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Let's Get Ready to Rumble!



The Press Room under the Watchful Eye of Jan Swaan

It's finals day in the European Open Team Championships! In the Open, **Herbst** face **Netherlands White**, while the bronze medals go to **Vito** and **Texan Aces**.

Dutch Blue lock horns with **CBC Milano** in the Women's final, **Joel** and **F.I.G.B** collecting bronze.

The Senior final is between **Bulgaria Seniors** and **Miroglio**, third place going to **Goraco** and **Winantalya**.

The quality of the semi finals is easily evidenced by the number of players taking part who have already won Gold, Silver and bronze medals in the European Open Championships – for example, **Herbst-Herbst**, winners in Menton face **de Wijs-Muller** champions in Tenerife.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.30 O/WIS Teams Final
- 14.00 O/WIS Teams Final
- 17.00 O/WIS Teams Final
- 10.30 O/WIS Pairs Semi-Final A&B
- 15.30 O/WIS Pairs Semi-Final A&B

Senior Pairs and Women SemiFinal-B Pairs are played in Ariston

Teams Prize Giving

Medals will be presented to the winners of the Seniors – Women – Open teams today at 20.30 in the Terrace of the Palafiori (3rd Floor – near the Cafeteria).

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAO PAULO 2009

**Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup,
D'Orsi Senior Bowl**

Round Robin August 30th-September 5th

KO Stages September 6th-September 12th

Transnational Open Teams

September 7th-September 12th



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OPEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	total
1	NED RED	2	31	33
	VITO	67	29	96
2	WELLAND	7	28	35
	NED WHITE	19	36	55
3	TEXAN ACES	28	43	71
	LENGY	26	3	29
4	HERBST	26	37	63
	VILLA FABBRICHE	11	19	30



ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	total
1	VITO	34	20	54
	NED WHITE	43	26	69
2	TEXAN ACES	26	24	50
	HERBST	70	28	98



WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	total
1	JOEL	17	52	69
	HANSEN	21	6	27
2	RIMSTEDT	21	2	23
	DUTCH BLUE	34	41	75
3	F.I.G.B. LADIES	32	24	56
	PENFOLD	22	15	37
4	POLAND	23	0	23
	CBC MILANO	36	43	79



ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	total
1	DUTCH BLUE	59	43	102
	JOEL	31	34	65
2	F.I.G.B. LADIES	17	34	51
	CBC MILANO	23	42	65



SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	total
1	OTVOSI	8	7	15
	GORACO	42	65	107
2	FORNACIARI	17	22	39
	BULGARIA SENIORS	47	14	61
3	MIROGLIO	23	55	78
	MILNER	29	7	36
4	WINANTALYA	49	16	65
	ADAD	27	21	48

ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	total
1	GORACO	19	32	51
	BULGARIA SENIORS	44	27	71
2	MIROGLIO	42	48	90
	WINANTALYA	33	25	58

OPEN TEAMS QUARTER-FINAL ROSTER

VITO	STEFANOV Julian, SKORCHEV S., RUSEV Tony, KARAIVANOV Kalin, ARONOV Victor, POPOV B.
VILLA FABBRICHE	INTONTI R., FAILLA G., SABBATINI S., AVOSSA M. D', GULLOTTA A., ATTANASIO Dario, PALMA F.
LENGY	BIRMAN Alon, BIRMAN David, FOHRER David, LENGY Assaf, LEVIN Amir, BAREKET Ilan
NETHERLANDS WHITE	MULLER Bauke, WIJS Simon de, DRIJVER Bas, BRINK Sjoert
NETHERLANDS RED	BAKKEREN Ton, RAMONDT Vincent, WESTRA Berry, BERTENS Huub
WELLAND	WEINSTEIN Howard, MAHMOOD Zia, GARNER Steve, WELLAND Roy, HENNER-WELLAND Christal
HERBST	HERBST Ophir, ZACK Yaniv, HERBST Ilan, BAREL Michael
TEXAN ACES	PRABHAKAR Honey, SUNDERRAM S., TEWARI R., VENKATESH Gopal, SHAH J., SRIDHARAN P.

WOMEN QUARTER-FINAL TEAMS ROSTER

HANSEN	DHONDY Heather, HANSEN Renate, MALINOWSKI Anna, SMEDEREVAC Jovanka, VIST Gunn tove
F.I.G.B. LADIES	ARRIGONI G., DE FALCO D., FERLAZZO C., MANARA G., OLIVIERI G., PAOLUZI S., RESTA G., SACCAVINI I.
POLAND	SZCZEPANSKA K. SOBOLEWSKA E., SAWICKA M., MAJ M., HARASIMOWICZ E., CICHOCKI M., BREWIAK G.
DUTCH LADIES BLUE	KELDER Hans, REENEN Alex van, SALM C., VERBEEK Martine, WIJMA Anke, ZWOL Wietske van
JOEL	ARNIM D., AUKEN Sabine, JOEL Geeske, ROSENBERG D., SEAMON-MOLSON Janice, SOKOLOW Tobi
PENFOLD	SENIOR Nevena, SMITH Nicola, PENFOLD Sandra, BROCK Sally
CBC MILANO	COLOMBO BRUGNONI G., GENTILI Luigina, PREVE M., ROSETTA A., SEVERGNINI M., VANUZZI M.
RIMSTEDT	SIMPSON Gigi, SJOBERG Emma, RIMSTEDT Cecilia, RIMSTEDT Sandra

SENIOR QUARTER-FINAL TEAMS ROSTER

ADAD	AUBERT Alain, DUPRAZ Pierre, ADAD Pierre, SALLIERE Gerard
MILNER	CARRUTHERS John, EKEBLAD Russ, GRANOVETTER Matt, HOBART Arno, MILNER R., SUNDELIN P.
OTVOSI	BILSKI G., KLAPPER Pavel, LASOCKI K., OTVOSI Keiko, OTVOSI Erwin, RUSSYAN Jerzy, SZMAKFEFER
FORNACIARI	PERSIANI I., RICCIARELLI M., FORNACIARI E., BETTINETTI G., BARONI F., MARIANI C., MARINO L.
WINANTALYA	SCHWARTZ Adrian, ROMIK Pinhas, LEVIT Yeshayahu, KAMINSKI Amos, SHEINMAN Rami
MIROGLIO	ROMANSKI Jacek, KOWALSKI Apolinary, COMELLA Amedeo, BURATTI Andrea, BONGIOVANNI Giulio
GORACO	WALA Wlodzimierz, SZENBERG Stefan, KIERZNOWSKI Roman, MILASZEWSKI Mirosław
BULGARIA SENIORS	GRAMATIKOV G. CHAVDAROV H., TSOLOV T solo, MARKOV M., DARAKTCHIEV S., PETKANOV D.

PAIRS PRIZE-GIVING AND CLOSING CEREMONY



The Pairs Prize-Giving and Closing Ceremony will be held on Saturday 27th June at 20.00, on the 3rd floor of Palafiori Palace.
A buffet will follow.

Awards:

1. Medals and titles will be awarded to the 3 pairs best classified in Final A of each category.
2. Plaques will be presented to the first 3 pairs classified in Final B of the three categories.
3. Challenge Trophies will be assigned to the Presidents of the Federations to which the first European Pair in each category belong. Replicas will be presented to the first, second and third classified pairs. This only applies to those European pairs where both players are from the same country.

