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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**

1	USA-BLUE	282
2	JAPAN-CZECH	236
3	NETHERLANDS RED	230.5
4	FRANCE	226
5	GREECOURA	222.5
6	POLAND	218
	NONAME	218
8	ITALY RED	216.5
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		
ı	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	П	-	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	П	-	6	16	- 14
Ш	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		II.	1P	'c		VF	)' <sub>S</sub>
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	USA-BLUE	CKIS SKAWINA	45	-	I	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	-	П
6	MEYOUHAS	USA-RED	10	-	26	10	-	20
7	AUSTRALIA	YILANKIRAN	27	-	17	18	-	12
8	NONAME	EGYPT	I	-	20	9	-	21
9	T42	OZE-CKIS	0	-	37	5	-	25
10	NETH/NDS BLUE	JAPAN	29	-	29	15	-	15
11	TOFAS	AOTEAROA	I	-	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	S SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND U21	23	-	26	14	-	16
19	VAX-SAYILKAN	IRELAND	П	-	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	-	П	
3	NETH/NDS RED	OZE-CKIS	43 -	20	22	-	8	
4	ITALY RED	AUSTRALIA	42 -	12	24	-	6	
5	NETH/NDS 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/NDS BLUE	NONAME	4 -	38	5	-	25	
П	JAPAN	T42	13 -	57	3	-	25	
12	NETH/NDS 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/NDS WHITE	GREECE SKY	62 -	10	25	-	I	
16	VENEZUELA	SCOTLAND U21	19 -	30	12	-	18	
17	KARACASU	YILANKIRAN 2	31 -	17	19	-	П	
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		۱N	1P	's		VP	"s	
1	JAPAN-CZECH	FRANCE	17	-	33	10	-	20	
2	NETH/NDS 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/NDS GIRLS	NONAME	16	-	26	12	-	18	
6	GREECOURA	MEYOUHAS	33	-	0	24	-	6	
7	EGYPT	NETH/NDS 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	
П	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/NDS BLUE	NETH/NDS WHITE	15	-	15	12	-	12	
16	VAX-SAYILKAN	SWITZERLAND	29	-	19	18	-	12	
17	JAPAN	COSTA RICA	61	-	10	25	-	I	
18	BELGIUM	YILANKIRAN 2	19	-	П	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/NDS GIRLS	OZE-CKIS	49	-	3	25	-	2
6	AOTEAROA	EGYPT	4	-	24	9	-	21
7	AUSTRALIA	T42	24	-	39	11	-	19
8	NETH/NDS ORANGE	NETH/NDS WHITE	38	-	0	25	-	4
9	SCOTLAND U26	GREECE BLUE	37	-	10	23	-	7
10	YILANKIRAN	TURKIYE-GIRLS	58	-	5	25	-	-1
П	NETH/NDS 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	-	Ι
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/NDS RED	POLAND	27	-	19	17	-	13
20	JAPAN-CZECH	ITALY RED	46	-	13	24	-	6



# Quarter Finals I USA BLUE - GREECOURA 2 POLAND - JAPAN-CZECH 3 NETHERLANDS RED - NONAME 4 ITALY RED - FRANCE

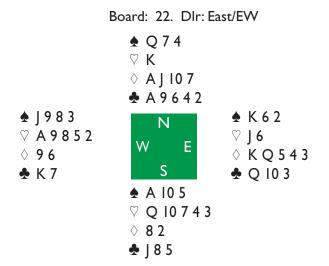
by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

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:



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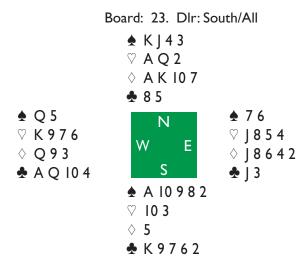
West	North	East	South
Lazar	Franceschetti	Meyouhas	Grosset
		Pass	Pass
ΙŸ	Dble	Redble	Pass
Pass	2♣	All pass	

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 Ro	oom		
West	North	East	South
Andrea	Asulin	Kilani	Levy
		I♦	Pass
I	Pass	INT	Pass
2♡	All 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  $2^{\circ}$  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:



