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America's lead goes further up



"Everyone is entitled to my opinion" (Madonna)

The battle for 1st place is not looking very interesting now but the seven other berths are heavily contended. Only 12 V.P. separate the 11 teams nearest to the USA Blues. Japan-Czech and some Dutch teams are leading the hunt but Poles, Greeks and Australians are eager to take over from them. But why should the wise men of 42 not be able to reach the Swiss galaxy or the local Yalinkiran team not be able to break the snake (that's what their name means)? Even the teams ranked 13-16 are still in with a serious chance as there are five more rounds to play today.

Today's - Schedule

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| 10.00 | KO Teams – Qualification, 9th round |
| 12.00 | KO Teams – Qualification, 10th round |
| 14.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 11th round |
| 16.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 12th round |
| 18.30 | KO Teams – Qualification, 13th round |

KO TEAMS-QUALIFICATION**RANKING AFTER ROUND 8**

1	USA-BLUE	165
2	JAPAN-CZECH	145
	NETHERLANDS RED	145
4	NETHERLANDS GIRLS	143
5	POLAND	139
6	AUSTRALIA	138
	NETHERLANDS ORANGE	138
8	GREECOURA	137
9	CKIS SKAWINA	136
10	T42	135
	YILANKIRAN	135
12	ITALY RED	133
13	NONAME	129
14	FRANCE	128
15	AUSTRIA LIONS	127
	USA-RED	127
17	MEYOUHAS	123
18	AOTEAROA	122
19	ITALY GREEN	121
	NETHERLANDS BLUE	121
	OZE-CKIS	121
22	JAPAN	119
	SCOTLAND U26	119
	TURKIYE-GIRLS	119
25	EGYPT	117
26	TOFAS	114
27	NETHERLANDS WHITE	111
28	SWITZERLAND	110
29	VAX-SAYILKAN	108
30	ITALY WHITE	107
31	YILANKIRAN 2	106
	VENEZUELA	106
33	BELGIUM	103
34	GREECE SKY	100
35	PAKISTAN	99
36	KARACASU	96
37	GREECE BLUE	93
38	SCOTLAND U21	84
39	COSTA RICA	61
40	IRELAND	49

ROUND 4

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE NETH/NDS RED	37 - 20	20 - 10
2	NETH/NDS BLUE EGYPT	7 - 13	14 - 16
3	YILANKIRAN NETH/NDS GIRLS	24 - 23	15 - 15
4	NETH/NDS ORANGE SCOTLAND U26	32 - 6	23 - 7
5	ITALY RED OZE-CKIS	55 - 5	25 - 2
6	GREECOURA FRANCE	18 - 4	19 - 11
7	T42 BELGIUM	30 - 14	20 - 10
8	NONAME CKIS SKAWINA	36 - 11	22 - 8
9	NETH/NDS WHITE TOFAS	38 - 14	22 - 8
10	SWITZERLAND KARACASU	26 - 39	11 - 19
11	GREECE SKY POLAND	32 - 43	12 - 18
12	USA-RED GREECE BLUE	9 - 44	5 - 25
13	JAPAN-CZECH AUSTRALIA	29 - 8	21 - 9
14	VAX-SAYILKAN JAPAN	19 - 39	9 - 21
15	ITALY WHITE AOTEAROA	6 - 41	5 - 25
16	TURKIYE-GIRLS AUSTRIA LIONS	13 - 50	5 - 25
17	MEYOUHAS SCOTLAND U21	62 - 0	25 - 1
18	YILANKIRAN 2 VENEZUELA	2 - 33	6 - 24
19	ITALY GREEN IRELAND	65 - 17	25 - 2
20	PAKISTAN COSTA RICA	0 - 0	15 - 15

ROUND 5

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE NETH/NDS ORANGE	37 - 0	25 - 5
2	ITALY RED EGYPT	15 - 17	14 - 16
3	YILANKIRAN NETH/NDS BLUE	16 - 21	14 - 16
4	GREECOURA NETH/NDS GIRLS	40 - 24	20 - 10
5	NETH/NDS RED NONAME	39 - 21	20 - 10
6	T42 NETH/NDS WHITE	30 - 13	20 - 10
7	GREECE BLUE JAPAN-CZECH	3 - 30	7 - 23
8	KARACASU SCOTLAND U26	7 - 24	10 - 20
9	POLAND FRANCE	23 - 16	17 - 13
10	JAPAN AOTEAROA	19 - 43	8 - 22
11	AUSTRIA LIONS BELGIUM	37 - 10	23 - 7
12	MEYOUHAS GREECE SKY	36 - 3	24 - 6
13	VENEZUELA SWITZERLAND	41 - 17	22 - 8
14	CKIS SKAWINA OZE-CKIS	15 - 43	7 - 23
15	TOFAS AUSTRALIA	0 - 39	4 - 25
16	ITALY GREEN VAX-SAYILKAN	32 - 11	21 - 9
17	USA-RED ITALY WHITE	29 - 12	20 - 10
18	TURKIYE-GIRLS PAKISTAN	1 - 15	11 - 19
19	YILANKIRAN 2 IRELAND	55 - 0	25 - 1
20	SCOTLAND U21 COSTA RICA	8 - 14	14 - 16

