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## Nine (!) countries in the quarterfinals



*Lunch, dinner, breakfast, any time is good for discussing the boards*

The first three teams on the overnight leaderboard easily keep their positions, as expected. USA Blue stay on top, of course, but Japan-Czech and Netherlands Red change positions between them (for the records only). Poland and Greecoura also reach the post in time but the other three overnight top teams have to give way to Noname (Turkey), Italy Red and France. The latter team started the day losing 6-24 but a strong run of three successive 25's comfortably saw them through, the team finishing 4th in the end. Good luck to all qualifiers in today's knockout matches.

### Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 KO Teams – Quarter Finals 1st set
- 12.30 B-A-M Teams - 1st Session
- 13.00 KO Teams – Quarter Finals 2nd set
- 15.30 B-A-M Teams - 2nd Session
- 15.30 KO Teams – Semi Finals 1st set
- 18.00 B-A-M Teams - 3rd Session
- 18.00 KO Teams – Semi Finals 2nd set

**KO TEAMS-QUALIFICATION****RANKING AFTER ROUND 13**

<b>1 USA-BLUE</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>2 JAPAN-CZECH</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>3 NETHERLANDS RED</b>	<b>230.5</b>
<b>4 FRANCE</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>5 GREECOURA</b>	<b>222.5</b>
<b>6 POLAND</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>NONAME</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>8 ITALY RED</b>	<b>216.5</b>
9 NETHERLANDS GIRLS	214
10 CKIS SKAWINA	211
11 NETHERLANDS ORANGE	207.5
12 T42	204
EGYPT	204
14 USA-RED	201
15 SCOTLAND U26	200
16 YILANKIRAN	199
17 AUSTRIA LIONS	198
OZE-CKIS	198
19 MEYOUHAS	197
20 KARACASU	194
AUSTRALIA	194
22 ITALY GREEN	193
23 ITALY WHITE	191
24 VENEZUELA	188.5
25 TOFAS	187
JAPAN	187
27 AOTEAROA	186
28 NETHERLANDS WHITE	179
29 NETHERLANDS BLUE	178
30 BELGIUM	175.5
31 GREECE BLUE	175
32 PAKISTAN	174
33 SWITZERLAND	172
TURKIYE-GIRLS	172
35 YILANKIRAN 2	161
36 VAX-SAYILKAN	160
GREECE SKY	160
38 SCOTLAND U21	158
39 COSTA RICA	97
IRELAND	97

**ROUND 9**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	ITALY GREEN JAPAN	0 - 0	0 - 18
2	NETH/NDS RED NETH/NDS ORANGE	39 - 25	18.5 - 10.5
3	NETH/NDS GIRLS JAPAN-CZECH	22 - 22	15 - 15
4	POLAND GREECOURA	11 - 19	13 - 17
5	CKIS SKAWINA YILANKIRAN	29 - 4	22 - 8
6	T42 ITALY RED	6 - 45	4 - 25
7	NONAME AUSTRIA LIONS	21 - 41	9 - 21
8	FRANCE MEYOUHAS	0 - 32	6 - 24
9	USA-BLUE AUSTRALIA	42 - 15	23 - 7
10	NETH/NDS BLUE SCOTLAND U26	11 - 6	16 - 14
11	GREECE BLUE IRELAND	36 - 12	22 - 8
12	TURKIYE-GIRLS OZE-CKIS	8 - 34	7 - 23
13	EGYPT NETH/NDS WHITE	33 - 9	22 - 8
14	TOFAS SWITZERLAND	31 - 5	23 - 7
15	VAX-SAYILKAN ITALY WHITE	6 - 39	6 - 24
16	VENEZUELA BELGIUM	28 - 29	14.5 - 14.5
17	YILANKIRAN 2 PAKISTAN	10 - 52	3 - 25
18	GREECE SKY SCOTLAND U21	40 - 17	22 - 8
19	KARACASU COSTA RICA	50 - 2	25 - 2
20	USA-RED AOTEAROA	29 - 24	16 - 14

**ROUND 10**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE CKIS SKAWINA	45 - 1	25 - 3
2	NETH/NDS RED ITALY RED	16 - 22	14 - 16
3	NETH/NDS GIRLS POLAND	4 - 37	6 - 24
4	JAPAN-CZECH NETH/NDS ORANGE	61 - 1	25 - 0
5	GREECOURA AUSTRIA LIONS	31 - 16	19 - 11
6	MEYOUHAS USA-RED	10 - 26	10 - 20
7	AUSTRALIA YILANKIRAN	27 - 17	18 - 12
8	NONAME EGYPT	1 - 20	9 - 21
9	T42 OZE-CKIS	0 - 37	5 - 25
10	NETH/NDS BLUE JAPAN	29 - 29	15 - 15
11	TOFAS AOTEAROA	1 - 35	5 - 25
12	SCOTLAND U26 FRANCE	4 - 40	5 - 25
13	ITALY WHITE TURKIYE-GIRLS	39 - 17	22 - 8
14	PAKISTAN GREECE SKY	30 - 34	14 - 16
15	NETH/NDS WHITE KARACASU	24 - 22	16 - 14
16	VENEZUELA ITALY GREEN	0 - 0	15 - 15
17	BELGIUM GREECE BLUE	2 - 30	7 - 23
18	SWITZERLAND SCOTLAND U21	23 - 26	14 - 16
19	VAX-SAYILKAN IRELAND	11 - 55	3 - 25
20	YILANKIRAN 2 COSTA RICA	38 - 27	18 - 12