The Trophies are :

Paul Magerman Trophy for Senior category
AnnaMaria Torlontano Cup for Women category
Giorgio Belladonna Trophy for Open category.

Would the players confirm their participation in the Closing Ceremony at the Hospitality Desk not later than Thursday 25th June

Open Teams Round of 32 Zimmermann v Monaco

by Jos Jacobs

The winners of the Swiss A, Zimmermann, a French-based multinational with Polish and Norwegian branches, had chosen the surprise qualifiers from Monaco as their opponents for the first stage of the knockout. Though many of us might well have been expecting a walk-over, the organisers still decided to put this match on BBO, which proved a good move. The match was full of interesting deals and, even more important, it was a very entertaining display.

The dealing machine apparently had not slept well as it produced slam hands on three out of the first four boards. Board 1 was a simple push in 6♦. Board 2 saw both teams play in five but it has to be admitted that a save would have been profitable, even at the seven-level. Board 3 was an easy game and this was board 4:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All pass			

3♥ showed a strong 5-5.

Reaching 6♥ is not the issue here but how would you play to make 12 tricks?

Zmudzinski won the ♣J lead with his queen and cashed two top trumps before crossing in clubs to play a spade to the ten and king. Fissore returned his last trump so now Zmudzinski had to decide between going for the (unlikely) squeeze on West (it works!) or the repeated spade finesse.

For the latter plan to succeed, spades have to be 3-3 as well. The extra chance, West not being able to return a trump, was gone. As the squeeze would be very much against the odds (it works only if West holds both ♦K and the missing spade honour), Zmudzinski took the second spade finesse and thus finished two down, Monaco +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Desmoulins</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Allavena</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All pass			

In the other room, Allavena made no problem of the play. He won the club lead in dummy and immediately took a losing spade finesse. He then won the club return, cashed exactly two top trumps and played ♠A and another, ruffed in dummy. Almost too easy but worth +1430 and 17 IMPs to Monaco.

A few boards later, the Polish pair overbid slightly:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♦
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All pass		

It has to be admitted that South holds both majors and North holds a fair hand. West, however, would have nothing to do with it. He was looking at two aces and a partner who could afford a double of 1♦.

Down three, Monaco +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Desmoulins	Multon	Allavena
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♥
3♣	3♦	4♣	All pass

This -500 in the Open Room would not have been too serious had the French managed to reach game. Zimmermann's cautious pass of 4♣, however, netted +150 and a loss of 8 IMPs.

Two boards later, the Polish Club could not easily discover a club fit:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fissore	Balicki	Catellani	Zmudzinski
1♠	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dble	All pass	Pass

If you play Polish Club, this auction is almost automatic. Down two, Zimmermann +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Desmoulins	Multon	Allavena
1♠	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

If 1♣ is natural, it's a different story. When both the ♣A and the ♦K appeared in North, West soon found out there was no defence. Monaco +750 and 6 more IMPs to lead 39-0 after 10 boards! It almost looked a walkover now!

On the next board, Fissore was severely punished for a slight misplay:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fissore	Balicki	Catellani	Zmudzinski
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	All pass		Pass

The normal contract was reached easily enough. To defeat this, North has to lead the ♣K or, maybe even better, the ♠A followed by the ♣K. On any other lead, declarer has to be careful to first discard a club on the ♥K before drawing trumps. Fissore won the ♥J lead and immediately led a top trump from hand. No problem for Balicki, one down, Zimmermann +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Desmoulins	Multon	Allavena
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All pass		



Henri Fissore, Monaco

Well played by Zimmermann on the same ♠J lead. ♥A, over to ♦A, ♥K and trumps – the recommended line for +420 and a fully deserved 10 IMPs to open their account.

Just before the end of the first half, another slam crept in:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
3NT	Pass	INT	Pass
	All pass		

No nonsense, this Monegasque auction. Twelve tricks, +690 to them.



Jean Charles Allavena, Monaco

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Desmoulins</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Allavena</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	All pass

Nice distribution, this West hand, but probably not strong enough facing a 15-17 NT. Had the ♣K been right, this slam would certainly have had play. With both the spade length and the ♣K in South, 12 tricks looked far away and so it proved. Monaco another +100 and 13 IMPs.

Another disaster for Zimmermann on the last board of the set:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All pass

Just as they did on the previous board, Fissore-Catellani here again managed to leave the problems alone. East simply bid 4♥ when given the chance and that was it. Monaco +420 when Fissore ruffed two diamonds, cashed the ♥A and lost only three trump tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Desmoulins</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Allavena</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Multon could have corrected to 4♣ but he no doubt expected better diamonds with his partner. When the clubs did not break, E/W at their turn also got “severely pun-

ished” for not reaching a better contract. Monaco + 50 and another 10 IMPs to lead 65-10 at halftime.

For the second half, Helness came in to replace Zimmermann and Fissore-Catellani would face them after dealing quite satisfactorily with Balicki-Zmudzinski.

The Zimmermann team would have to get back at least 55 IMPs to be in with a chance, so they showed aggression all over the place. This was the second board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Catellani</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

If you want a swing, you should double. That’s what Helness did and he duly got the swing when he made the logical (after the double, that is) lead of the ♣K. One overtrick, Monaco +690.



Cezary Balicki, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allavena</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Desmoulines</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

Desmoulines did not want a swing so he quietly passed 4♥. He led a spade, declarer made the same overtrick but Desmoulines still got his swing, if he wanted it or not. Monaco -450 but +6 IMPs to them. Their lead now: 61.

Two subsequent boards brought a dramatic change:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Catellani</i>
	1♦	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

3NT is too high, but the defenders have to be on their toes. North led a diamond to dummy’s ace and declarer unblocked his ♣K. Next came a low spade to North who shifted to hearts. Declarer won the ace and played another spade, North again winning and returning a heart, this time won with dummy’s king. This second heart proved a fatal mistake as Multon could now cash the ♣A, cross in hearts and lead a spade to endplay North. Had North first cashed his third top spade, the endplay would not have been possible and the contract would have gone down. As it was: Zimmermann + 400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allavena</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Desmoulines</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	1♦	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	All pass

The Monegasques came nowhere near bidding a game (and rightly so) but found out they could not even make 3♣...Zimmermann another +50 and 10 IMPs back. Still 51 to go.

And then:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Catellani</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♥ Dble	1♠ All pass	4♥	6♣

Catellani might have chosen to bid 5♣, which looks high enough, but he would have been much better off had he not bid at all. Down five, Zimmermann +1400. This was a serious blow!


Please note the effect of the overcall: Helness could throw in a preemptive raise now. There may even be play for 4♣...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allavena</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Desmoulin</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dble All pass	1♠	Pass	3♣

When Allavena doubled 1♦ instead of overcalling 1♥ as Multon did, Zmudzinski could show the full values of his hand by jumping to only 3♣. That proved far too difficult already: down two, Monaco +200 but 15 IMPs more back to Zimmermann to trail by just 36 now with 10 to go.

JOURNALISTS



There will be an informal meeting of all journalists today at 09.30 in the Press Room. Journalists will have a chance to put questions and suggestions to their Executive, and get an update from their President.