ROUND 6

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE ITALY RED	28 - 14	19 - 11
2	GREECOURA NETH/NDS RED	13 - 19	14 - 16
3	EGYPT T42	24 - 22	16 - 14
4	NETH/NDS BLUE JAPAN-CZECH	0 - 52	1 - 25
5	YILANKIRAN NETH/NDS ORANGE	19 - 38	9 - 21
6	AUSTRIA LIONS NETH/NDS GIRLS	18 - 47	7 - 23
7	MEYOUHAS SCOTLAND U26	9 - 28	9 - 21
8	AOTEAROA NONAME	35 - 20	19 - 11
9	POLAND VENEZUELA	70 - 17	25 - 1
10	NETH/NDS WHITE OZE-CKIS	26 - 24	16 - 14
11	FRANCE GREECE BLUE	52 - 30	22 - 8
12	AUSTRALIA KARACASU	39 - 14	22 - 8
13	ITALY GREEN USA-RED	22 - 19	16 - 14
14	JAPAN BELGIUM	28 - 33	14 - 16
15	SWITZERLAND YILANKIRAN 2	32 - 30	16 - 14
16	CKIS SKAWINA GREECE SKY	55 - 9	25 - 2
17	PAKISTAN VAX-SAYILKAN	1 - 37	5 - 25
18	TOFAS ITALY WHITE	26 - 27	15 - 15
19	TURKIYE-GIRLS COSTA RICA	60 - 0	25 - 1
20	SCOTLAND U21 IRELAND	35 - 17	20 - 10

ROUND 8

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE POLAND	52 - 33	21 - 9
2	NETH/NDS RED NETH/NDS GIRLS	19 - 26	13 - 17
3	JAPAN-CZECH GREECOURA	25 - 20	16 - 14
4	T42 NETH/NDS ORANGE	32 - 40	13 - 17
5	ITALY RED AUSTRIA LIONS	35 - 25	18 - 12
6	AOTEAROA YILANKIRAN	8 - 31	8 - 22
7	NONAME FRANCE	35 - 36	15 - 15
8	USA-RED JAPAN	14 - 1	19 - 11
9	AUSTRALIA NETH/NDS WHITE	62 - 16	25 - 2
10	CKIS SKAWINA EGYPT	40 - 14	23 - 7
11	NETH/NDS BLUE MEYOUHAS	30 - 36	14 - 16
12	SCOTLAND U26 TURKIYE-GIRLS	43 - 51	13 - 17
13	VENEZUELA OZE-CKIS	23 - 42	9 - 21
14	KARACASU ITALY GREEN	0 - 54	1 - 25
15	TOFAS PAKISTAN	29 - 12	20 - 10
16	ITALY WHITE BELGIUM	29 - 29	15 - 15
17	GREECE BLUE VAX-SAYILKAN	11 - 35	8 - 22
18	YILANKIRAN 2 SCOTLAND U21	26 - 19	17 - 13
19	SWITZERLAND COSTA RICA	78 - 20	25 - 1
20	GREECE SKY IRELAND	31 - 11	21 - 9

ROUND 7

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE JAPAN-CZECH	24 - 27	14 - 16
2	GREECOURA NETH/NDS ORANGE	38 - 35	16 - 14
3	NETH/NDS RED EGYPT	45 - 2	25 - 3
4	NETH/NDS GIRLS ITALY RED	25 - 9	20 - 10
5	POLAND SCOTLAND U26	53 - 6	25 - 2
6	T42 AOTEAROA	31 - 21	18 - 12
7	FRANCE AUSTRALIA	21 - 22	15 - 15
8	YILANKIRAN MEYOUHAS	17 - 15	16 - 14
9	NETH/NDS WHITE NETH/NDS BLUE	16 - 22	14 - 16
10	NONAME OZE-CKIS	34 - 11	22 - 8
11	AUSTRIA LIONS ITALY GREEN	37 - 7	24 - 6
12	CKIS SKAWINA VAX-SAYILKAN	48 - 2	25 - 2
13	GREECE BLUE JAPAN	13 - 56	3 - 25
14	USA-RED BELGIUM	37 - 3	25 - 5
15	KARACASU VENEZUELA	9 - 17	13 - 17
16	SWITZERLAND TURKIYE-GIRLS	9 - 49	4 - 25
17	YILANKIRAN 2 TOFAS	30 - 51	9 - 21
18	SCOTLAND U21 ITALY WHITE	20 - 56	5 - 25
19	GREECE SKY COSTA RICA	29 - 31	14 - 16
20	PAKISTAN IRELAND	64 - 4	25 - 1



Swiss Teams Round 4

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

Ckis Skawina (Poland) v. Noname (Turkey) Netherlands Orange v. Scotland U-26

For the first round on Sunday, we decided to have a look at some teams who were not among the overnight leaders. The idea is of course that we will have much more on the eight qualifying teams anyway once the knock out stages get underway. So for this report, we have the match between the teams ranked 6th and 8th (NL Orange-Scotland) and the one between the nos. 15 and 16: Noname and Ckis Skawina.

After the one flash of lightning that struck on Saturday night, the players in both our matches lit the fireworks in an unmistakable way on the very first board:

Board: 1. Dlr: North/None

♠ A 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 ♣ -	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ Q J 8 4 ♥ A J 8 6 ♦ J 6 5 3 2 ♣ -	♠ 7 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ - ♣ A Q J 9 8 6 3 2
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S						
♠ K ♥ K 10 9 7 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ K 10 7 5 4						



Agnieszka Szczypczyk, Poland

Noname v. Ckis Skawina:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kania</i>	<i>Serdar.</i>	<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Ozer.</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
5♣	5♦	Dble	Redble
All pass			

* 0+ clubs gf

A logical auction, even more so in a Junior event, one would think. East made the best lead of a trump which ran to declarer's seven. A heart went to the king, the ♠K was unblocked and a heart was conceded to East who returned another trump. Declarer won in hand, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade and had to go down two when the suit did not break. Ckis Skawina +600.

In the other room, EW were not so unfriendly in the end:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Szczypczyk</i>	<i>Sofu</i>	<i>Janeczko</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
4♣	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All pass	

A reasonable enough contract but not this time. Down three but...undoubled, a mere +150 to Noname and 10 IMPs to the Poles.