**ROUND 11**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE GREECOURA	22 - 5	20 - 10
2	JAPAN-CZECH POLAND	38 - 24	19 - 11
3	NETH/NDSD RED OZE-CKIS	43 - 20	22 - 8
4	ITALY RED AUSTRALIA	42 - 12	24 - 6
5	NETH/NDSD GIRLS USA-RED	35 - 43	13 - 17
6	CKIS SKAWINA AOTEAROA	26 - 8	20 - 10
7	EGYPT AUSTRIA LIONS	10 - 26	10 - 20
8	MEYOUHAS ITALY WHITE	62 - 0	25 - 1
9	FRANCE YILANKIRAN	48 - 12	25 - 5
10	NETH/NDSD BLUE NONAME	4 - 38	5 - 25
11	JAPAN T42	13 - 57	3 - 25
12	NETH/NDSD ORANGE TOFAS	34 - 32	16 - 14
13	GREECE BLUE PAKISTAN	41 - 21	21 - 9
14	VAX-SAYILKAN SCOTLAND U26	6 - 53	2 - 25
15	NETH/NDSD WHITE GREECE SKY	62 - 10	25 - 1
16	VENEZUELA SCOTLAND U21	19 - 30	12 - 18
17	KARACASU YILANKIRAN 2	31 - 17	19 - 11
18	ITALY GREEN SWITZERLAND	35 - 28	17 - 13
19	TURKIYE-GIRLS IRELAND	38 - 10	23 - 7
20	BELGIUM COSTA RICA	19 - 39	9 - 21

**ROUND 13**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	JAPAN-CZECH FRANCE	17 - 33	10 - 20
2	NETH/NDSD RED CKIS SKAWINA	22 - 27	14 - 16
3	USA-BLUE IRELAND	44 - 5	25 - 4
4	ITALY RED POLAND	17 - 28	12 - 18
5	NETH/NDSD GIRLS NONAME	16 - 26	12 - 18
6	GREECOURA MEYOUHAS	33 - 0	24 - 6
7	EGYPT NETH/NDSD ORANGE	15 - 24	13 - 17
8	T42 SCOTLAND U26	28 - 26	16 - 14
9	USA-RED YILANKIRAN	22 - 19	16 - 14
10	AUSTRIA LIONS AUSTRALIA	28 - 24	16 - 14
11	AOTEAROA OZE-CKIS	16 - 48	6 - 24
12	TOFAS KARACASU	17 - 35	10 - 20
13	ITALY WHITE VENEZUELA	17 - 20	14 - 16
14	GREECE BLUE ITALY GREEN	8 - 36	7 - 23
15	NETH/NDSD BLUE NETH/NDSD WHITE	15 - 15	12 - 12
16	VAX-SAYILKAN SWITZERLAND	29 - 19	18 - 12
17	JAPAN COSTA RICA	61 - 10	25 - 1
18	BELGIUM YILANKIRAN 2	19 - 11	17 - 13
19	TURKIYE-GIRLS PAKISTAN	14 - 17	14 - 16
20	GREECE SKY SCOTLAND U21	7 - 36	7 - 23

**ROUND 12**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA-BLUE MEYOUHAS	34 - 13	21 - 9
2	GREECOURA CKIS SKAWINA	12 - 7	16 - 14
3	FRANCE AUSTRIA LIONS	45 - 0	25 - 3
4	USA-RED NONAME	0 - 34	5 - 25
5	NETH/NDSD GIRLS OZE-CKIS	49 - 3	25 - 2
6	AOTEAROA EGYPT	4 - 24	9 - 21
7	AUSTRALIA T42	24 - 39	11 - 19
8	NETH/NDSD ORANGE NETH/NDSD WHITE	38 - 0	25 - 4
9	SCOTLAND U26 GREECE BLUE	37 - 10	23 - 7
10	YILANKIRAN TURKIYE-GIRLS	58 - 5	25 - 1
11	NETH/NDSD BLUE TOFAS	14 - 33	9 - 21
12	JAPAN ITALY WHITE	8 - 36	7 - 23
13	KARACASU PAKISTAN	39 - 21	20 - 10
14	ITALY GREEN YILANKIRAN 2	37 - 26	18 - 12
15	VENEZUELA COSTA RICA	75 - 0	25 - 1
16	SWITZERLAND GREECE SKY	21 - 19	16 - 14
17	VAX-SAYILKAN SCOTLAND U21	39 - 13	23 - 7
18	BELGIUM IRELAND	45 - 8	25 - 5
19	NETH/NDSD RED POLAND	27 - 19	17 - 13
20	JAPAN-CZECH ITALY RED	46 - 13	24 - 6

**Quarter Finals**

1	USA BLUE	-	GREECOURA
2	POLAND	-	JAPAN-CZECH
3	NETHERLANDS RED	-	NONAME
4	ITALY RED	-	FRANCE

## Swiss Teams Round 9

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus


Five more rounds to go before the knock-out starts. The target is finishing among the top eight after 13 rounds. All well-placed teams are looking how many well-placed teams they haven't yet played and feeling more at ease when they find out they have dealt with most of them.

Among them is the team from Poland, lying 5th at present with 139 V.P. They have to play Greecoura from Greece, 8th with 137 V.P. and below are a few hands from that match.

A little lower down the table we can find some teams who still have a chance to qualify, provided they start off the day with a big win. One of those teams desperately looking for V.P. is certainly France, 14th overnight on 128 V.P. They would play the Israelis from team Meyouhas, 17th on 123 V.P. A good win would make either team happy here.