A few boards later, the international mini-NT struck:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fissore</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Catellani</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Nice and easy. Zimmermann + 460 when 11 tricks came home after two rounds of diamonds followed by a heart shift.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allavena</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Desmoulin</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass 2♦ 2♠	Pass Dble All pass	1♠ Pass	Pass Pass

When East did (could?) not open the bidding, it became much more difficult for E/W to assess their combined values. Eleven tricks here as well but only +200 for Monaco and 6 IMPs to Zimmermann to trail by 29.

Zimmermann were beginning to run out of boards when this adventure came along:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West Multon	North Fissore	East Helness	South Catellani
		1♠	2♣
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♥	All pass		

No problem. Zimmermann +2210 and a flat board in sight...

This was by no means so when the Monegasques ended up in 5♠...we will not trouble you with the auction in this case! Anyway, +650 to Monaco and another 17 IMPs back to Zimmermann to trail by 11 if you have been counting well...

However, just a few moments earlier, they had played board 25:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West Multon	North Fissore	East Helness	South Catellani
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All pass

This was far too high, even more so when North led a heart. Down two, though in the end declarer regretted not having the ♠7 instead of the ♠6...Monaco +200.

Needless to say that they would have nothing of all this aggression in the Closed Room. E/W stayed quietly in 1NT, making 10 tricks and thus scoring 9 IMPs to make the actual margin 20 with two to play. The Number One of the Qualifications had been ousted by a team of their own choice – it happened again!

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Migry Shows How

by Jan van Cleeff

When Migry Campanile enters the press room, you had better be on your toes. "I made 3NT, but it is not a big thing," the redheaded bridge star admits. Still, at the other table 3NT wasn't made. Moreover, when the deal was shown on BBO, the commentators didn't come further than seven tricks with their predictions.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A Q 9 3										
	♥ A 10										
	♦ J 8 3 2										
	♣ 8 6 3										
♠ 10 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 7 6 2
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♦ A K 5	♦ 9 7 6 4										
♣ A K J 5	♣ 10 9										
	♠ 8 4										
	♥ Q 9 8 5 4										
	♦ Q 10										
	♣ Q 7 4 2										

West Campanile	North	East Varenne	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The diamond lead went to queen and ace. Spade ten for queen and king. Club 10 and the rest of the clubs. Spade, taken by North. Diamond for ten and king and diamond to North's jack. Curtains, as in the four-card ending, North always has to give away two tricks:

	♠ 9										
	♥ A 10										
	♦ 8										
	♣ —										
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♣ —	♣ —										
	♠ —										
	♥ Q 9 8 5										
	♦ —										
	♣ —										

The Big Bang

by Brent Manley

The round of 32 in the Open Teams featured a match between two of the stronger squads: Netherlands Red Team and the Lou Ann O'Rourke team from the USA.

As expected, it was a close contest, at least until early in the second half, when everything fell apart for the Americans.

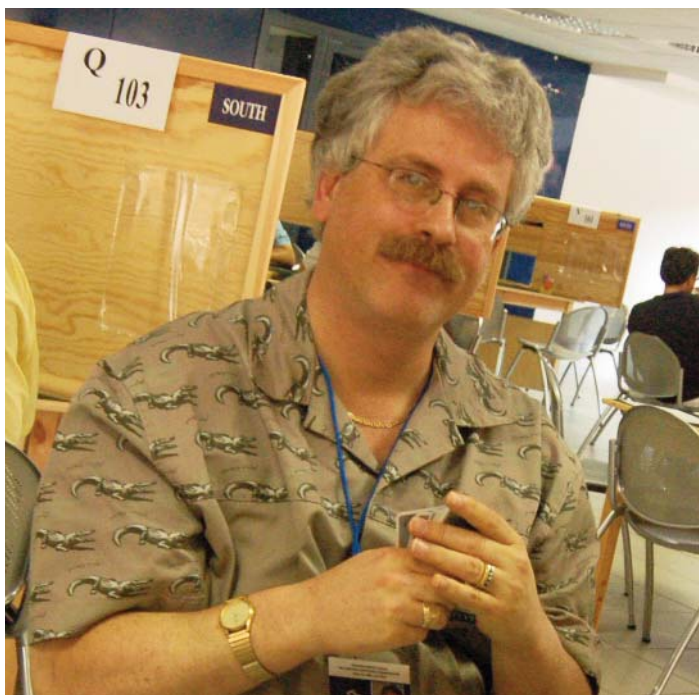
The match started well for the O'Rourke team, who bid the North/South cards on board one to 6♦, while the other room stopped in 5♦.

It was 12-0 O'Rourke when the Dutch broke through.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT



Eric Rodwell, USA

Eric Rodwell started with the ♠10, and there was nothing Vincent Ramondt could do to avoid two down. He won the ♠J in hand, played a diamond to dummy's queen. His only hope was that Meckstroth had both missing honours in hearts, so he played a heart to the 10. Rodwell took the ♥Q and his five spade tricks for plus 200.

Was this going to be a push? Not exactly.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Jacobus</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>O'Rourke</i>
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

Huib Bertens heard his partner bid spades twice, and he knew the clubs were not going to be a source of tricks for declarer, so he pulled out the red card.

The play went more or less the same after Bertens' lead of a spade went to the 9 and king, but the result was plus 500 to Netherlands Red and a 7-IMP gain.

The Dutch tied the match two boards later.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
1♥	1♠	INT	1♦
Dble	Redble	3♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	4♣	All Pass

Ramondt led the ♦K. Jeff Meckstroth took dummy's ♦A and played another round, South winning and playing a third round. Meckstroth ruffed with dummy's ♣J and played another club, North ducking. Meckstroth had to concede three tricks from there to finish minus 100, a 6-IMP loss because of what happened at the other table.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Jacobus</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>O'Rourke</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

It was over quickly when Bertens led his singleton heart. Ton Bakkeren won the ace, gave Bertens a ruff, got back in with the ♦A for a third round of hearts. Minus 100 and 5 IMPs to the Dutch.

Four consecutive pushes followed, including 5♣ doubled, making, at both tables. The following was one of the pushes, and it shows how expert players guard against possible pitfalls.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Both tables reached 4♠ by West, North leading the ♥J. Looking at all four hands, you can see that the highly unlikely opening lead of the ♣K will result in defeat, but if declarer isn't careful, North can recover to gain a plus score.

Say East plays a trump at trick two. North can see from looking at dummy that there is little hope for the defense unless South has the ♣A. Accordingly, North will win the ♠A and play the ♣K and will be happy to see a come-on from South. The contract will be one down when North receives his club ruff.

At both tables – Rodwell at one, Bakkeren at the other – declarer could see the danger, so both won the ♥A, entered dummy with the ♦A and pitched a club on the ♥K. Now when each declarer led a spade to his king and North's ace and the inevitable ♣K, club to the ace, third round of clubs followed, he was ready. He ruffed the third round of clubs with a high trump and soon after claimed plus 420.

Of interest is the fact that the board was played 32 times in the Open Teams, all but two times in 4♠. Fourteen times, the result was minus 50. On five of those occasions, the opening lead was the ♣K (perhaps not so unlikely after all). That means nine declarers in 4♠ could not see the danger ahead – and suffered the consequences.

At any rate, well played by Rodwell, Bakkeren and many others.