In the NL Orange v. Scotland match:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
4♣	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

Vincent Nab is getting more and more pleased, the way things go. As he said: "I was thinking about doubling 4♦ but I decided to wait...maybe, they will go on." Right, as he was indeed given the chance to double 5♦ and he too, found the excellent lead of a trump. Declarer wins in hand and plays a spade to the King. His next move is to get back to hand with a club ruff but East can overruff and return another trump. Now, declarer decides to draw trumps and play on spades, so the defence have time to get a few heart tricks as well as declarer is out of trumps. Down four, NL Orange +800.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Philipsen</i>	<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Van Lankveld</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥!!
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	All pass	

As West did not interfere over the 2♣ gf relay, East refrained from doubling the final contract. "No double, no trouble" must have been North's thoughts upon discovering the actual layout. When East did not lead a trump, the contract went only two down for +100 to the Scots but a healthy 12 IMPs to the Dutch.

The next board also produced swings in both our matches:

Board: 2. Dlr: East/NS

	♠ A 5 4						
	♥ K 7 6 5						
	♦ Q 6 3						
	♣ 10 5 3						
♠ J 8 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 10 9	
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♦ A 10 9 8 7 2	♦ J 5 4						
♣ K 8 4 2	♣ A Q J 6						
	♠ Q 7 6 3						
	♥ A Q J 10 8 4						
	♦ K						
	♣ 9 7						

In the NL Orange v. Scotland match, NS get overboard:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Philipsen</i>	<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Lankveld</i>
		Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dbf	All pass

West leads the ♦A on which East follows suit with the five. A club switch is necessary now but when West elected to continue diamonds, one club loser was gone. When the spades behaved really well (3-3 with the King onside), Van Lankveld could chalk up +790.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
		Pass	1♥
2♦	3♦	Dbf	3♥
All pass			

A wise decision by South, in theory, not to accept the in-

itation. Ten tricks were made in very much the same way but as they were worth only +170, NL Orange had scored 12 IMPs more.

In the Noname-Ckis Skawina match, basically the same things happened:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kania</i>	<i>Serdar.</i>	<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Ozer.</i>
		Pass	1♥
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

Diamond ace and another were led here, so Ozer quickly had ten tricks. Undoubled they were worth +620 to Noname.

In the Closed Room, the Turkish defenders did well to hold declarer to nine tricks for a well-deserved gain of 10 IMPs to level their match.

The fireworks continue.

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

	♠ A Q J 9 5 3						
	♥ Q 8						
	♦ A 10 6 4						
	♣ 7						
♠ 6 4 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 8 7	
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♦ -	♦ J 9 7 2						
♣ A K 10 9 8 5 4	♣ Q 2						
	♠ 10						
	♥ A 5 4 2						
	♦ K Q 8 5 3						
	♣ J 6 3						

On board 4, the Scottish EW land in 3NT.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
3♣	3♠	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Wackwitz, West, leads a low club and happily sees his partner's Queen appearing. That's down three very quickly and another +300 for NL Orange.

In the other room, the auction reaches the skies:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Philipsen</i>	<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Lankveld</i>
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

North was too active here, I think; if South does not show

any controls over 4♦, slam does not look a good shot to us. On a club lead and continuation, declarer ruffed and immediately ruffed out the ♠K. In view of the double, the trumps are finessable for no loser but then, there will not be an entry back to hand. The other line of playing spades through East won't help either, for exactly the same reason. Rens Philipsen found an elegant endplay, thus limiting his losses to just down one: East was given his trump trick to lead away from his ♥K.

Maybe you would not believe it, but in the other match this board was a push in 2♠.

Board 6 in the Noname v. Ckis Skawina match was not a push, however:

Board: 6. Dlr: East/EW

♠ J 9 3 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ A 10 7 4 3 ♣ Q 9	<table style="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		♠ K 6 2 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ 9 6 5 2 ♣ A 6 5	♠ 10 5 4 ♥ A K 9 5 3 ♦ K J ♣ K J 8
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kania</i>	<i>Serdar</i>	<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Ozer</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Old-fashioned Acol style bidding with three-card trump support did not lead to the best of contracts as 4♥ certainly offers better chances. Prospects improved however when West led the ♣Q to the King and Ace. Declarer could now win the club return and draw three rounds of trumps...Noname +420.

In the Closed Room, the Polish had no way to find out about the good 5-2 fit or the possible Moysian:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Szczyzyczyk</i>	<i>Sofu</i>	<i>Janeczko</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Two down on the obvious diamond lead...Noname another +100 and 11 IMPs.

This was the penultimate board:

Board: 9. Dlr: North/EW

♠ Q 9 7 6 4 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ A K 8 4 ♣ 6	<table style="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		♠ J 5 3 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ J 7 5	♠ K 8 2 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ K Q 10 4
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	♠ A 10 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ A 9 8 3 2											

In the Noname v. Ckis Skawina match, EW had not interfered as it went 1♣ (Polish) by North and 3NT by South at one table and INT-3NT at the other.

West for Noname led the ♦A which cost the vital tempo. East for Ckis Skawina led a low heart which immediately gave the 9th trick. As the Turkish declarer went on to make an overtrick, Noname registered 1 IMP to win 36-11 or 22-8 V.P.

In the NL Orange v. Scotland match, they also reached 3NT at both tables but in the Open Room, West had shown his spades:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Philipsen</i>	<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Van Lankveld</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	INT	2♠	3♣
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Can you make nine tricks on a spade lead? Philipsen ducked the lead, won the second round and tried a heart to the Queen and King. His next move after the spade return, was a heart to the ten and...Jack. West then simply cashed all his tricks: down three, Scotland +150. What about a squeeze? Cash your five clubs after the ♠A. West has to throw two diamonds and what next? If he discards a heart, declarer can make two heart tricks. If he throws a spade, he might be put in the lead to open up the hearts for declarer. So you can play the 5th club, discarding a heart, lead a low heart to the Queen and King and then the correct view in hearts will see you home.