#### Open Room West North East South Lazar Franceschetti Meyouhas Grosset Pass Dble **Pass** 3♠ **Pass** 4♠ All pass

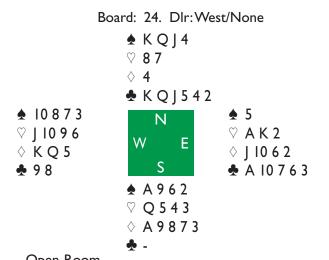
The normal contract was easily reached and West led a cunning low trump, away from his Queen. Declarer won the ten in hand and crossed to the ⋄A to lead a club to the King and Ace. West continued the ⋄Q, won in dummy, declarer shedding a heart. Another club went to East's jack and declarer ruffed the 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 Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Andrea	Asulin	Kilani	Levy	
			Pass	
I ♦	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:



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VVest	North	East	South	
Doxiadis	Tuczynski	Kontomitros	Jassem	
Pass	♣	Pass	ΙŸ	_
Pass	I♠	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4◊	Pass	4♠	
All pass				

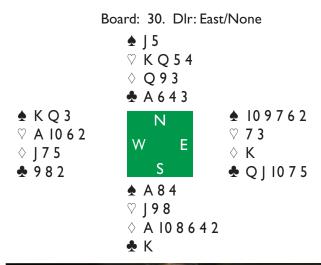
After the Polish Club and an unwelcome splinter, Tuczynski quickly ends up in 4\(\phi\) which proved too difficult on this layout. We have not yet found a way to make it double dummy either.

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Jochymski	Darkadakis	Kazmiercza	Roussos	
Pass	♣	Pass	I♦	
Pass	♠	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,  $\Diamond A$  and a diamond ruffed in hand, followed by another club, ruffed with the nine. West can overruff 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.





Kontomitros Konstantinos, Greece

Open Room					
West	North	East	South		
Lazar	Franceschetti	Meyouhas	Grosset		
		Pass	I♦		
Pass	Ι♡	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.

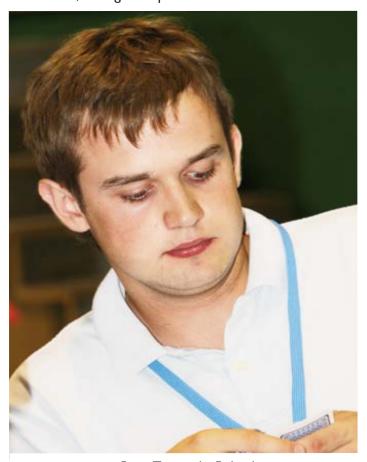
INT showed a black twosuiter and 3 confirmed a stopper in clubs. When South chose not to bid 3NT over 3 knorth jumped to the obvious alternative game contract for which West had a double in store.

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	I♦
Pass	Ι♡	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

No intervention and a  $\P Q$  lead. Dummy won and the  $\lozenge A$  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	I 🛇	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡	
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT	
All pass				

Here, South had become declarer in 3NT and West leads the  $\Delta$ K. Jassem wins the 3rd round of the suit and, instead of immediately going after the diamonds, first unblocks the  $\Delta$ K before crossing to the  $\nabla$ Q and leading the  $\Delta$ 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	I♦	
Pass	I 🛇	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) 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.worldbridgel.org. The two sites (www.worldbridge.org and www.worldbridgel.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

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 II-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 **♠** A 5 2 ♡ 1082 ♦ 32 ♣ O 10 5 4 2 **★** KQJ876 ♠ 10 3 Ν  $\Diamond$ ♥ 953 W ♦ J 9 8 5 ♦ AQ764 **♣** K 3 ♣ A 9 6 **♦** 94 ♥ AKQ764 ♦ K 10 ♣ J 8 7

Open	Room
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West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Кореску	Nab	Macura
			I♡
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♡	All pass	

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.

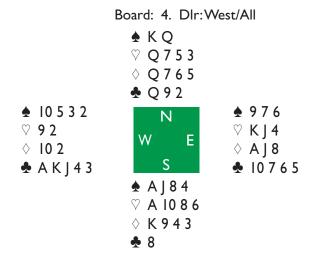
# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
			IŸ
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 I3 IMPs for their team.