The next deal broke the tie.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♥	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Rodwell's 2♥ was a "good" raise of spades. Ramondt led the ♦A then switched to a low club. Meckstroth considered his play for some time before playing dummy's king. Meckstroth cashed the ♦K to pitch a club, then played a spade to the 10 and South's king. A third round of diamonds was ruffed by Meckstroth, and he played a spade to the jack and North's ace. Now a fourth round of diamonds promoted South's ♠8. Meckstroth finished two down for minus 100.

At the other table, things went badly for O'Rourke.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Jacobus</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>O'Rourke</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

Bakkeren started with a low spade, and O'Rourke made her first error by taking the ace in dummy. That meant she needed extreme luck in diamonds for that suit to come in, and she didn't get it.

The $\diamond Q$ held at trick two, and declarer continued with the $\diamond J$, playing low when East discarded. Bakkeren won the $\diamond K$ and played the $\spadesuit J$, ducked by declarer. A third spade cleared the suit. O'Rourke played a low club from hand, taken by West with the jack. He got out with a diamond, establishing his 10 and was soon in again with the $\clubsuit K$. O'Rourke took five tricks for minus 400 – 11 IMPs to Ned Red.

O'Rourke regained the lead on the next deal when Bertens and Bakkeren bid to a no-play $6\diamond$, finishing one down, while Meckstroth took 12 tricks in 3NT.

The last deal of the set was rough for both sides.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
		2 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \clubsuit	3 \diamond	4 \diamond	Pass
4 \spadesuit	Pass	5 \clubsuit	Pass
5 \diamond	Pass	5NT	Pass
6 \heartsuit	All Pass		

Rodwell's 3 \clubsuit showed six or more hearts over the Precision 2 \clubsuit , and they landed in the heart slam. Taken in isolation, the heart suit will produce five tricks about 70% of the time. When you have to use one of dummy's trumps for ruffing, it falls to about 40%. On the actual lie of the cards, there was no chance for 12 tricks. In fact, after the lead of the $\clubsuit 9$ by North, Rodwell finished three down for minus 150 – and a 4-IMP gain for O'Rourke.

Bakkeren and Bertens had a long auction – with a 2 \diamond bid by Marc Jacobus thrown in at his first opportunity – to 6 \clubsuit , which was doubled by O'Rourke. That contract went only two down, but it was plus 300 for the Americans, who held a 29-23 lead at the halfway point.

Bobby Levin and Geoff Hampson came in for Jacobus and O'Rourke, and they started off with a poor result on the first deal, playing in a 4-2 club fit, down one, while Ramondt played in 1NT, making two. That tied the match at 29 each.

On the fourth board, O'Rourke suffered disaster.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
		Pass	1 \diamond
Dble 4 \heartsuit	2 \spadesuit Dble	3 \heartsuit All Pass	4 \clubsuit

Ramondt led the $\diamond A$, ruffed by Meckstroth in dummy. The $\spadesuit A$ was followed by a spade ruff and the $\clubsuit 9$. Ramondt went up with the $\clubsuit A$ and played the $\clubsuit Q$. Meckstroth won in dummy, ruffed a spade, then ruffed a diamond with dummy's 9. Westra overruffed and returned a heart. Try as he might, Meckstroth could not come to 10 tricks. That was minus 100.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Levin</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>Hampson</i>
		Pass	1 \diamond
Dble Dble	1 \spadesuit All Pass	2 \heartsuit	5 \clubsuit


Considering the vulnerability, the fact West showed clubs with his takeout double and that both opponents were bidding, Hampson's 5 \clubsuit was rash, to say the least. The result was devastating. Bakkeren led the $\spadesuit K$ and continued with a low spade, ruffed by Bertens. The $\clubsuit 9$ went to the queen and king, and the $\clubsuit 8$ was returned to declarer's jack. Hampson led a low diamond to dummy's 10 and East's queen, and Bertens forced declarer with a heart. Hampson played the $\diamond A$, ruffed by West, who then played the $\spadesuit A$. Hampson ruffed, pulled the last trump and cashed as many diamonds as he could before conceding the rest. That was five down for minus 1400 and a 17-IMP loss.

Suddenly, the close match was becoming a runaway.

The Americans earned a 6-IMP swing on board 19 when Rodwell made an overtrick in 2 \spadesuit while Bertens went down in the same contract, played from the East seat instead of the West. The Americans also earned a non-vulnerable game swing near the end, when the issue was settled. Otherwise, it was all Ned Red.

The two deals that follow show that even the best players can have bad days.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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


West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
		1♣	4♣
4♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Over Meckstroth's strong, artificial 1♣, Ramondt's 4♣ really gummed up the works, leaving Meckstroth with a difficult decision on how to continue. He chose a makeable contract, but it was short of what was needed. Plus 1460.

At the other table, Bertens and Bakkeren did not receive interference – perhaps Hampson was still thinking about his last high-level club bid – and cruised easily into 7NT for plus 2220 and another double-digit gain (13 IMPs).

The final deal of the set could have been a swing for O'Rourke (not nearly enough), but it didn't work out.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Bakkeren and Bertens stopped in 4♣, making six on a diamond lead from Hampson.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Ramondt found the only lead to trouble declarer – a club, removing the entry to the diamonds. Meckstroth took the ♣A and played three rounds of spades. North won the third round and exited with a diamond. Meckstroth now had South in a minor-suit squeeze. On the run of the trumps, South discarded down to a singleton ♣Q, but Meckstroth misread the layout and pitched the ♣J near the end, finishing one down when the diamonds did not split.

That was 11 IMPs away, making the final score for the second half 59-13 for Ned Red and 82-42 for the match.

A (very brief) Senior moment

Matthew Granovetter popped by to ask a question. No pressure – your qualification for the quarter-finals depends on your next bid and play.... Take as long as you like!

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 10 9 5 4 3 2
♦ J 5
♣ K 10


With nobody vulnerable you hear two passes to you. Your methods include a strong club and four-card majors. Are you a man or a mouse?

Being a senior, you choose to reserve your fire for the time being. You pass and your opponents bid unopposed 1♦-1♠-2♠-4♠.

Over to you for an opening lead.

Granovetter argued cogently that his passed partner must have close to an opening bid for his side to have a chance to set the game. His partner's failure to act suggested a hand oriented to the minors. Out came the ♣K, down went the contract.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Granovetter's teammates had sold out to 3♥ in the other room for +50. The 3-IMP pickup gave them a win by 19-0 in the match, just enough for a 21-9 win and an advance by the margin of IVP over the fifth-placed team.

Women Round 13

by Barry Rigal

With two rounds to go in the women, the teams in fifth and sixth place, the wrong side of the bubble, were due to meet. The match had a heavily French overtone; it would be Dinkins in the form of Karen McCallum-Lynn Baker against Lea Robert/Marion Canonne for French Girls. Meanwhile in the other room I would be watching Sylvie Willard/Benedicte Cronier against Carole Puillet/Jessie Carbonneaux.

The match started quietly enough with two games for East/West. Then came a deal where the same pair had to stay low:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Carbonneaux/Puillet avoided slam on a simple auction 1♠ - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♠ - Pass.

McCallum/Baker ran into trouble; 1♠-2♣-2♦-3♠-4NT-5♥-6♠. Two inevitable club losers meant one down, and 13 IMPs for the French Girls.