In the other room, West led a spade, after which declarer went for the squeeze:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Spade ducked, ♠A, heart to the Queen and King, spade back (a heart looks better) and five rounds of clubs. Alas, declarer misread the end position after West discarded both his last remaining small heart and one top diamond. He exited with a diamond and thus went one down after all. NL Orange +50 but 3 IMPs to Scotland to make the final score in this match 32-8 to NL Orange or 22-8 V.P.

Swiss Teams Round 5

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

Greece Blue v. Japan-Czech Yilankiran v. Netherlands Blue

The Dutch teams are doing quite well so far. As a consequence of this and also because there are a lot of Dutch teams playing, the chances are that each round's report will contain a match with a Dutch team involved. This round will be no exception: this time, you can read about Netherlands Blue defending their chances against Yilankiran, a well-placed team from the host country. Before this round, both teams were level 5th with 74 V.P.

Our other featured match this time is between Greece Blue and a Japan-Czech combination team; these two were ranked 13th and 14th when the round started.

On the first board, the Dutch took the lead by showing just a bit more aggression at partscore level:

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None

♠ A Q 8 ♥ A 10 8 4 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ K 8 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 9 6 3 ♥ K J 5 2 ♦ 8 5 4 2 ♣ 5	♠ K 5 4 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ A Q 10 4
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gundogdu</i>	<i>Leufkens</i>	<i>S.Ercan</i>	<i>Th.Verbeek</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All pass		

No intervention here from EW so NS were allowed to play 2♣ in peace, making just 8 tricks for +90 to NL Blue.

More action by EW in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Leeuwen</i>	<i>Cerek</i>	<i>Buijtenhek</i>	<i>Kaya</i>
Dble	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All pass	

They manage to push their opponents just one level higher to collect one undertrick for +50 and a useful 4 IMPs. On the very next board, the Turkish pair gets overboard:

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS

♠ A 9 ♥ 9 7 5 3 ♦ J 9 7 6 4 ♣ 8 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 10 6 5 ♥ 4 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ 10 4 3 2	♠ 7 4 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ A 8 5 2 ♣ A K Q 5
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gundogdu</i>	<i>Leufkens</i>	<i>S.Ercan</i>	<i>Th.Verbeek</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All pass		

Yilankiran did well here to stop in a safe partscore, just making. Yilankiran +110.



Lotte Leufkens, Netherlands

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Leeuwen</i>	<i>Cerek</i>	<i>Buijtenhek</i>	<i>Kaya</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dble	All pass		

Cerek, North for Turkey, had other ideas about the North hand. He balanced with 3♥ on which his partner went on to game. West then thought this was the right moment to express his views on the final contract. East led the ♦Q, won by dummy's Ace. West thought it might be useful to unblock the ♦K so the defence had given away one trick. Therefore the contract went just one down for only +200 to NL Blue and 3 more IMPs.

Larger numbers are appearing on the scoreboard when the next board arrives:

turned a trump rather than a diamond, declarer's problems were soon over. Yilankiran +620.

In the Open Room, the Turkish NS soon entered the auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Leeuwen</i>	<i>Cerek</i>	<i>Buijtenhek</i>	<i>Kaya</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♥	3♦
Pass	3♥	Dbl	3♠
Pass	4♦	All pass	

This went one down, +100 to NL Blue but 11 IMPs to Yilankiran.

On the next board, there was an accident in the other match:

Board: 13. Dir: North/All

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

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gundogdu</i>	<i>Leufkens</i>	<i>S.Ercan</i>	<i>Th.Verbeek</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	Dble	4♥	All pass

In the Closed Room, the Turkish reach game on the EW cards. The diamond lead is ruffed and dummy leads a club. What can the defenders do? If South goes up with the King and continues the ♠J, declarer has to read the position well. He should duck in hand, win the ace in dummy and continue clubs. North will have to win and he can do no harm.

So a better chance for South looks to win the ♣K and return a low spade. On this defence, declarer might be more tempted to play the ♠Q from hand...

A forcing defence looks the winner. Declarer can ruff all his three diamonds in dummy and cash the remaining top trump but after that, he will be stranded in dummy. If he leads a low spade and South splits, declarer looks doomed. At the table, North won the first club and when she re-

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Macura</i>	<i>Anastasatos</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Sofios</i>
		2♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

North must have been unsure about which of the minors East actually had. If East is known to hold diamonds, South's double locates the double fit which makes the save obvious.

Anyway: the hands fitted perfectly well for EW too so two overtricks were quickly there when the defence did not cash out. Japan-Czech +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giannoulis</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Oikonomopoulos</i>	<i>Koike</i>
		1♥	2♣
3♥	4♣	4♥	All pass

A more classic auction in the other room after which EW were allowed to play their game in peace. The same 12 tricks were made but they were worth only 480 to Greece Blue and thus 7 IMPs to Japan-Czech.

Not very much in the next boards but then came the decisive board in both our matches:

Board: 18. Dir: East/NS

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Van Leeuwen</i>	<i>Cerek</i>	<i>Buijtenhek</i>	<i>Kaya</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
3♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
All pass		Pass	3♠



Hiroaki Miura, Japan

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Gundogdu</i>	<i>Leufkens</i>	<i>S.Ercan</i>	<i>Th.Verbeek</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
3♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
All pass		Pass	4♠

As you can see, the auctions were identical in both rooms until North's second double. Now, Kaya for Yilankiran in the OR bids 3♠ and there it ends. Just made, +140 to Yilankiran.

In the Closed Room, Thijs Verbeek for NL Blue decides to jump straight to 4♠. The heart lead was won by dummy's Queen and a diamond goes on the ♥A. Now ♣A, club ruff, heart ruff and club ruff (nice to see the ♣KQ coming down) followed by the ♠10 which holds the trick. One overtrick, NL Blue +650 and 11 IMPs to eventually win the match 21-16 or 16-14 V.P.