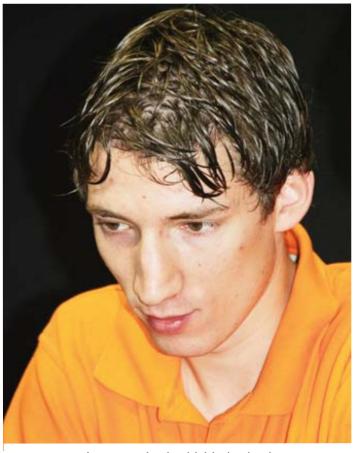
On the next board, Japan-Czech are again on the right side

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



Open Roc	om			
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

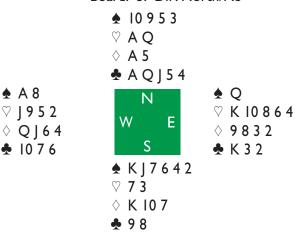
hands but the Czechs end up in a terrible contract, even more so after East finds a club lead. West wins his AK and clears the suit. Declarer wins the Queen, unblocks his top spades and plays a diamond to the King. Two more spades follow on which East discards his last club...and now he is forced to 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	I♦
Pass	I♡	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



# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura
	♣	ΙŸ	2♡
3♡	4♠	All pass	

 $2^{\heartsuit}$  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.

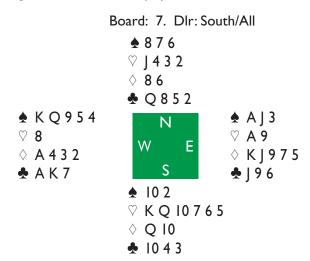
# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Koike	Philipsen	Miura	Van Lankveld
	♣	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:



#### 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 Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Wackwitz	Kopecky	Nab	Macura	
			2◊	_
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass	

20 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 score-board 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.

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: II. Dlr: South/None **★** K 10 8 4 ♡ K 8 7 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ | 9 6 **★** | 9 7 6 **◆** 532 ♥ **| 5 4** ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ 10 7 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ A K 7 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2 **♠** A O ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ A | 9 4 2 **♣** ○ 8

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta
•			♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All pass			

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

# Open Room

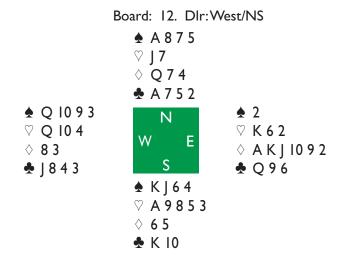
West	North	East	South
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg
			I ♦
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5◊	All pass	

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  $\triangle$ AK and a trump trick, provided there is no divine inspiration to run the  $\lozenge$ I.

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

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



# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg
Pass	Pass	I♦	ΙΫ́
Dble	INT	2♦	All pass

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



Jamilla Spangenberg, Netherlands

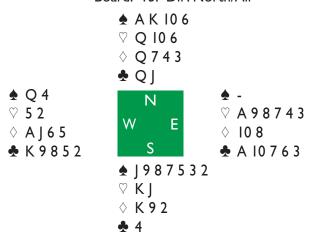
gives her sister a ruff. Sigrid returns a spade for Jamilla's Ace and another club is played, declarer ruffing with the nine. Next comes a heart to dummy's ten and North's Jack. North exits with a heart and, at her turn, ruffs the 3rd round of the suit. Down two, NL Girls +100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta	
Pass	I♦	2◊	Dble	
2♠	Pass	3♦	3♡	
Pass	3NT	All pass		

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

Board: 13. Dlr: North/All



# Open Room

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

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

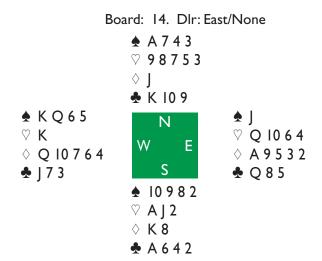
#### Closed Room

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

A system gadget enabled the Dutch EW to interfere more fiercely than their American counterparts. Over 1NT, the  $2^{\circ}$  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:



# Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Hollands	Di Franco	Howard	Manno	
		Pass	INT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠	
Pass	Pass	DЫ	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.