A deal that Cronier-Willard passed out with two 11-counts facing one another meant four more IMPs for their opponents. 17-0. Then:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

This looked like an easy slam to bid, and Carbonneaux/Puillet succeeded via the sequence:

1♥-1♠-3♥-4NT-5♠-6♠. In the other room E/W found the hand more awkward when East quite reasonably did not jump to 3♥ at her second turn. It is far from easy to reach slam after the 2♥ rebid, since after 3♣-3NT West might well find herself in jeopardy at the five-level. Nonetheless perhaps a raise to 4NT would get the job done? The match margin was 29 IMPs now.

Sylvie Willard then had a problem when she picked up the South cards on Board 8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

After (1♥)-1♠-(2♥) to her she took a thoughtful decision to double first en route to 4♠. Things then developed nicely from her perspective; 3♥ to her right, 4♠ from partner. Now what? A jump to 6♠ -- penalizing partner for her



Carole Puillet, France

ebullience? A delicate 5♥ to reach slam facing a heart void? When she passed, it was the comment that she had seen her partner's bids before. Right she was, in a sense, since slam was only moderate, but 12 tricks were available when clubs behaved in very helpful fashion. No swing there after North took a more direct route to game in the other room.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 4 2 ♥ 10 9 7 2 ♦ A J 8 7 5 3 ♣ —	♠ Q 5 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ A J 10 3 2 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K J 10 ♥ K 6 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 8 7 5 4	♠ 8 7 6 3 ♥ A Q 5 3 ♦ K ♣ K Q 9 6	
West	North	East	South
<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Puillet</i>	<i>Willard</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Sitting behind Carbonneaux, I liked her choice of actions, but not the dummy she bought. Not to worry though; the defenders led four rounds of spades, ruffed with ♦8 and overruffed. Back came a heart and Carbonneaux rose with ♥A to unblock trumps and ruff a club to hand. When the ♦A dropped the ♦Q that was eight tricks for declarer. In



Sylvie Willard, France

the other room E/W climbed on an unopposed auction to 3♥, losing the first four spades and the ♥K for down one. The French Girls now led 34-0.

Both N/S pairs did very well to stop at five of a minor in a highly competitive auction with the only losers three small clubs facing A109xxx (with the missing clubs splitting 3-1). Then Dinkin got on the board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 4 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ K J 10 9 4 3	♠ Q 10 5 3 ♥ 10 8 5 4 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ 7 6 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 6 ♥ Q J 7 6 3 ♦ 10 8 4 3 ♣ A 8	♠ K J 9 8 7 ♥ K 2 ♦ A K J ♣ Q 5 2	
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Willard-Cronier got in their opponents' faces when Cronier, North, produced a preemptive jump raise of the opening 1♥ to 3♥. Puillet intervened with 3♠ (it was hard to see how much better a double would have worked) and Carbonneaux gave it a lot of thought before passing out 3♠. Puillet lost three trumps and club for 140, but less aggressive actions by N/S in the other room let Baker/McCallum play 3NT for ten tricks. 34-7 now.

And things got better for the chasing team here:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 4 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ J 8 7 6 4	♠ Q 9 3 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ Q J 7 5 4 2 ♣ 2 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ J 10 7 5 2 ♥ A 5 4 2 ♦ A ♣ A Q 9	♠ A K 8 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ K 10 5 3	
West	North	East	South
<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Puillet</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Cronier's jump to game was a trifle aggressive but not unreasonable given the state of the match at her table (where although her side had done little wrong it was clear that her opponents had really given nothing away). Against 4♥ the club lead let Willard ruff a club on the board and rely

in due course on the very favorable heart lie. Given no negative double from West, was it more likely that you should establish a diamond or play for the heart break? Not an easy problem but declarer opted to rely on the hearts (perhaps with a red-suit squeeze in reserve) and was rewarded with 620.

In the other room an initial trump lead set 4♠ painlessly; it was 34-19.

Just as Dinkin was threatening to make ends meet, the French Girls moved the ends.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

A natural auction saw Puillet open 1♣ and rebid INT after Willard had overcalled 1♥ and West had bid 1♠; Carbonneaux relayed and found three trumps, then jumped to 4♠. Cronier obediently led hearts; had Willard covered dummy's ten, declarer would have had to tread very delicately indeed. When she ducked Carbonneaux was in dummy to lead a trump and duck the second round. That produced a painless 620.

In the other room McCallum's 14-17 no-trump saw her



Lea Robert, France

declarer in 4♠ as East and Lea Robert's incisive diamond lead sank the contract immediately. 49-17 now, and still time for one more possible swing.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Both tables reached 3NT by South. Carbonneaux, on an auction where her side had been silent (1♦-INT-3♦-3NT) led a spade of course and that was -430. Baker, who had been obliged systemically – and was maybe even delighted to do so, since there is no accounting for taste – to open 2♠, now knew enough to lead a heart.

Curiously, the heart queen might have made things both easier and more difficult, since the winning defence is to switch to a high spade and for West to win and then go back to hearts. The high heart lead makes it easier for East to shift but there again, harder for West to find the shift back to hearts.

In fact McCallum continued hearts and declarer had nine tricks somewhat later in the day. The match finished 21-0 for the French Girls – a pyrrhic victory since it took the Dinkins team out of a qualifying place, but their conquerors were unable to produce the big win they needed in their final match to advance to a qualifying spot either.

One other aside; the bridge at this tournament has generally been played in good spirits, but I was especially happy to see players enjoying their game so much. While Cronier/Willard cannot have been happy to run into opponents playing on such good form, they helped their opponents feel at ease and congratulated them on their good play. I applaud the players if for no other reason than that it makes my job a lot more enjoyable.

EBL President's Press Conference

Friday June 26 at 11.00am in the Hotel Nationale, Corso Matteotti 3 Sanremo (6th floor).

Agenda

- 1 Results of Sanremo
- 2 EBL's plans for the future
- 3 Questions

National and International Journalists are invited. Please report to the Press Room Manager, Jan Swaan if you plan to attend the Press Conference.

PLAYER INTERVIEW – THOMAS BESSIS

by David Stern

You will recall that Gianarrigo Rona feels that Bridge has many parallels to sport. However, there are some other aspects of the game which differ greatly from traditional sporting pursuits. Bridge is a game which allows average players to compete in the same arena as the world's greatest players. Imagine you are a reasonable golfer; playing a round of golf with Tiger Woods would be unimaginable – I believe he charges \$US1.4 million for this pleasure. However if you are a reasonable player from any part of the world you are invited to come to the European Open Championships and play in a tournament with many of the best in the world.

Another positive aspect of bridge for many of us is the ability to establish lasting friendships with people from all around the world and to meet them regularly at bridge tournaments. And so it was at the World Youth Teams Championships in Sydney in 2005, where I met the French Team of Thomas and Olivier Bessis, Julien Gaviard, Guillaume and Jerome Grenthe and Godefroy De Tessieres. The team finished a creditable fourth, losing the bronze medal playoff against Canada. Collectively these guys were outstanding ambassadors for France and French Bridge.

Since then my path has crossed that of several members of the team at various tournaments around the world and we have all been able to follow the progress of Thomas Bessis as he rises to the top level of Bridge in France and the wider European stage. These events gave me my opportunity to interview Thomas after he failed to make the finals series of the teams, so that we can all find out a little more about him and his life.