In the other match, the decision came in a completely different way:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Macura</i>	<i>Anastasatos</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Sofios</i>
1♥*	Dble	Pass	1♣
All pass		2♦**	2♠
* 12+			
** xfer to 2♥			

The Czechs sold out to 2♠ which proved an excellent idea. The hand lies very well for NS and their own 2♥ contract would already have gone down. Nine tricks, Greece Blue +140.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Giannoulis</i>	<i>Miura</i>	<i>Oikonomopoulos</i>	<i>Koike</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
4♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
		All pass	

Maybe, the Greeks trusted each other better than their opponents when West decided to jump on to 4♥. However, their opponents had the last word...

Down four, Japan-Czech +800, good for a further 12 IMPs and a win by 30-3 or 23-7 V.P.

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Swiss Teams Round 6

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

Grecoura (Greece) v. Netherlands Red Netherlands White v. Oze Ckis (Poland)

For the middle round of the day, once again we have one match from a top table in store for you, accompanied by a match from about halfway the table. This time, the top match is between the nos. 3 and 4 (Grecoura and Netherlands Red), whereas NL White and Oze Ckis were lying 18th and 20th respectively before their match.

The NL White – Oze Ckis match really came to life on the closing boards, so first of all, here are some boards from Grecoura v. NL Red.

First blood in this match we saw on the second board:

Board: 22. Dir: East/EW

♠ J 9 5 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ K Q 7 4 ♣ Q J 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K Q 7 6 ♥ 10 4 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K 9 7 2	♠ 3 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ A 10 6 2 ♣ A 8 6 5 3
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ 10 8 4 ♥ K 9 7 6 3 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 4					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kontomitos</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

EW reach the excellent contract of 3NT when Danny Molenaar judges his balanced hand more suitable for NT-purposes than with spades as trumps. Two overtricks, NL Red +660.

The correctness of his judgement was shown in the Closed Room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
		1♠	3♥
4♥	Pass	4♣	All pass

Michielsen leads her singleton club and gets two ruffs

when North happens to hold the ♦A as well.

One down, another +100 and 13 Imps to NL Red.

Two boards later, Grecoura hits back:

Board: 24. Dir: West/None

♠ K J 8 4 2 ♥ A J 7 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ A K J 8 7 6 5 ♣ 5 4	♠ 10 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ A J 7 6 3
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ A Q 9 7 6 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10 9 8					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kontomitos</i>
1♠	Pass	3♦	All pass

3♦ by Verbeek shows an invitational hand with good diamonds. Without a diamond fit, Molenaar decides to call it a day. With the suit behaving, 3NT happens to be easy... Ten tricks, NL Red +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Roussos had no reason to assume Darkadakis would not have an outside entry, so he bids 3NT. After the club lead, he took the flying diamond finesse and we could hear his sigh of relief when this held... nine tricks. Grecoura +400 and 7 IMPs.

On this board, we also got a typical BBO commentators' conversation. "Well done," one of them cheered after the play was over, upon which another one came in, saying: "Why well done? Badly bid and only made by the simple expedient of a finesse..."

Over now to the NL White v. Oze Ckis match, in which the score stood at 2-0 to the Poles at this point.

Board: 25. Dlr: North/EW

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

♠ A Q
 ♥ A K 9 4 2
 ♦ J 10 7 2
 ♣ 9 6

♠ 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 8 6 3
 ♦ A Q 6 4 3
 ♣ Q

♠ J
 ♥ Q 10 7 5
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K J 8 7 5 3 2



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Machno</i>	<i>Helmich</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Hop</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♣
All pass			

Well judged by Machno. With the spade finesse certainly wrong, there is little reason to bid on. The contract of 4♣ by South was just made, NL White +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Visser</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Gorski</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♥	2♠	4♥	Dble
All pass			



Athanasios Darkadakis, Greece

Stuurman's bold jump to game paid off when he caught Piotrowski in two minds. Probably, a trump lead is best but North led a spade into the tenace. Declarer got off play with a club but now, North jumped in with the ace and led his trump, which declarer did very well to duck. North next gave his partner a spade ruff but this cost a natural trump trick so that was all the defence could get with the diamond finesse working. NL White +790 and 14 IMPs.

The last three boards of this match all produced double-figure swings. Here is the first:

Board: 28. Dlr: West/NS

♠ K J 4
 ♥ A Q 9 8 3
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ 9 6

♠ A 8 7
 ♥ K 10 7 5
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ K 8 5 3

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ J 10 4 2

♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A K 9 7 2
 ♣ A Q 7



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Machno</i>	<i>Helmich</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Hop</i>
1♣	1♥	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Gerbrand Hop's practical shot quickly proved right when West led a club. When the ♦Q made a timely appearance, nine tricks were there for +600 to NL White.

On this same board, Molenaar as West for NL Red (our other match) found the brilliant lead of a low spade against 3NT. If you don't put up the king now, East will win the Queen and return the ♣J. How's that? Entry to the diamonds gone, one down inevitable. Well defended and worth 6 IMPs together with the diamond partial at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Visser</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Gorski</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All pass	

The weak NT opening by West made it pretty impossible for NS to get anywhere near 3NT. 2♠ was just made for +110 to Oze Ckis but NL White had scored 10 more IMPs to lead comfortably by 24-2.

But then:

Board: 29. Dir: North/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Machno</i>	<i>Helmich</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Hop</i>
	1♣	2♦	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All pass			

Igla's highly aggressive (but completely legal) 2♦ overcall with his major twosuit kept the Dutch out of their best game which, as so often, is 3NT. Five Clubs had no play and thus went one down; Oze Ckis +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Visser</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Gorski</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Polish Club and second-round transfer did the job. Oze Ckis an easy but fully deserved ten tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs back to trail 14-24 with one board to play.