On board 22, the Israelis dealt their opponents a preliminary blow:

Board: 22. Dir: East/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Franceschetti	Meyouhas	Grosset
1♥ Pass	Dble 2♣	Pass Redble All pass	Pass Pass

East, not holding anywhere near an opening hand, passed as dealer but then his partner came to the rescue. Holding both majors, he tried one of them but once his partner redoubled, he knew it would be wise to stay quiet. Maybe, East expected more action when he passed 2♣ but he certainly must have felt happy after the play was over. One overtrick, France +110.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Andrea	Asulin	Kilani	Levy
1♥ 2♥	Pass All pass	1♦ INT	Pass Pass

Above, we said the Israelis dealt a blow here but as you can see from this auction, this was not quite true. East's opening bid in fact did the damage. It might have been worse for them, had North found a double of 2♥ somewhere... Anyway, down three was +300 to Meyouhas and 5 IMPs to open their account.

Careless declarer play cost the French dearly on the next board:

Board: 23. Dir: South/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Franceschetti	Meyouhas	Grosset
1♣ Pass	Dble 4♠	Pass All pass	Pass 3♠

The normal contract was easily reached and West led a cunning low trump, away from his Queen. Declarer won the ten in hand and crossed to the ♦A to lead a club to the King and Ace. West continued the ♦Q, won in dummy, declarer shedding a heart. Another club went to East's jack and declarer ruffed the diamond continuation. His next move was to ruff a club in dummy. Either high trump would have saved his day but when he elected to ruff low, East could overruff and play another diamond for his partner to overruff with the unexpected ♠Q. A very nice defence, gallantly exploiting any weaknesses in the declarer play... +100 to Meyouhas.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Andrea</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Kilani</i>	<i>Levy</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

Here too, the normal contract was reached and West led a heart. Declarer won the Ace, cashed two top diamonds to get rid of his second heart and led a club which ran to West's ten. A diamond came back, ruffed in hand, and the next club went to East's Jack. At this point, East chose to solve declarer's problems by returning a trump...

Not that declarer would have gone down on another return but from here, the overtrick was easy enough. Meyouhas +650 and 13 IMPs more to lead 18-0.

In the Poland v. Greecoura match, the score after 3 boards stood at 2-2 when the next board arrived:

Board: 24. Dlr: West/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Kontomitros</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All pass			

After the Polish Club and an unwelcome splinter, Tuczynski quickly ends up in 4♠ which proved too difficult on this layout. We have not yet found a way to make it double dummy either.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jochymski</i>	<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>Kazmiercza</i>	<i>Roussos</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

In the Closed Room, the auction is much slower; both players keep trying to exchange and collect extra info. This

slowness probably gave Kazmiercza the inspiration to find a well-timed double. He kicks off by cashing two top hearts and continues a heart won by dummy's Queen. Now, declarer crosses in trumps and successfully runs the ♣K, throwing a heart in dummy. What would be the layout? Was East's double based on just AK, A or would he also have spade length? Darkadakis puts his money on bringing the ♣A down in not too many rounds so he continues a low club, ruffed in dummy, ♦A and a diamond ruffed in hand, followed by another club, ruffed with the nine. West can over-ruff and return a trump, so declarer has lost control now and has to concede two down. Poland +300 and 6 IMPs.

Nothing very much is happening in either match until the arrival of the last board.

Board: 30. Dlr: East/None

♠ K Q 3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 7 6 2
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A 10 6 2		♥ 7 3			
♦ J 7 5	♦ K				
♣ 9 8 2	♣ Q J 10 7 5				
	♠ A 8 4				
	♥ J 9 8				
	♦ A 10 8 6 4 2				
	♣ K				



Kontomitros Konstantinos, Greece

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lazar	Franceschetti	Meyouhas	Grosset
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	INT	2♦
2♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

The Israelis created a big swing for themselves when they first talked their opponents out of the best game and then doubled them into an unsuccessful line of play.

INT showed a black twosuit and 3♣ confirmed a stopper in clubs. When South chose not to bid 3NT over 3♠, North jumped to the obvious alternative game contract for which West had a double in store.

Declarer won the ♠K lead and, not wanting to go down too many, started off by playing a low diamond to the nine and King. Quick and painless, one down. Meyouhas +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Andrea	Asulin	Kilani	Levy
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

No intervention and a ♣Q lead. Dummy won and the ♦A was cashed, ending all hopes for the defence.



Piotr Tuczynski, Poland

Meyouhas +490 and 11 IMPs to win the match 32-0 which is 24-6 in V.P. They would be the team to really stay in the hunt.

In the Poland v. Greecoura match, the score stood at 11-8 to Poland with only the last board to play.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Doxiadis	Tuczynski	Kontomitros	Jassem
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Here, South had become declarer in 3NT and West leads the ♠K. Jassem wins the 3rd round of the suit and, instead of immediately going after the diamonds, first unblocks the ♣K before crossing to the ♥Q and leading the ♦Q. East covers (perforce) but the contract is doomed now as the entry to the diamonds is gone. Down two, Greecoura +100.

In the Closed Room, the Greeks find an interesting alternative contract:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jochymski	Darkadakis	Kazmiercza	Roussos
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All pass			

East knows his opponents are in a Moysian fit and thus leads a low trump, scooping up his partner's ten. West wins the Ace and returns a trump. Declarer wins and cashes a third round of trumps before leading the ♦Q, covered by King and Ace. A low diamond goes to declarer's nine, the last trump is drawn and dummy is accessed via the ♣K. West gets his diamond trick now and returns a club, so the last spade disappears and an overtrick is born. Greecoura +450 and 11 IMPs to win the match 19-11 or 17-13 V.P. Both teams remain in the hunt.