Thomas was born in Paris in 1984 and is the son of Veronique Bessis, who won her first European Women's Championship in 1982 and has been a near-regular on the French Women's Team ever since. His father is Michel Bessis, who has won several European Titles and captained many French Women's Teams. So he was probably always destined to be a bridge player and a good one at that if genes count for anything.

He first learned bridge at the age of eleven when, with brother Olivier then 13, they were conscripted into making up a family foursome. "My father decided thirty years ago to become a bridge professional and now teaches and coaches bridge players in France. He has limited computer

skills, so my mother helps him by preparing all of his notes and also plays bridge professionally. So it was destiny that I would go into the 'family business' and become a bridge professional."

It took two or three years for his enthusiasm for the game to grow and, while bridge was not possible at school he played at the various clubs in Paris, where he was supported and encouraged by other players and he has been playing intensely since then. During his teen

years there were a limited number of youth players, and teams for international youth tournaments were usually selected by players phoning each other and arranging to play. Following France's win in the 1998 Channel Trophy (England, Belgium, France and Netherlands) and participation in the Schools Championships, youth bridge in France became much more structured with the

commencement around 2002 of teams selection trials and increased involvement by the Federation in managing and promoting youth bridge.

"In 2001, we lost to the Polish Team. I always lose to the Polish team" says Thomas, "I would never choose a Polish Team to play against if we have the choice."

In 2002, Thomas graduated from high school and commenced an engineering course in the prestigious Grenoble University. He didn't like the focus on electronics and the course in general, so, after 18 months he returned to Paris and completed a mathematics degree, something which is a family tradition, with his father Michel and brother Olivier holding mathematics qualifications. When asked about Olivier's bridge abilities compared to his own Thomas responds "He is probably the best player in the family. He hasn't had the opportunities that I have had and can at times be very 'intellectual' about the game."

In 2007, following in his father's footsteps, he chose to forego mathematics (and who would blame him?) to pursue a career as a bridge professional. I recall a dinner in Las Vegas after a session of the Cavendish Pairs where he sat next to Boye Brogeland, intent on learning about life as a professional and how it all worked. That year he finished 9th in the Cavendish in a tournament he describes as "the most fun you can have a bridge player."

As a bridge professional he has been fortunate that his services are generally secured together with his father,



with whom he has an excellent partnership. "My father has taught me some very valuable bridge lessons:

- always believe you can win and never give up;
- be optimistic when things are looking bad and be pessimistic when they are looking good; and
- remember you have teammates and a partner – have confidence in them"

He supplements his playing income by writing bridge articles and match reports for bridge magazines. In terms of marketing his services as a player he has engaged that leading public relations firm, "Michel et Veronique Bessis SA" to market his services. To date, they have secured some attractive playing deals with more under negotiation.

Like all bridge professionals Thomas has his eye on a deal to play in the US Nationals, where a player can earn between \$US25,000 and \$50,000 for 8-10 days play. But this is a very competitive marketplace and, as an outsider, one must establish one's credentials to be considered. "I am sure I can play well in the US Nationals and hope to make a name for myself playing there" says Thomas.

Perhaps in response to the need to be optimistic when things look bad, Thomas believes that bridge has a good future. "Bridge is suffering from an inability to market the game. It doesn't work well on television but the game is oh so beautiful people will come to learn that."

Thomas still lives in Paris, sharing an apartment with his Youth Bridge partner Frederic Volcker, but does spend a lot of time 'on the road' playing in bridge tournaments around the world. He is fortunate in having a very large bridge library within the family and is an avid reader of bridge books and magazines. His favourite books, not unsurprisingly in common with many of those who I interview, are:

- Bridge in the Menagerie Series by Victor Mollo;
- Adventures in Card Play by Hugh Kelsey;
- And currently the Krzysztof Martens series.

Interestingly, he can easily read bridge books in English but struggles with general English texts.

For the eligible females reading this article I sadly report that Thomas is currently in a relationship with Lea Robert whom he has known for many years. He played in the Mixed Pairs here in Sanremo with Lea but with limited success. I asked if they discuss much bridge when they are together and he says that Lea is taking the game more seriously now and they do discuss a lot of bridge.

When quizzed about his performance in the Mixed and Open Teams he merely says, "In both competitions, we finished 28th in the A-Swiss, needing to finish 27th to qualify – do you think I should go to the Casino and bet 28 on roulette?"

For a player so young to have won a European Open Teams Championship, a WBF World Transnational Teams (Shanghai 2007) and a European Youth Pairs Championship is testament to the outstanding future that this fine young player has for the game we all love so much.

Beware when playing against Thomas; like Boye Brogeland he is a smiling assassin, extremely well-mannered and courteous at the table, while he picks your pocket for IMPs and matchpoints!

Championship Diary

The Bulletin receives many communications by email. This one arrived yesterday from our good friend Manoj Kumar K.

Your bulletin last night had a few errors that could have been avoided with a little care on the part of the reporter. For one thing, the article on page 15 started with "The Texan Aces ... has ... distinct Indian flavour." I ask why "flavour", after all the exact same team lost in the Indian team selection finals just a few months back. It IS an Indian team lest the reporter have any doubts in this regard. Secondly, the photos of Sunderram and Sridhar are marked with each other's names. P Sridharan is not his name, his name is P Sridhar. Finally, Prabhakar is how Prabhakar Balakrishnan is known as. Balakrishnan is not family name, but father's name as is appended in some areas of India.

I counted again. The scores changed direction FIVE times, not FOUR as (pardonably) miscounted by the reporter below!

Because one member of the Texan Aces (a clue to the name of their team?) lives in America, they have been designated a Transnational team.

In addition, as there are approximately 1664 players taking part, it is difficult to recognise each one individually and thus one is forced to rely on other means to identify the contestants. In this particular case, there were line-ups completed by the team, a copy of which our magnificent photographer has retained as evidence. Unfortunately (as is so often the case), the players did not sit down at the table in the positions they indicated on the line up (an easy mistake for East to sit West, etc). It would make our photographer's job much easier if the contestants sat in the places that the team captain nominates on the line-up. For his personal gratification Ron would like to know in which Indian state one finds Texas.

Commenting on the less-than-stellar performance by Ned Red against Vito at the half, one military strategist remarked that it was a little unlucky that the strategy exercised by Marshal Kutuzov was working so poorly. When asked what that was, he responded, 'Draw the enemy deep into your territory and wait for snow.'

As the 200th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo (Sunday 18 June 1815) draws ever nearer, we thought it appropriate to recount an amuse-bouche involving two French players. One was overheard saying that his (presumably female?) partner had played the entire session with nothing on above the waist. 'You mean she was....' Exactly, Topless.'

The Senior Eleventh Hour

by John Carruthers

The Milner Team had been near a qualifying spot for the whole Round Robin, but had trailed the potential qualifiers by anywhere from 2 to 11 Victory Points virtually the whole way. Whenever Milner won, so did the leaders. With a match to go, the standings were:

1 FURNACIARI	211
2 OTVOSI	206
3 GERMANY I	205
4 ADAD	200
5 MILNER	197

It looked like the best chance for Milner to qualify was for France to do well against Adad and for Milner to beat Vered, at the bottom of the table. The gods smiled...