And then the last board:

Board: 30. Dir: East/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Machno</i>	<i>Helmich</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Hop</i>
		1♣	2♥
3♦	3♥	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Holding a reasonable suit of his own plus two aces, North might well have ventured to lead spades, in view of the NT bidding. He trusted his partner, however, only to find out that the contract could now no longer be beaten Ten tricks, Oze Ckis another fine +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Visser</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Gorski</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All pass		

After the 2♠ overcall, the NT game for EW was ruled out so they settled for 5♦ which proved one too many. It might even have gone down two on the club ruff but that extra IMP would have spoiled the tie.

One down, Oze Ckis +50 and 10 IMPs for an exact tie: 24-24.

We did not hear very much from our other featured match. This is mainly because almost nothing happened. The exception was board 28 (see above). So the score in this match was 19-7 now.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kontomitros</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠*	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All pass

* denies 4 cards major

As you can see, bad 3NT calls are occurring at regular intervals. On the marked spade lead, bidding 3NT is asking for trouble. Declarer can go after the hearts only to find out this doesn't work either. Down three, Greecoura +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
		Pass	2♦
3♦	3♥	Dble	All pass

A Multi on a weak suit sees the Red Dutch(women) end up in the wrong column of the scoresheet on the last board. Darkadakis can launch a take-out double of the convertible 3♥ by North but Roussos has an easy penalty pass. One down, Greecoura another +100 and 6 IMPs. The final score: 19-13 or 16-14 V.P. to NL Red.

Swiss Teams Round 7

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

Poland v. Scotland 42 v. Aotearoa

At about the halfway point of the Swiss, we are going to have a look at four teams in heavy contention for a qualifying berth. Poland 8th, Scotland and 42 joint 10th and Aotearoa 12th. The latter team bears a very instructive name: it's Maori language for the country where most of them come from – they have adopted one Argentinean player as well. USA Blue seem out of reach with 130 V.P. from 6 matches, 17 ahead of Japan-Czech who themselves are 6 V.P. clear from a whole group of crown pretenders...

Like we saw in previous matches, a big swing on the first board:

Board: 1. Dir: North/None

♠ A 10 ♥ Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ 8 6 3 ♣ Q 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000;"></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 9 6 2 ♥ K 4 3 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ A 5	♠ K 8 7 4 ♥ A J 9 6 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ K 10
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

In spite of East's strong NT the Poles get to 4♥ easily enough once North reopens. East leads a revealing low trump, won by declarer who continues a club. East hops up with the ace and returns the suit to dummy's King. After this, declarer can cross in spades and present the ♣Q. East ruffs but is overruffed, the ♠K cashed and a spade ruffed in hand. Whenever declarer leads a diamond from his hand, putting up the King if East plays low, this will give him his 10th trick. Nicely done: Poland +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
4♣	All pass		

No such aggression in the other room where the Poles are eventually allowed to quietly go down two in 4♣ for a loss of 100 points but 8 IMPs in the bag.

In our other featured match, we saw a New Zealand declarer going down in the same 4♥ when he forgot to lead a diamond from hand at any time...

Two boards later, it was slam time:

Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

♠ J 2 ♥ Q 9 4 3 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ Q J 6 5	<table style="border: 1px solid green; 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 style="background-color: #008000;"></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		♠ Q 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ Q J ♣ 8 3	♠ A K 10 9 4 ♥ - ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K 10 7 4 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
1♠	3♥	4♠	1♥
5♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
All pass			6♥

A risky action by South, this save against 5♠, as EW can even make 6♠. For Scotland, East decided to pass as well after his partner's probable (hopefully?) forcing pass of 5♠. Down three but only +150 to Scotland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
1♠	3♥	4♠	1♥
Dble	5♥	Pass	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

Nearly the same auction in the other room, apart from East's final double. Down three as well but Poland +500 and 8 IMPs more.

In the other match, they took the same save for -500 in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Etchepareb</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
2♥	3♥	4♠	1♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	All pass		

Down three, +500 to Aotearoa.

In the Closed Room, Andy Hung had higher aspirations:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Gardiner</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
2♥	3♥	4♠	5♣*
5♠	6♣	Pass	6♦
Dble	6♥	6♣	All pass

* cue

After a more informative auction, Hung decided to bid the vulnerable slam. When this proved the right decision, the 42's had scored a fine +1430 for 14 IMPs.

Then, a dramatic board for Scotland:

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Both NS pairs get to 4♠. For Poland, Jassem (South) is declarer. He receives a trump lead, ducks a heart, wins the trump return and has no further problems after conceding another heart. Poland +620.

For Scotland, North is declarer and East has an easy lead: the ♦K. Sinclair quite rightly ducks this but then, hoping to get rid of a diamond loser, calls for dummy's queen when East returns a club. West wins and returns a diamond but the contract is already doomed, as there are two sure heart losers. North must have felt even unhappier when he found out that West had all three missing heart honours and only two diamonds... Anyway: down two and +200 or 13 IMPs to Poland.

In the other match, the defence did very well at one table:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Etchepareb</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

West found the diamond lead which gave declarer a very nasty problem. Two losers in each red suit are staring him in the face but he, too, did not believe his luck and thus went down one, losing four tricks in the red suits. Aotearoa +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Gardiner</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♥
All pass			

Though West was friendly enough not to double, his trump tricks would still assure the defeat of this contract. In fact it went three down so 42 had gained 5 IMPs where they might as well have lost a bushel.

On board 8, another big swing to Poland:

Board: 8. Dlr: West/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All pass		

After the Polish weak twosuit, East happily converted partner's double but he was soon to regret it. East led the ♥A and continued the suit, declarer ruffing. A low spade was ducked by East and won by dummy's Jack and next came three rounds of clubs, East ruffing the 3rd round. He returned the ♠K but it was too late. Tuczynski won and simply played on clubs through East who could make two more trumps and his diamond trick but no more. Just made; Poland a useful +470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
2♥	All pass		

In the Closed Room, it was West who opened a Polish twosuit. He was left to play there and quietly went one down, +50 to Scotland but 9 IMPs to Poland who were leading by 40-6 at this point.