## Results on Internet

Results from Istanbul are posted on the WBF website ([www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)) almost instantly after leaving the scoring team. Unfortunately, since Sunday, there have been some problems in the broadcast of the entire site. These are beyond our control, but we are in touch with our provider and engineers are looking into the problem. We expect that it will have been solved by the time you read these lines.

Just in case, however, the WBF website has a backup broadcast, from the address [www.worldbridge1.org](http://www.worldbridge1.org). The two sites ([www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) and [www.worldbridge1.org](http://www.worldbridge1.org)) are exact mirrors of each other. Accordingly, whenever there is a problem with one of these addresses, our visitors may always use the other.

Akis Kanaris - WBF Web Editor

# Swiss Teams Round 10

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

Japan-Czech v. Netherlands Orange

In the first match of the day, Japan-Czech had tied their match with the Netherlands Girls and thus dropped a spot in the rankings, so they may well have taken their seats in this second match with mixed feelings. Netherlands Orange, on the other hand, were fresh from an 11-19 defeat against their Red countrymen and were thus about to leave the top eight unless they could record a victory.

The scoreboard really started moving from board 3 onwards. On board 3, the Japanese and the Czechs both stole the contract:

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura
2♣	Pass	Pass	I♥
Pass	3♥	All pass	Dble

After South's reopening double, East got another chance to speak but Nab clearly did not expect such a good hand with Wackwitz. When the latter leads a normal ♠K rather than a "brilliant" ♣K, Macura has nine easy tricks. Japan-Czech +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
I♠	2♥	Dble	3♥
3♣	Pass	4♣	All pass

In the Closed Room, the Japanese have no trouble in reaching 4♣ for another +620 and 13 IMPs for their team.

On the next board, Japan-Czech are again on the right side

of the score but this time due to a major defensive error:

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura
Pass	Pass	Pass	I♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

You might conceivably make game in hearts on the NS



Joris van Lankveld, Netherlands

hands but the Czechs end up in a terrible contract, even more so after East finds a club lead. West wins his ♣AK and clears the suit. Declarer wins the Queen, unblocks his top spades and plays a diamond to the King. Two more spades follow on which East discards his last club...and now he is forced to play hearts after winning his diamond AJ. Nine tricks, Japan-Czech +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	All pass	

Game certainly has play but in 3♥, declarer played safely for nine tricks. NL Orange +140 but 10 IMPs to Japan-Czech.

Board: 5. Dlr: North/NS

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura
	1♣	1♥	2♥
3♥	4♠	All pass	

2♥ was a weak jump overcall in spades and Kopecky had no trouble in becoming declarer in what was a straightforward contract if played by North.

One overtrick, Japan-Czech +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
	1♣	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	All pass	

The Japanese put on maximum pressure on their opponents by taking the save (down four on a diamond ruff) and

were amply rewarded when North bid one more. Once West could lead a heart at trick 1, setting the contract was assured. Japan-Czech +100 and 13 IMPs more.

Board 6 also cost the Dutch 5 IMPs when they overbid to a game with almost no play and then it was slam time again:

Board: 7. Dlr: South/All

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
			2♥!!
2♠	3♥	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♠	All pass		

No problems for Koike-Miura: +1430.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura
			2♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

2♦ showed hearts. Here, East did not cuebid over partner's overcall but he simply raised to game. Thus, the good slam was quickly missed. All 13 tricks were duly made on a good diamond guess but 12 more IMPs went Japan-Czech's way to make the score 55-0 at this point.

The last three boards were not suitable at all for a (partial) Dutch recovery. They manage to reach the scoreboard by an overtrick on board 9 but another 5-imp loss on board 10 makes the final score look very nice for our transnationals: a mega-victory by 61-1 which equals to 25-0 in V.P. They are well on their way to the quarterfinals!



Line-Up

Line-up must be made on paper, visiting team 20 min. before starting time, home team 15 min. before.



# Swiss Teams Round II

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

Netherlands Girls v. USA Red  
Italy Red v. Australia

The tension is growing and the field is closing in. That's normal near the end of any qualification tournament. Three rounds to go and the fight for most of the berths is still wide open. Netherlands Girls are doing remarkable well, still lying 8th with 164 V.P. after their defeat in the previous round and thus having to face 9th – placed USA Red who are one V.P. behind them. Our other featured match is Italy Red, 5th on 174 V.P. who will play Australia, the latter team level with USA Red.

This is going to be an exceptional report. More often than not, swings would occur on the same board at both tables or at neither table. Here we have a match, for once, in which flat boards in one match were swings in the other more often than not.

USA Red immediately take the lead on the first board:

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Shunta</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All pass			

No problems and an easy nine tricks. USA Red +400.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brescoll</i>	<i>J.Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>S.Spangenberg</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All pass	

It proved too difficult for the twins to get the two half-

stoppers (they make one full stopper when put together) into the picture. Five Diamonds normally goes down as you will lose the ♣AK and a trump trick, provided there is no divine inspiration to run the ♦J.

USA Red another +50 and 10 IMPs for a solid start.