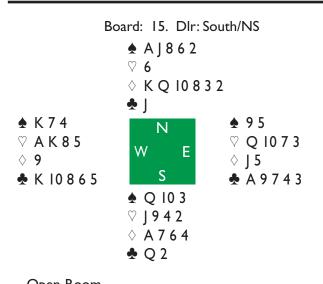
The defence, however, was extraordinary as you will rarely see two Aces being let through in a doubled partscore. North led his trump and dummy's Ace was put up. A heart to the King held the trick, as did a low spade to dummy's Jack. Declarer was now able to crossruff his majors, losing only two clubs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

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Paparo	Wu	Franchi	Edgtton	
		Pass	♣	
I ♦	Dble	4◊	All pass	

Against  $4\Diamond$  North also led his trump but here, declarer won the Ace and led the  $\clubsuit$ J. South jumped in with his Ace, after which it did no longer matter that here too, something went wrong with the  $\heartsuit$ 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:



Open Ko	oom			
West	North	East	South	
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg	
			Pass	
2◊	3◊	4♡	Dble	
All pass				

After the Precision-type  $2\lozenge$  opening by West, Jamilla first shows her six-card suit, hoping to bring spades to life later on. Lien's logical jump to  $4\heartsuit$  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 Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta	
			Pass	
l 💠	l 🏚	Dble	2♠	
3♡	4♠	All pass		

Kaplan has more bidding space and thus starts his actions by simply overcalling I♠ over I♣. 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 II 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:V	Vest/EW
	♠ Q82	
	♡ A 9 4 3 2	
	♦ 10	
	♣ K Q 9 4	
<ul><li>♠ 9643</li><li>♡ K I0</li><li>◇ K Q 82</li><li>♠ A 86</li></ul>	N W E S ♠ K J 5 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ J 6 3	♠ A 10 7
	√ 1 0 3     √ 1 10 5 3	

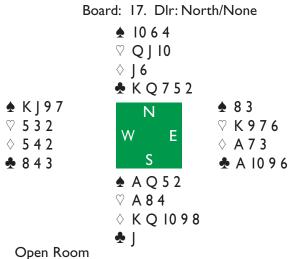
Open Roc	om			
West	North	East	South	
Hollands	Di Franco	Howard	Manno	
INT	2◊	Pass	2♡	_
All pass				

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 Ro	om		
West	North	East	South
Paparo	Wu	Franchi	Edgtton
10	10	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:



Open ne				
West	North	East	South	
Hollands	Di Franco	Howard	Manno	
	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 Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Paparo	Wu	Franchi	Edgtton	
	Pass	♣	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:

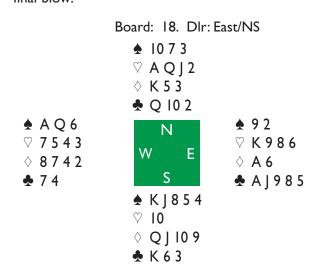
Open Ro	oom		
West	North	East	South
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg
	Pass	I♦	2♦
All pass			

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

Closed Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta	
	Pass	♣	Dble	
l 🏚	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:



Open Roo	om			
West	North	East	South	
Hollands	Di Franco	Howard	Manno	
		♣	Pass	
I ♦	Pass	I♡	Pass	
INT	Pass	2♡	All pass	

Manno took a very good decision when he first passed

I ♣ and then let his opponents in peace in  $2^{\circ}$ . This duly went one off, +50 to Italy Red.

Closed	Room
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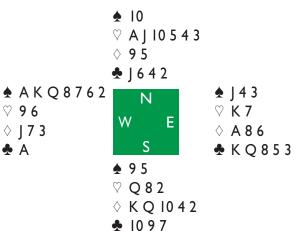
West	North	East	South	
Paparo	Wu	Franchi	Edgtton	
		♣	l 🏚	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All pass			

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,  $3 \triangleq$  by North (or even  $2 \triangleq$ ) 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  $\heartsuit Q$  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 I3 IMPs to lead 42-I2. 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. Dlr: South/EW



# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brescoll	J.Spangenberg	Lien	S.Spangenberg
			Pass
♣	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  $\heartsuit K$  would be protected, looks reasonable enough but maybe not quite. First of all, North is still odds-on to hold the  $\heartsuit A$  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  $\Diamond K$  on the table against 6NT, we had arrived in case B. NL Girls +100.