In the 42 v. Aotearoa match, it looks from the auctions as if they were playing a different board:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Etchepareb</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
1♥	2♥	Pass	2NT
3♦	Pass	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

Well, apart from the fact that there are three top losers, 5♦ is quite a decent contract, as compared to what the Poles and Scots showed us...

The save, however, was a little exaggerated, we think and we are sure East will agree.

Down four, +800 to Aotearoa.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Gardiner</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
1♥	2♥	Dble	4♠
All pass			

Not that they did much better in the other room but this time, we think it was a little exaggerated from East NOT to double and we once again are pretty sure he will agree, looking back on the hand.

Down three, +150 to 42 but 12 IMPs to Aotearoa to get off the Schneider: 31-12 to 42.

On the next board, Aotearoa missed a vulnerable game but 42 overbid to the dreaded 5 of a major when West did

not believe in his partner's penalty double...

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Etchepareb</i>	<i>Siderov</i>
2♥	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
	Pass	3♥	All pass

One overtrick, Aotearoa +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaefer</i>	<i>Gardiner</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
2♥	1♦	Pass	1♠
4NT	4♠	Dble	Pass
All pass	Pass	5♥	Dble



Zhivko Siderov, Bulgaria

One undertrick, Aotearoa +200 and 9 more IMPs.

Board: 10. Dir: East/All

♠ A 10 6 5 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ J 7 3 2 ♣ K	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ A K 5 3 2 ♦ 10 8 6 4 ♣ 8	♠ K Q 7 4 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A ♣ A Q J 9 5 3
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In the 42-Aotearoa match, 3NT by North became the final contract at both tables. Both Easts led a low heart so declarer's ♥Q became an undeserved overtrick. No swing, the final score being 31-21 or 18-12 to 42.

In the Poland v. Scotland match, there was a swing, and a big one too:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ellison</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>M. Ellison</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	2♥	3♣
Pass		All pass	

When East did not lead a low heart, he had overcome the first hurdle. However, his diamond lead gave Tuczynski a second life if he would take the right view in clubs. When he duly played the ♣A (having no alternative, in fact), nine tricks were his. Poland +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All pass			

With 3♣ already a mild slam try, the Scots manage to avoid the hopeless (?) 3NT but they land in 5♣ which is off three top losers if the defence are willing to cash them. No problem for Jochymski who put the ♥4 on the table... a heavy blow for Scotland.

One off, Poland another +100 to score 12 IMPs more and win the match 53-6 or 25-2 V.P. They move into second place by this great result.

Swiss Teams Round 8

By far the most spectacular board of the round was #16, certainly from the way Italy Red and the Austria Lions dealt with it.

Board: 16. Dir: West/EW

♠ A 5 2 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ J ♣ Q 10 8 7 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 9 8 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 4 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A	♠ - ♥ K J 2 ♦ A K Q 10 7 ♣ K J 9 4 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kautny</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Hopfler</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♠
Dble	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	7♠
Dble	All pass		

An interesting auction here. Weak jump, preemptive raise, RKC, a closing bid of 6♥ raised to 7 which can only be based on a spade void and, as an apotheosis, the weak jumper believing his opponents and taking the save against the grand. Very well done all round for down six and +1400 to the Austrians.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Schulz</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	All pass

At the other table, South went all out with his first pre-empt when he bid even 3♠ but when North did not cooperate too much, South decided to leave his opponents in peace when they duly reached the grand as well. Italy +2210 and a 13 IMP gain, the decisive swing of this match.

!! POOL PARTY !!

Place: Social Facility Building -1st Floor
 Time: Monday, 17 August 2009, 21:30 - 24:00
 Drinks: Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Drinks
 (You need to pay for drinks)

EVERYBODY IS INVITED !!

There is no entrance fee. Swimming, however, is not allowed at night...

Istanbul Bridge Problems

by Kees Tammens

I really enjoyed the movie at the opening of this first World Youth Bridge Congress Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, Einstein, Paavo Nurmi, the Beatles, Pele, Martin Luther King, Clint Eastwood, Queen, Abebe Bikila, Hamman, Wolff, Soloway, Cruiff, Spitz, Eric Clapton, Meckstroth, Rodwell, Chagas, Live Aid, Maradona, the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Westra, Baldursson, Chemla, Michael Jackson: all of this a nice reminder and lots of nostalgia (for me!). Beyoncé, Usain Bolt, Eminem, Versace, Duboin, Helgemo, Messi, Ronaldo must be the heroes of today and all of this ending up in Istanbul with the picture of Atatürk always prominent. A very interesting way of starting this event.

Since some age differences have recently been prohibiting me from playing in junior tournaments, I am trying to crawl into the skin of the junior I am kibitzing. The outcomes are presented below as a quiz. Still being very much interested in the technical aspects of the game and also still eager to learn something, I hope the juniors (who themselves have played all these boards) can provide me with the reasons why to do this or that.

Board 1/I. North/--

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	??
South: ♠Q 5 3 ♥8 6 4 ♦K Q J 8 6 ♣7 6?			

INT/2♦/2♣/pass/anything else?

Board 6/I. East/EW

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	Pass	3NT
pass	4♠	All pass	

♠ Q J 3
♥ 8
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A K J 10 9 7



♠ A 10 9 8 4
♥ A J 6
♦ K 9 8
♣ 3 2

West leads ♥10 and East puts up the Queen. What is the best line of play for declarer?

Board 1 I/II

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♥	Dble	Redble	1♠
2♥	Pass	??	

East: ♠A Q ♥9 4 ♦A 9 6 5 ♣9 8 7 6 2

Pass/3♥/4♥/anything else?