On the next board, the Dutch Girls get 9 IMPs back:

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brescoll</i>	<i>J.Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>S.Spangenberg</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	INT	2♦	All pass

South leads ♣K and another. North wins the ♣A and



Jamilla Spangenberg, Netherlands


gives her sister a ruff. Sigrid returns a spade for Jamilla's Ace and another club is played, declarer ruffing with the nine. Next comes a heart to dummy's ten and North's Jack. North exits with a heart and, at her turn, ruffs the 3rd round of the suit. Down two, NL Girls +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta
Pass	1♦	2♦	Dble
2♠	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	3NT	All pass	

After North's Precision 1♦ East overcalls 2♦, natural in this situation. West however alerts and explains "majors" to South, her screen mate. After East's 3♦ rebid, the director was called who, of course, ordered the auction to go on. The 3♦ bid, however, also clarifies the situation for South, whose 3♥ now clearly is meant as a natural bid. North concluded the auction with 3NT which went three off after East's lead of the ♦J. NL Girls another +300 and 9 IMPs back.

Board: 13. Dir: North/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg
Pass	1♦	1♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

No problems here: ten tricks and +620 to NL Girls.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta
Pass	INT	2♥	2NT
5♣	3♣	Dble	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♠
	All pass		

A system gadget enabled the Dutch EW to interfere more fiercely than their American counterparts. Over INT, the 2♥ overcall shows hearts and a minor. Laura Dekkers

judged well by bidding 5♣ which is cold. The Americans also did the best they could by going on to 5♠ which is a good save but still one down, +200 and 13 IMPs to NL Girls.

22-10 in 3 boards; not bad going at all. Time to have a look at the other match, in which the score stood at 4-0 to Italy Red at this point. Here is their next board:

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hollands	Di Franco	Howard	Manno
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♦	Dble	All pass	

North's double was take-out but South stood it, theoretically a wise decision as game is very far away.

The defence, however, was extraordinary as you will rarely see two Aces being let through in a doubled partscore. North led his trump and dummy's Ace was put up. A heart to the King held the trick, as did a low spade to dummy's Jack. Declarer was now able to crossruff his majors, losing only two clubs and the master trump for an unexpected overtrick: Australia +570.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paparo	Wu	Franchi	Edgton
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♣
		4♦	All pass

Against 4♦ North also led his trump but here, declarer won the Ace and led the ♠J. South jumped in with his Ace, after which it did no longer matter that here too, something went wrong with the ♥A. One down, Australia another +50 and 12 IMPs to take the lead 12-4.

Back again to the USA Red v. NL Girls match. On the next board, USA Red hit back, thanks to their particular system gadget:

Board: 15. Dlr: South/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brescoll</i>	<i>J.Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>S.Spangenberg</i>
2♦	3♦	4♥	Pass
All pass			Dble

After the Precision-type 2♦ opening by West, Jamilla first shows her six-card suit, hoping to bring spades to life later on. Lien's logical jump to 4♥ provokes an easy double from Sigrid but when Jamilla passes, the twins have missed their vulnerable spade game.

One off, NL Girls +100.



Cameron Shunta, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Shunta</i>
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	4♠	All pass	2♠

Kaplan has more bidding space and thus starts his actions by simply overcalling 1♠ over 1♣. After partner's raise, bidding the spade game is easy enough. Maybe, East should save as she is aware of the combined fits in the rounded suits. Anyway, 4♠ makes easily and USA Red score +620 to recoup 11 IMPs and nearly level the match.

Over again to Italy Red and Australia. On the next board, their weak NT cost Australia a double partscore swing:

Board: 16. Dlr: West/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Manno</i>
INT	2♦	Pass	2♥
All pass			

North's three-suited singleton overcall brings back old memories of Kelsey, Astro and other obsolete conventions. However, they are still working well, as this deal proves. Just made, Italy Red +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Edgton</i>
1♦	1♥	2♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	All pass

After the suit opening, the Italians had established their diamond fit at once. Just made, +110 to Italy Red and 6 IMPs to them.

More weak NT trouble for Australia on the next board:

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ Q J 10  
♦ J 6  
♣ K Q 7 5 2

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

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

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



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Manno</i>
	Pass	INT	Dble
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

2♣ was clubs and a major but there was no safe spot to go. Down three, Italy Red +500.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Edgtton</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	INT	All pass	

Well, the Australians might have decided to defend 1♣



Justin Howard, Australia

doubled but with these bad trumps, North quite rightly bid INT. He made a lot of tricks (ten) but this +180 still cost his side 8 IMPs. The Italians had come back strongly to lead 29-12 now.

In the other match, Precision strikes again for the USA:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brescoll</i>	<i>J.Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>S.Spangenberg</i>
	Pass	1♦	2♦
All pass			

In the Open Room, Sigrid overcalls 2♦ natural and is allowed to play there. Ten tricks, NL Girls +130.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Shunta</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♠	Pass	INT	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

After East's semi-natural 1♣ opening (doubleton or longer) and South's double, North judges his hand worth some action over partner's 2♦. This way, NS easily reach 3NT which is made with an overtrick. USA Red +430 and 7 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Italians deal their opponents the final blow:

Board: 18. Dlr: East/NS

♠ 10 7 3  
♥ A Q J 2  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 9 2  
♥ K 9 8 6  
♦ A 6  
♣ A J 9 8 5

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

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



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Manno</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	All pass

Manno took a very good decision when he first passed

1♣ and then let his opponents in peace in 2♥. This duly went one off, +50 to Italy Red.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Edgtton</i>
		1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

At the other table, NS showed what would happen if you do overcall with the South hand. Neither of them did anything clearly wrong except that in this aggressive style of overcalling, 3♠ by North (or even 2♠) probably is more than enough.