Closed Ro	oom			
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Kaplan	Nab	Shunta	
			Pass	_
♠	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  $4 \clubsuit$ . After the play, EW did not feel happy at all (Judith Nab is quoted saying:"Maybe I should have bid  $5 \spadesuit$ .") Right she was and North has every reason to congratulate himself on his  $3 \heartsuit$  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 overand 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!

by Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs

USA Red v. Noname Greecoura v. Ckis Skawina

Two more rounds to go and the positions on the leader-board 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:

Board: 21. Dlr: North/NS **♦**843 ♥ 7542 ♦ K 9 7 5 4 2 **★** | 10 7 2 ♠ A 9 ♥ Q9863 ♡ K J ♦ 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A 108 ♣ K | 9 7 5 4 3 2 **★** K Q 6 5 ♡ A 10 ♦ AQJI08 ♣ Q 6

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Roussos	Krysa	Darkadakis	Zmuda	
•	Pass	♣	Dble	
I 🛇	Pass	2♣	2♦	
3♣	4♣	5♣	Dble	
All pass				

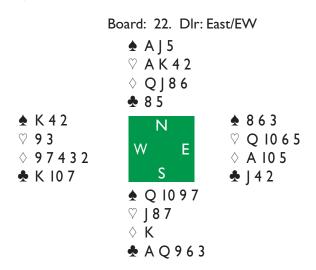
South, completely unaware of North's diamond support, decides to double 5♣ and collects +100 for Ckis Skawina when the contract goes one off.

# Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Kania	Doxiadis	Witkowski	Kontomitro	
	Pass	2♣	Dble	_
Redble	3♦	5♣	5◊	
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dble	
All pass				

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:





Konstantinos Doxiadis, Greece

Open Roc	om			
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.

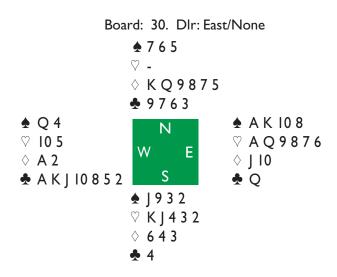
Closed Room
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West	North	East	South
Hudson	Imamoglu	Marriott	Sofu
		Pass	♣*
Pass	Ι♡	Pass	♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

# I ♣ 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.



Open Roo	om		
West	North	East	South
Kania	Doxiadis	Witkowski	Kontomitro
		IŸ	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	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, Greecoura, collected +300 for down two.

Closed Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Roussos	Krysa	Darkadakis	Zmuda	
		I 🛇	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  $\heartsuit$ 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 Greecoura. 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.

$\cap$	nen	Roo	m
$\sim$	DELL	1700	

West	North	East	South	
Ozer	Lien	Serdar	Brescoll	
		ΙŸ	Pass	
2♣	3◊	3♠	<b>4</b> ♦	
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
		♣	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, lik e 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

I. 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 I \( \bullet \), a contract that probable will make.

- 2. In a flash I saw with  $\bigstar K$  onside and  $\bigstar Q$  behaving a lot of easy tricks. Life is not always as comfortable and being a money player I would choose the following line: take  $\heartsuit A$ , ruff a heart and play a diamond. If East has  $\diamondsuit A$  everything goes easy, you win  $\diamondsuit K$  and ruff the last heart. Take  $\bigstar A$  and  $\bigstar K$  and play  $\bigstar J$  and duck it. Ten tricks are assured.
- 3. A very nice one. East raised to  $4\heartsuit$ , with  $\bigstar K$  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  $\triangle A$  to play a spade for  $\triangle Q$ .  $\triangle A$  cashed and a second diamond for  $\lozenge J$ . North now returned a trump (te reduce dummy's ruffing power) for  $\lozenge I$  0. 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  $\lozenge AQ$  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  $\heartsuit$ A. South encouraged, north took  $\heartsuit$ 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  $2\diamondsuit$ -sequence, East was the declarer and south led the  $\clubsuit$ K!