Board 20/II. West/all

West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♠	All pass

3♠: two of three top honours in spades

What would you lead as north from:

♠7 ♥A Q 5 4 ♦J 10 5 2 ♣7 5 3 2?

Board 21/III. North/NS

West	North	East	South
	1♦	3♣	??
South: ♠Q 10 7 ♥Q 10 8 4 3 ♦Q 4 ♣K Q 4			

Board 22/III. East/EW

West	North	East	South
		1♣	3♥
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
??			

West: ♠A J 2 ♣5 ♦A K 10 7 6 5 ♣Q J 9?

4♠/4NT/5♣/5♦/6♦/anything else?

Board 4/IV

West	North	East	South
3♣	3♠	Pass	??
South: ♠10 ♥A 5 4 2 ♦K Q 8 5 3 ♣J 6 3?			

Board 14/V

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♣
3♥	5♣	??	
East: ♠9 ♥A J 8 7 2 ♦A K J 7 4 ♣7 3??			

Board 17/IV. North/--

West	North	East	South
	4♠	Pass	??
South: ♠A 7 6 3 ♥A J 7 ♦J 7 ♣A K 7 3??			

Board 23/VI

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

Solutions tomorrow.

OPEN TEAMS ROSTER

AOTEAROA	FISHER Blair, ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan Cruz, GARDINER Luke, WHIBLEY Michael
AUSTRALIA	EDGTTON Adam, HOWARD Justin, HOLLANDS Peter, WU You
AUSTRIA LIONS	GOGOMAN Adele, SCHULZ Dieter, HOEPFLER Markus, KAUTNY Paul
BELGIUM	GEENS B., VAN MECHELEN J., DEVRIENDT R., BILLIET S., DE VISSCHERE W., VAN DEN HOVE W.
CKIS SKAWINA	KRYSA Adam, SZCZYPCZYK A., JANECZKO Artur, ZMUDA J., WITKOWSKI Lukasz, KANIA Michal
COSTA RICA	CHACON CESPEDES C., SEGURA UGALDE E., RAMIREZ ZUNIGA I., CALVO ALPIZAR J. G., GUERRERO A.
EGYPT	DARWISH A., SAMIR A., MOHARAM H., ZAYTOUN M. M., SAWIRES M., ABIU TALEB M., ZAYED A. (npc), EL-BELTAGY K. (coach)
FRANCE	LEBATTEUX Aymeric, GROSSET Christophe, LHUISSIER Nicolas, FRANCESCHETTI Pierre
GREECE BLUE	ANASTASATOS Aris, GIANNOULIS Giorgos, OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis, SOFIOS Michalis
GREECE SKY	KOUGIOUMTZI Athanasia, KARPOUZELI Chrysoula, FOTOPOULOS Evangelos, TOGIAS Stratos
GREECOURA	DARKADAKIS Athanasios, DOXIADIS Konstantinos, KONTOMITROS Konstantinos, ROUSSOS Petros
IRELAND	WOODS A., SMYTH Brona, O'KANE Eilish, GORMALLY H., GORMALLY N., McCORMAC T. (npc)
ITALY GREEN	MISTRETTA E., DELLE CAVE Giuseppe, MISTRETTA Giuseppe, FELLUS Robin, ATTANASIO Dario (npc)
ITALY RED	PAPARO A., MANNO A., FRANCHI Arrigo, DI FRANCO M., MONTANARI M., ATTANASIO D. (npc)
ITALY WHITE	FAILLA Andrea, MORTAROTTI Andrea, BORZI Antonio, ZANASI Gabriele, ATTANASIO Dario (npc)
JAPAN	KANETA Kenji, MURAI Kentaro, HANDA Kouichi, KIDO Yoshiro
JAPAN-CZECH	MIURA Hiroaki, KOPECKY Michal, MACURA Milan, KOIKE Noriaki, GIELKENS Ine (npc)
KARACASU	BAYAKHCHEV L., AGARWAL M., YILMAZ O., NISTOR R., DOBRESCU R. E., SKORCHEV S., AKKASOGLU M. (npc)
MEYOUHAS	ASULIN Adi, LAZAR Alon, EREZ Eyal, LEVY Hila, DAMTY Oshri, MEYUCHAS Moshe (pc)
NETH.LNDS RED	DRIJVER B. MOLENAAR Danny, MICHELSEN M., VERBEEK Tim, HARINGS J. (npc), TAMMENS K. (coach)
NETHERLANDS BLUE	BUIJTENHEK Lennie, LEUFKENS Lotte, LEEUWEN Rik van, VERBEEK Thijs, SANDE Monique van de (npc)
NETHERLANDS GIRLS	SPANGENBERG Jamilla, NAB Judith, DEKKERS Laura, SPANGENBERG Sigrid, KELDER Hans (npc)
NETHERLANDS ORANGE	WACKWITZ Ernst, LANKVELD Joris van, PHILIPSEN Rens, NAB Vincent, SCHOLLAARDT Maarten (npc)
NETHERLANDS WHITE	HELMICH A., STUURMAN D., VISSER Frank, HOP Gerbrand, HARINGS Jean (npc), TAMMENS K. (coach)
NONAME	OZER Ahmet Can, SERDAR Ekrem, IMAMOGLU Levent, SOFU Serkan, DINC Sedat (npc)
OZE-CKIS	MACHNO Artur Marek, IGLA Bartlomiej, GORSKI Michal, PIOTROWSKI Przemyslaw,
PAKISTAN	TEBHA Anam Iqbal, MANSOOR A., HUSSAIN Mirza Asfandiyar, KHAN Zain Muhammad, ASLAM U. (npc)
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T42	HUNG Andy Pei-en, SCHAFFER Jorrit, STEPHENS Robert, SIDEROV Zhivko
TOFAS	OZTURK Erdem, KRALIK Frantisek, TICHA Magdalena, OZGUR Muhammet
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