The club lead by West ran to declarer's King, though calling for dummy's Queen at trick one looks a reasonable alternative. A heart went to the Ace and the ♥Q was covered by the King and ruffed. Next came a diamond to the King and Ace, East returning the suit. Declarer now had to play trumps from his hand (not that this really mattered), so West won the Queen and gave his partner a diamond ruff. A club ruff and the two black aces then made it down three, Italy Red +800 and 13 IMPs to lead 42-12. This also became the final score in the match: a convincing 24-6 V.P. win for them.

In the other match, the two last boards produced as many swings, one each way:

Board: 19. Dir: South/EW

♠ A K Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ A	<table border="1" 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 4 3 ♥ K 7 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ K Q 8 5 3	♠ 10 ♥ A J 10 5 4 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 6 4 2 ♠ 9 5 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K Q 10 4 2 ♣ 10 9 7
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brescoll</i>	<i>J.Spangenberg</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>S.Spangenberg</i>
			Pass
1♣	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	6NT	All pass

After the Strong Club and the weak jump and raise by the twins, the Americans were sort of carried to their spade slam which would have made easily. East's correction to 6NT in which contract his ♥K would be protected, looks reasonable enough but maybe not quite. First of all, North is still odds-on to hold the ♥A in which case (A) there is no problem, or the defenders might find a lead in a different suit in which case (B) there might be a severe problem.

When Sigrid put the ♦K on the table against 6NT, we had arrived in case B. NL Girls +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Shunta</i>
			Pass
1♠	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Hearing about her partner's club suit was not really the best news West could get so she signed off in 4♠. After the play, EW did not feel happy at all (Judith Nab is quoted saying: "Maybe I should have bid 5♠.") Right she was and North has every reason to congratulate himself on his 3♥ overcall, disturbing the EW auction.

Still, the NL Girls had the last word on this one...a fortunate 13 IMPs to them to lead by 4.

On the last board, the Dutch let through a vulnerable game that was easily defeated by the Americans who thus find out there is some justice after all. The final score: 43-35 or 17-13 V.P. to USA Red.

### Board-a-match

Due to the number of entries the teams will play 6 sessions of 15 boards instead of 6 of 14 (5 rounds of 3 boards each instead of 7 times 2)

Board-a-Match is a mixture of matchpointed pairs and IMPed team matches. You are playing with your teammates but comparing the results will take place only at the end of each session, e.g. after 7 rounds of 2 boards each have been played.

The comparison is as simple as can be. The team scoring more points on the combined results from the two tables, wins the board 1-0.

Please note: even WE +110 and THEY +100 (=WE -100) would be 1-0!

Only tied boards are scored as 1/2-1/2, Please note: a flat board (in this "tied" sense) is thus scored as 1/2-1/2 and not as 0-0 as we would do in genuine team matches.

This format requires some special tactics as extra over- and undertricks can be very important. It might well be worthwhile to double a lot of contracts if you would do so in a pairs' event, especially partscores!

Have fun!

# Swiss Teams Round 12

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

USA Red v. Noname  
Greecoura v. Ckis Skawina

Two more rounds to go and the positions on the leaderboard are becoming more and more unsure. From 5th place downwards, ten teams are chasing the four QF berths left. Among them we find USA Red and Noname, 10th and 13th on 180 and 175, as well as Greecoura and Ckis Skawina who are 6th and joint 8th (with France, after the latter's brilliant recovery in rounds 10 and 11) on 182.5 and 181 V.P. Though IMPs were flying around the whole of the playing area, in these two matches nothing very much seemed to happen so this report is going to be quite short.

This was the first board in Greecoura v. Ckis Skawina. On this one, all players had to take the right decisions:

After North's well-judged 3♦ bid, South knows what to do and the excellent diamond game is reached. Witkowski then looks at his hand for a considerable time before taking another excellent decision: he saves in 6♣ for down two and -300. This saves his team 2 IMPs but it's still 5 IMPs to Greecoura.

In the other match, interesting things happened on board 22:

Board: 21. Dir: North/NS

♠ 8 4 3 ♥ 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♣ -	<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;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>E</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ A 9 ♥ K J ♦ 6 ♣ K J 9 7 5 4 3 2
♠ J 10 7 2 ♥ Q 9 8 6 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 10 8		♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ A 10 ♦ A Q J 10 8 ♣ Q 6

Board: 22. Dir: East/EW

♠ A J 5 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 ♣ 8 5	<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;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>E</span> <hr style="width: 80%;"/> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ Q 10 6 5 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ J 4 2
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Krysa</i>	<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♦
3♣	4♣	5♣	Dble
All pass			

South, completely unaware of North's diamond support, decides to double 5♣ and collects +100 for Ckis Skawina when the contract goes one off.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kania</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Kontomiro</i>
	Pass	2♣	Dble
Redble	3♦	5♣	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dble
All pass			



Konstantinos Doxiadis, Greece

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ozer	Lien	Serdar	Brescoll
		Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All pass	

2♦ was Precision style: threesuited opening bid with short diamonds.

It looks as if nine tricks are always there if declarer immediately exploits the favourable spade layout for four tricks. East, however, led a diamond away from his Ace, which induced declarer to read the hand wrongly. He won in dummy and played a spade to the Jack rather than running the Queen. Next came a club to the Queen and King, followed by a diamond from West to the Queen and Ace. East cleared the diamonds but now, declarer had to cross to the ♣A in order to repeat the spade finesse. His only real chance left was to exit in diamonds, hoping an endplay had developed but West won and cashed a diamond and a club...one down. Noname +50.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Hudson	Imamoglu	Marriott	Sofu
		Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

1♣ was a doubleton or longer.