- 5. This one is tough. 3 NT seems natural but suppressing your five card  $\heartsuit$ -suit seems risky. For the south I was watching this was a tricky contract. The first good thing for declarer was when East chose  $\heartsuit$ K for a lead. Four rounds of trumps followed and a club for  $\clubsuit$ K. A small diamond from dummy and West erred by playing low, for  $\diamondsuit$ K. A second club for  $\clubsuit$ A who, with only clubs left, played a club for  $\clubsuit$ Q. The distribution was known and  $\diamondsuit$ Q put West in to lead into the  $\heartsuit$ 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  $\Diamond Q$  offside it will take a spade lead to make life difficult, and with  $\clubsuit K$  third or fourth onside (not unreasonable after the  $3\heartsuit$  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  $5\clubsuit$ ; it may well be a make. So entering the five level seemed right. I know I would have bid  $5\diamondsuit$  to ensure this lead against a possible  $6\clubsuit$ . But  $5\heartsuit$  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.

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 3 I 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 I:

5◊

Board: I. Dlr: North/None **★** K I 5 3 ♥ J 10 9 8 6 5 3 ♦ Q **♣** K 974 **♠** A 2 ♡ A 4 ♡ 72 ♦ 10963 ♦ AK | 7 2 9843 ♣ A Q 10 6 ♠ Q 1086 ♡ K Q  $\Diamond$  854 ♣ | 7 5 2 Open Room West South North East Molenaar Witkowski Verbeek Kania Pass | 💠 Pass 3♡ 4♡  $| \diamond |$ 4◊

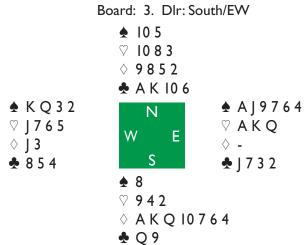
The strong variety of the Polish Club got a little unsettled when Tim Verbeek overcalled  $3\heartsuit$ . After that, the Poles landed in  $5\diamondsuit$  in which a trick in each side suit had to be lost. NL Red +50.

All pass

#### Closed Room West North East South Michielsen Krysa Drijver Zmuda Dble 2♣ 2♠ 3♡ 4♠ Pass 3♠ 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.



Open Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Witkowski	Verbeek	Kania	Molenaar	
			I♦	_
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  $5 \diamondsuit$  and then doubled the  $5 \clubsuit$  save, clearly the right thing to do as even  $5 \diamondsuit$  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 Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Michielsen	Krysa	Drijver	Zmuda	
			3NT	_
Pass	5◊	Dble	All pass	

Zmuda for Ckis Skawina opened a gambling 3NT, much more the nature of his hand. North's 5 $\Diamond$  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:

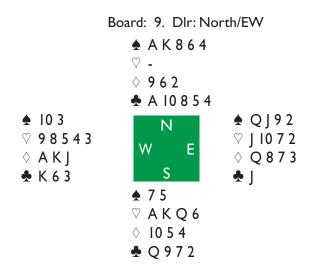
Closed Ro				
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Imamoglu	Nab	Sofu	
			3NT	
Pass	5♣	5♠	Pass	
6♠	Dble	All pass		

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

In the Open Room, the auction was much slower. Jamilla 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:



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Ozer	J.Spangenberg	Serdar	S.Spangenberg	
	I <b>♠</b>	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT	
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All pass			

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

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

Closed Ro	Closed Room			
West	North	East	South	
Dekkers	Imamoglu	Nab	Sofu	
	I ♠	Pass	INT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡	
Pass	5♣	All pass		

In the Closed Room, North was declarer and now, for East is 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 Roo	m		
West	North	East	South
Witkowski	Verbeek	Kania	Molenaar
	I ♠	Pass	INT
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 Ro	om			
West	North	East	South	
Michielsen	Krysa	Drijver	Zmuda	
	I <b>♠</b>	Pass	INT	
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.