	Ali UCAR - Koray GULCU	43,29
44	Eduard VARDAPETYAN - Lev SEVIYAN	50,89	95	Muammer KELES - Sadi AKCAOGLU	42,91
45	Josef OREN - Paul WEINSTOCK	50,56	96	Gila EMODY - Lilo POPLILOV	42,77
46	Jorg SCHINZE - Joachim CAPPELLER	50,46	97	Sam Inge HOYLAND - Sven Olai HOYLAND	42,71
47	Erhan EVCIMEN - Asli KASIRGA	49,85	98	Artan XHORI - Armand XHULI	41,56
48	Anil YUCCEL - Akin KOCLAR	49,85	99	Bruno DUTILLOY - Eric BO	41,39
49	Riccardo BORIOSI - Vieri VANNINI	49,56	100	Melih Osman SEN - Fusun GULTEKINGIL	40,19
50	Diane GREENWOOD - Sajid ISPAHANI	49,53	101	Tuncay ALTUN - Sukru ALTUN	40,04
51	Bjorn Inge HANSSSEN - Geir ENGBRETSSEN	49,37			

WOMEN & SENIOR PAIRS - FINAL B

1	Stella SAGIV - Yehuda SAGIV (S)	58,10	20	Elizabeth (Liz) MCGOWAN - David LIGGAT	51,11
2	Faik FALAY - Emin BASARAN (S)	57,60	21	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Ewa HARASIMOWICZ	50,90
3	Enver DURULMUS - Zafer OZKAN (S)	56,42	22	Pina SALNITRO - Mariella POLIMENI	50,84
4	D. BUDKIN - Aida de VRIES SALDZIEVA (W)	56,34	23	Rozalia RONEN - Lea SHACHAR	50,15
5	Samim OZTEK - Turkatasever GEDIK	55,17	24	Renate HOEGER - Walter HOEGER	49,63
6	Oya BAYULKEN - Mey ZAIM (W)	55,05	25	Judith BEN YEHUDA - Hana GELBERT	49,59
7	Goran MATSSON - Nissan RAND	55,01	26	Marco RICCIARELLI - Franco BARONI	49,33
8	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	54,22	27	Roz WOLFARTH - Anna LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA	49,06
9	Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU - Mine BABAC (W)	53,28	28	Silva IMPICCIATORE - Caroline EDGAR	48,83
10	Eugenio BERTOLUCCI - Giampiero BATTISTONI	53,00	29	Henk HEMMERS - Bob HOLL	48,03
11	Claudia van der SALM - Anke WIJMA	52,93	30	Albert ITTAH - David YOGEV	47,68
12	Jacqueline JARIGESE - Ross RAINWATER	52,54	31	Aytug OZALTIN - Nur OZTURK	45,70
13	Rose O'FARRELL - Patsy MEEHAN	52,43	32	Carmen GOLDBERG - Shula GRODECKY	44,89
14	Judith PERI - Shalom PERI	52,38	33	Zeynep ALP - Sevil NUHOGLU	43,75
15	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampao JELMONI	51,76	34	Ayhan IZGI - Umer AKAY	42,99
16	Astrid DEKKER - Rosaline BARENDREGT	51,71	35	A.M.De ALONSO - M.ANGELERI DE BALDASARRE	42,18
17	Serap ELLIALTI - Emine SEN	51,54	36	Anna MINASYAN - Banu ALTINOK	41,90
18	Ora DAN - Ruth FARKAS	51,43	37	Tatyana TAZENKOVA - Marina RYZHKOVA	39,94
19	Lucia GARRONE - Elma BALDI	51,24	38	Antonella DI MARCO - Marcella ARNONE	37,62

The Hungary Bulgarians

by Mark Horton

Valio Kovachev and Vladi Isporski are one of the hottest pairs around, so it was something of a surprise that they failed to qualify for the final of the Open Pairs.

They scored heavily in both sessions of yesterday's B Final, but it was only enough for fourth place. Still, they had the consolation of this typical match point venture.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>		<i>Kovachev</i>	
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
7♥	Pass	7NT*	All Pass

1♣ 16+, 2NT 2-5-4-2
3♣ Cue, 7NT Greedy

Valio was sure Seven Hearts was cold, but by this stage tops were essential.

North led the four of spades so one hurdle had been surmounted. Having won with the jack of spades declarer was up to twelve tricks and cashed a number of winners to reach this position:

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

When he played the king of hearts South was caught in a criss cross squeeze.

Play your Short Suit

by Jan van Cleeff

Suppose you own:

♠ Q J 10 3
♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ 2

Partner starts the bidding with a 15-17 No Trump, RHO passes and you bid Two Clubs Stayman. LHO doubles and partner redoubles: good clubs, probably a five card holding. RHO passes again and what do you do? Joseph Zindel from Israel knew the answer. He passed!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

He won the lead of the king of clubs, played a diamond to the king, finessed twice in spades and once in hearts and finally scored the trump ten as his eighth trick. EW plus 760 and of course a top score. So, when you play in your shortness, why not redoubled?

Roll of Honour

To conclude our round up of the medal winners in the European Open Team Championships we salute the bronze medal winners in each category:

Open

Orange 2 (Berry Westra, Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink, Simon de Wijs, Bauke Muller, Vincent Ramondt - another medal for the Netherlands Bridge Bond.)
Apteker (Alon Apteker, Ulf Nilsson, Craig Gower, Fredrik Wrang - Sweden & South Africa)

Senior

Markowicz (Victor Markowicz, Victor Melman, Shalom Zeligman, Jerzy Zaremba, Aleksander Jezioro, Julian Klukowski - regular contenders and medal winners from Israel & Poland.)
Sorvoll (Jostein Sorvoll, Erik Bolviken, Tormod Clemetsen, Harald Norby - Norway)

Women

Poland (Anna Sarniak, Grazyna Brewiak, Ewa Harasimowicz, Malgorzata Pasternak - The first ever medal for Poland's Women.)
Esprit Denmark (Maria Marit Rahelt, Helle Rasmussen, Stense Farholt, Anita Jensen - Denmark's women stole the show on the podium.)