When East led an uninspired ♠6 to the King and Ace, declarer's problems were over. Nine tricks, +400 and 10 IMPs to Noname.

Nothing very much happened at all from this point in either match. They reached the last board, quickly or slowly, with the scores at 19-0 to Noname and 7-6 to Ckis Skawina.

Board: 30. Dlr: East/None

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Kania	Doxiadis	Witkowski	Kontomitro
		1♥	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	Dble
All pass			

For EW, even 7NT (and 7♣ too) is cold on a ♥A Vienna Coup and a major suit squeeze against South on the run of the clubs. For Ckis Skawina, Kania-Witkowski reach 6♥ however. South, Kontomitro, apparently missed the (in)famous board from the 1997 Europeans in Montecatini (Italy). Peter Fredin, playing for Sweden, doubled his learned German opponents in 4♠. The latter were having a bidding misunderstanding and had landed in a cuebid but now, they went on to reach their cold grand in clubs after all.

So South doubled but nobody ran and NS, Grecoura, collected +300 for down two.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Roussos	Krysa	Darkadakis	Zmuda
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♣	All pass		

7♣ needs careful timing: as you will have to take the heart finesse anyway, there is no need to try the spades first. Your reward will be very sweet: North shows out on the first heart so you are forced into the winning line (Vienna Coup of the ♥A). After that, just run the clubs and watch South and his discards.

Roussos however, first tried the spades and thus was one down after all. This gave him and his team the unusual experience of going down in a voluntarily bid grand slam and gain 6 IMPs for the effort.

The final score in the match: 12-7 or 16-14 V.P. to Grecoura. No harm done to either team's chances.

In the other match, mainly the same happened. Clubs in one room, doubled hearts in the other.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ozer	Lien	Serdar	Brescoll
		1♥	Pass
2♣	3♦	3♠	4♦
6♣	All pass		

The big difference with the other match was, however, that Noname ended up in 6♣ which they made easily enough for +920 to them.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Hudson	Imamoglu	Marriott	Sofu
		1♣	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

For this auction and result, the same story as above applies.

The swing to Noname on this board was 15 IMPs so they won the match 34-0 or 25-5 V.P. to rise to within the top eight. Please note that they too, like Meyouras early in the morning, have a very good goalkeeper. It's such a pity that he apparently has no name...



## Responses to the quiz (see Bulletin 3, page 17)

by Kees Tammens

1. Eight HCP and a good diamond suit, partner (north) having 5♣+4♠ and generally a normal opening bid. Can we have game? With ♠Ax in north this certainly is a possibility but with a singleton diamond in north things seems obscure. And will west not have good hearts and an entry?

In all honesty I would abandon a non vulnerable game and choose for pass at 1♠, a contract that probable will make.

2. In a flash I saw with ♠K onside and ♣Q behaving a lot of easy tricks. Life is not always as comfortable and being a money player I would choose the following line: take ♥A, ruff a heart and play a diamond. If East has ♠A everything goes easy, you win ♠K and ruff the last heart. Take ♣A and ♣K and play ♠J and duck it. Ten tricks are assured.

3. A very nice one. East raised to 4♥, with ♠K probable right and ruffing values, partner seems to have three spades this was a reasonable contract, only going down because of the four-one split in trumps. Was that the outcome?

Diamond King was for the ace. Declarer crossed to his hand with ♣A to play a spade for ♠Q. ♠A cashed and a second diamond for ♠J. North now returned a trump (to reduce dummy's ruffing power) for ♥10. A spade ruffed and a diamond ruffed. Declarer played a club for the Queen in south who played the fourth spade ruffed by declarer who got of play with a small heart scoring his ♥AQ in the end.

4. Not knowing whether to lead a diamond (the contract makes with ease) or a club (the contract is doomed) north found the brilliant lead of ♥A. South encouraged, north took ♥Q as well and after the small heart by south, north completed the excellent work by switching to a club. Very nice done, only to push the board because at the other table, after a multi 2♦-sequence, East was the declarer and south led the ♣K!

5. This one is tough. 3 NT seems natural but suppressing your five card ♥-suit seems risky. For the south I was watching this was a tricky contract. The first good thing for declarer was when East chose ♥K for a lead. Four rounds of trumps followed and a club for ♣K. A small diamond from dummy and West erred by playing low, for ♠K. A second club for ♣A who, with only clubs left, played a club for ♣Q. The distribution was known and ♠Q put West in to lead into the ♥Q10 for the tenth trick.

6. When East showed a good hand for diamonds the jump to 6♦ maybe even is not enough; seven could be lay down. So I opted for 4♠ not intending to stop below 6♦.

The contract is very good. Even with ♠Q offside it will take a spade lead to make life difficult, and with ♣K third or fourth onside (not unreasonable after the 3♥ preempt) there still are twelve tricks.

7. This one is terrible. With 4♠ and 4♦ as solutions that won't help anybody, especially not myself

The actual bid of 3NT might not get everybody's approval. It certainly leads to 620 or 600 in 4♠ or 5♦.

8. In this one I would not dream of defending 5♣; it may well be a make. So entering the five level seemed right. I know I would have bid 5♦ to ensure this lead against a possible 6♣. But 5♥ proved the winner when west launched a double and declarer wrote 650.

9. Aiai. Now the questions are getting dirty. Even I know the benefits of aggressive junior preempts. But imagine partner really has a 4♠ opener! I give credit to everybody who passes 4♠ but feel sorry for the other ones who go one to end up in 5♠ going one down.

10. To end this quiz from the first part of this championship a problem where you need great courage to do the right thing. Double gives you 200, 5♣ gives you 600.



# Swiss Teams Round 13

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

For the report on the final qualification round, again we won't have a look at France. They scored 75 V.P. from their last three matches, after starting the day with a severe 6-24 loss, to rise to 4th so their qualification seems a matter of time now – not losing heavily in their last match. It's too early days for them to call it "un jour de gloire" (that's only for winning the final) but a most remarkable recovery it has been!

In the meantime, USA Blue had been soldiering on very well all day to lead the field by 31 V.P. with one match to play. That's why the directors kindly invited them to meet the last-placed team in their last match, according to the WBF policy based on an old Italian and also Hungarian and Indonesian tradition but possibly unknown in some other parts of the world.

For this report, we will have a look at two matches very much around the no. 8 spot: Netherlands red (pretty safe 3rd on 216.5) v. Ckis Skawina (10th on 195) and also the Netherlands Girls (6th on 202) v. Noname (joint 7th on 200).

This was board 1:

Board: 1. Dlr: North/None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kania</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	3♥	4♦	4♥
5♦	All pass		

The strong variety of the Polish Club got a little unsettled when Tim Verbeek overcalled 3♥. After that, the Poles landed in 5♦ in which a trick in each side suit had to be lost. NL Red +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Krysa</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
	2♣	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♠
Dble	All pass		

In the Closed Room, North opened 2♣ showing majors. It quickly turned out that this was not the sort of hand on which NS should be too active. Marion Michielsen had little trouble in expressing this as her final opinion about this board.

Down four, NL Red +800 for a flying start: 13 IMPs.

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kania</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♦	2♠	3♠
Dble	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	All pass	

The auction here was really poker-style. Verbeek raised to 5♦ and then doubled the 5♠ save, clearly the right thing to do as even 5♦ should go down. Molenaar did not trust his defensive values and went to slam – a dubious action according to East. Verbeek did the best he could in trying to convince West to save again by redoubling but to no avail, when West eventually decided to pass. Down three, +1000 to Ckis Skawina.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Krysa</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
			3NT
Pass	5♦	Dble	All pass

Zmuda for Ckis Skawina opened a gambling 3NT, much more the nature of his hand. North's 5♦ concluded the NS auction and Drijver could only double. Down two, +300 and the par result but still 12 IMPs back to Ckis Skawina.

In the other match, the NL Girls led 6-0 when this same board came up:

Closed Room

West <i>Dekkers</i>	North <i>Imamoglu</i>	East <i>Nab</i>	South <i>Sofu</i>
			3NT
Pass 6♠	5♣ Dble	5♠ All pass	Pass

When Judith Nab courageously bid 5♠ over 5♣ (convertible), Dekkers raised to slam. This was not a good idea and cost 500 when North doubled for down two.

Open Room

West <i>Ozer</i>	North <i>J.Spangenberg</i>	East <i>Serdar</i>	South <i>S.Spangenberg</i>
			3NT
Pass 5♠	4♣ All pass	4♠ Dble	Pass 5♦

In the Open Room, the auction was much slower. Jamila signs off in 4♣ and Serdar simply bids 4♠. Now, North has an easy save but West bids 5♠ in front of his partner's double. One down, +100 for NL Girls but still 9 IMPs to Noname.

Low numbers of IMPs were scored in both matches on most of the following boards but this clearly was not so on the penultimate one:

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

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



Open Room

West <i>Ozer</i>	North <i>J.Spangenberg</i>	East <i>Serdar</i>	South <i>S.Spangenberg</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

West, on lead against the rather normal contract of 5♣, found both a double and an easy lead. After the defenders cashed their three diamonds, declarer did well to run the

♣Q, thus making the rest of the tricks. Still, she was one down, +100 to Noname.

Closed Room

West <i>Dekkers</i>	North <i>Imamoglu</i>	East <i>Nab</i>	South <i>Sofu</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All pass	

In the Closed Room, North was declarer and now, for East it was mandatory to find the diamond lead. When she led a heart instead, declarer could dispose of three diamond losers and went on to make his contract in comfort. Noname +400 and 11 IMPs.

The final score in the match thus became 26-16 or 18-12 V.P. They were through and NL Girls, much to their disappointment, finished on the dreaded 9th place.

What we got to see in the other match, was real drama:

Open Room

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

The 2♣ rebid showed either clubs or any 16+ hand and 2♦ was a further relay. The meaning of some of the subsequent bids will remain unclear forever. The unintentional final contract went down two, +100 to Ckis Skawina.

Closed Room

West <i>Michielsen</i>	North <i>Krysa</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	South <i>Zmuda</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♣
Dble	All pass		

The Polish Club seemed not to cope with these NS hands very well either. Bob Drijver found a nice double of what very much looked like the final contract of 4♠. Zmuda, however, had another string on his bow; he quickly converted to 5♣, doubled by Michielsen. All would have been well now, had Drijver simply (?) led a diamond. When he led the ♣J instead, trying to stop the spade ruffs, declarer soon had 12 tricks and a score of +650, good for 13 IMPs.

There was nothing in the last board, a routine 3NT. The final score in this match thus became 27-22 or 16-14 V.P. to Ckis Skawina, not enough for them to qualify but more than enough for NL Red to maintain their 3rd rank.