Milner had a decent final match against Vered (15-0 after nine boards), and as the results came in, with one board to play, Adad was beating France and Estonia was beating Germany, the running scores noting that Germany was still 1 VP ahead of Milner. Otvosi, Furnaciari and Adad were the certain qualifiers and it all depended on the final board of the match whether Germany or Milner would make it.

As P.O. Sundelin and I exited the playing area, teammates Matthew Granovetter, Russ Ekeblad, Reese Milner and Arno Hobart rushed up to us.

"What was your result on the last board?" they all screamed in unison.

"Plus 110 in three clubs," we responded.

"We're in!" they shouted. Ekeblad-Granovetter had beaten two notrump while we had made three clubs for 100 plus 110, 5 IMPs. It was enough to put Milner into fourth place for the first time in the event, on the last board of the last match, board 130.

Here are two boards from earlier matches which helped me decide the game is just too difficult for me.

RR10. Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>		<i>Sundellin</i>	
		Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♥ ²	Pass
INT ³	Pass	3NT	All Pass

¹ Clubs or 12-14 / 18-19 balanced

² 4+ spades

³ 18-19

North led the seven of hearts (top of nothing or second-best from bad suits). To give myself the maximum opportunity to misguess later, I played low from the dummy and captured South's queen with the king. A heart to the nine was my next brilliant stroke.

South was enamoured of his partner's passive defence and returned his third heart to the ace. I took a club finesse and North won and continued clubs, furthering the passive defence. I won in dummy and tried the losing spade finesse. North continued, you guessed it, clubs. I knocked out the spade ace and claimed nine tricks, glad there were no more finesses to take.

After the abortive heart to the nine, South, and later North when in with the club queen, could have beaten me with a diamond switch.

Board 27. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Boegem</i>
			INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

P.O. led the club six and I won the ace and returned the eight for the king. A third club was won in dummy to take the losing spade finesse. P.O. exited a spade, and I discarded the nine of diamonds, discouraging.

Boegem overtook the spade king with the ace and drew the last trump with the eight – I had to make two more discards. Leery of discarding two more diamonds and perhaps exposing a singleton king of diamonds in partner's hand, I threw two hearts; Boegem discarded his low diamond.

Now the moment of truth had arrived. Boegem was up to the task, leading a heart to the ace and taking the ruffing finesse. Plus 420. Notice that if I keep all five hearts, declare must play a heart to the ace and ruff his low heart, felling the king, to make his contract, a virtually impossible play. Anyway, well done by Boegem.

If I weren't such a bad golfer, I'd give up bridge for golf.

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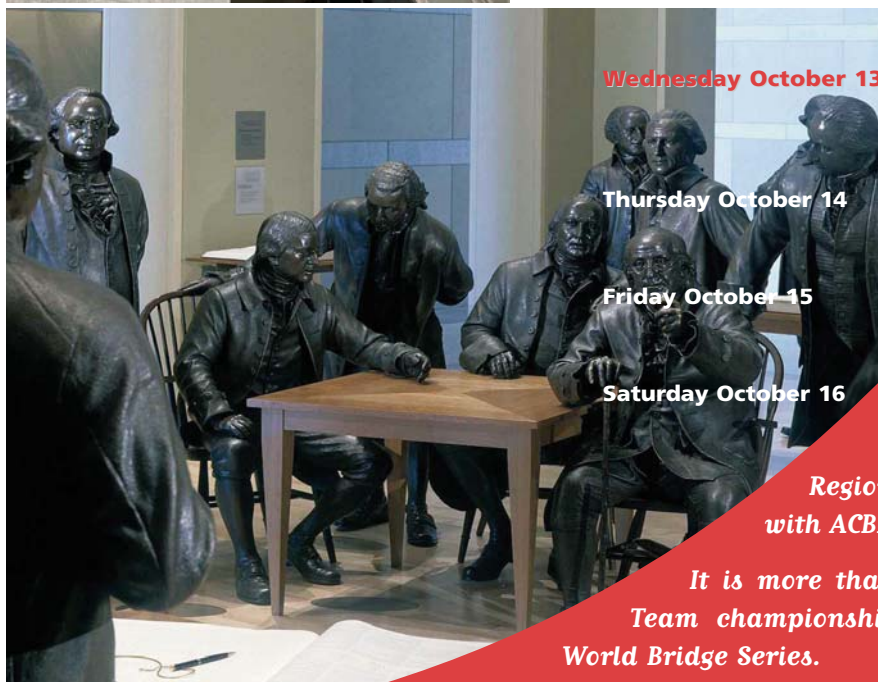
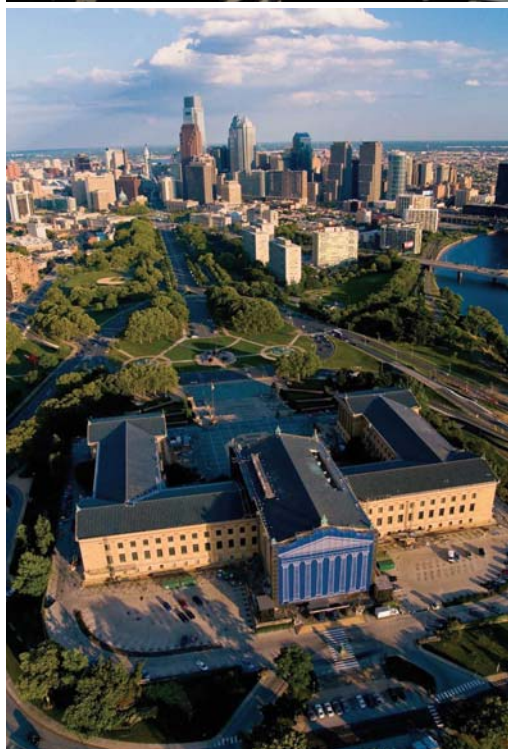
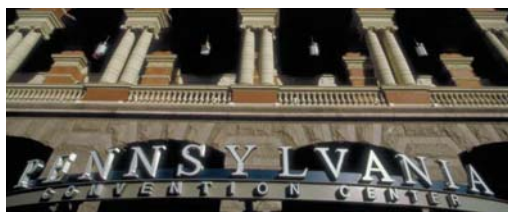
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Saturday October 2	Mixed pairs – qualifying 1 & 2
Sunday October 3	Mixed pairs – qualifying 3 & 1 st final session
Monday October 4	Mixed Pairs 2 & 3 final session Mixed Pairs plate
Tuesday October 5	Rosenblum/McConnell
Wednesday October 6	Rosenblum/McConnell
Thursday October 7	Rosenblum/McConnell
Friday October 8	Rosenblum (64)/McConnell (32) Swiss Plate Seniors Teams
Saturday October 9	Rosenblum (32)/McConnell (16) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying Seniors Teams
Sunday October 10	Rosenblum (16)/McConnell (8) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying Seniors Teams
Monday October 11	Rosenblum (8)/McConnell (4) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying / semi Final Seniors Teams
Tuesday October 12	Rosenblum (4)/McConnell (2) Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Wednesday October 13	Rosenblum Final Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Thursday October 14	Open and Ladies Pairs Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Friday October 15	Open and Ladies Pairs Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Saturday October 16	Open and Ladies Pairs Semi / IMP Pairs Closing Ceremony – 17h

Regionals will be held throughout the event with ACBL and WBF Master Points.

It is more than likely that the World Youth Bridge Team championships will also take place during the World Bridge Series.

COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

by Franco Broccoli

“...e un ridere rauco e ricordi tanti e nemmeno un rimpianto”. Sono le parole con le quali Fabrizio De Andrè fa parlare il suonatore Jones, pietra miliare dell’”Antologia di Spoon River”, la suggestiva raccolta di poesie di Edgar Lee Masters. Sarebbe bello, ma non è facile. Come fai a non avere rimpianti quando hai perso 10 imp per quell’impasse sbagliato o, peggio ancora, perché il sistema (è sempre colpa sua) ti ha condotto per mano nel baratro? Eppure anche Edith “passerotto” Piaf suggerisce questo stile di vita quando afferma: “Non, rien de rien, non, je ne regrette rien”. Nessun rimpianto. Sarà meglio uniformarsi. Perciò anche in caso di 1100 pagata in attacco, la giusta linea di comportamento potrebbe essere quella di mettersi a cantare a piena voce le parole della Piaf, prima dell’arrivo degli infermieri. Sarebbe divertente e, perché no, liberatorio, ma qualcosa mi dice che questa scena non la vedremo mai: chi volete che paghi 1100 in attacco?

Tornando al lento scorrimento del campionato, appena i responsabili di BBO, il programma che porta il bridge nelle vostre case, si sono accorti che stavano trascurando le donne, hanno rimediato immediatamente piazzando in bridgerama il CBC Milano nel suo primo quarto di finale contro la nazionale della Polonia. Questa frazione di gioco è stata caratterizzata da pochi ma corposi swing, con un primo allontanamento delle polacche ed un successivo recupero delle italiane che hanno chiuso il primo tempo in vantaggio di 13 imp.

Lo sprint è stato principalmente determinato da un “uno due” in stile strettamente pugilistico alle ultime due mani.

Board 13 Dich. Nord – Tutti in zona

♠ R D 9 7		♠ 6 2
♥ A		♥ F 7
♦ D 6 5 3		♦ A F 10 9 4
♣ R F 7 5		♣ D 8 6 3
♠ A F 10 5 3	♠ N	
♥ D 10 9 8 3	♥ O	
♦ 8 7	♦ E	
♣ 9	♣ S	
♠ 8 4		
♥ R 6 5 4 2		
♦ R 2		
♣ A 10 4 2		

In sala aperta la licita è stata caratterizzata da un certa remissività delle avversarie:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Vanuzzi	Harasimowicz	Rosetta	Sawicka
1♠	1♦	passo	1♥
fine	2♣	passo	3♣

Come direbbe il colonnello in pensione presente in tutti i circoli del mondo, “venticinque punti sono venticinque punti e con venticinque punti si deve chiamare la manche”. Particolare non irrilevante è la situazione di rosso fisso, in zona. Fatto sta che le nostre avversarie si sono fermate e, dopo l’attacco di 2♠ di Annalisa Rosetta, Eva Harasimowicz ha allungato 10 prese per 130 punti.

Altra storia in chiusa:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
May	Colombo	Szczepanska	Preve
	1♣	passo	1♥
passo	1♠	passo	1SA
passo	2SA	passo	3SA
fine			

Vedete come a piccoli ma decisi passi la coppia italiana ha raggiunto la manche. Una parte del lavoro ora è fatta, ma quella sostanziale va ancora completata, perché 3SA si mantengono, ma non si portano da casa con la sicurezza dei nove Assi, bisogna lavorare e lavorare. Marta May ha intavolato il 10♥ d’attacco e Mietta Preve, in presa con l’Asso secco del morto, ha giocato quadri per il Re e picche per un pezzo del morto. Cinque secondi di riflessione e poi fiori per il 10, fiori per il Re, fiori ancora per l’Asso e picche. La May è entrata con l’Asso e, avendo in precedenza scartato la sua ultima quadri ed una picche, ha giocato la Dama di cuori per il Re della dichiarante che ha messo in presa Est a fiori per il successivo trampolino a quadri. 3SA mi, 10 imp per Milano.

Board 14 Dich. Est – Tutti in prima

♠ F 10 6 2		♠ 8
♥ A F 8 6 5 4		♥ 7
♦ 10 8		♦ R D 7 6 3 2
♣ F		♣ D 9 7 6 5
♠ R 7 5 4	♠ N	
♥ 10 9 3 2	♥ O	
♦ 5 4	♦ E	
♣ R 8 2	♣ S	
♠ A D 9 3		
♥ R D		
♦ A F 9		
♣ A 10 4 3		

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Vanuzzi	Harasimowicz	Rosetta	Sawicka
		passo	1♣
passo	1♥	passo	2SA
passo	3♥	passo	3♠
passo	4♥	passo	4SA
passo	5♣	passo	6SA
fine			

Le nostre avversarie della sala aperta puntano direttamente a slame ma naufragano a 6SA cadendo di 3 levée. Solo per informazione a carte supervise si fanno 6♠.

Sala Chiusa

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
May	Colombo	Szczepanska	Preve
		2SA*	contro
3♣	4♥	fine	

* mi pregio di dar fastidio nei minori

Per 4♥+1 e 12 imp per le italiane.

Le quattro stagioni - stati d'animo

Grazie alla velocita' di scatto di Jan Swaan, ecco la tempesta di emozioni tratta dall'ultimo tempo dell'incontro Angelini/Olanda, visto dalla sala stampa



Determinazione



Speranza



Apprensione



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OPEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(final standings - provisional)

1	KHVEN Max	RUDAKOV Evgeni	55.15	69	KILANI Alexandre	TEMBOURET Romain	48.38
2	ALLFREY Alexander	ROBSON Andrew	54.06	70	AUSTBERG Per Erik	SAELENSMINDE Erik	48.32
3	CARPENTIERI Carlo	GUARINO Mario	52.98	71	URBANSKI Marek	WOLINSKI Ryszard	48.31
4	CHMURSKI Bartosz	PUCZYNSKI Mariusz	52.87	72	KALITA Jacek	RUSSO Biancastella	48.23
5	CLEEFF Jan van	KENDRICK David	52.68	73	DRIJVER Bob	GROENENBOOM Merijn	48.21
6	ANGELERI Ricardo	MUZZIO Ernesto	52.49	74	SIMONSEN Steffen	SKJETNE Erlend	48.19
7	CARROLL John	HANLON Tom	52.47	75	KRZEMINSKI Cesa	WALINSKI Boguslaw	48.18
8	KOPECKY Michal	VOLHEJN Vit	52.46	76	SOULET Philippe	FUGLESTAD Ole	48.12
9	FALLENIUS Bjorn	FREDIN Peter	51.96	77	SHUDNEV Andrey	SMILGAJS Andris	48.11
10	LINDQVIST Espen	TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	51.92	78	FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	48.10
11	AASAN Baard Olav	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	51.89	79	OHRYSKO Lech	RATYNSKI Adam	48.08
12	PALAU Jean-Jacques	GUILLAUMIN Pierre-Yves	51.80	80	HARANGOZO Laszlo	HONTI Laszlo	48.07
13	SZALAY Gyorgy	LAKATOS Peter	51.62	81	ANCESSY Arnaud	BRUNET Frederic	47.99
14	DUBININ Alexander	GROMOV Andrey	51.50	82	RINGSETH Jorn Arild	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	47.99
15	BARANTIEV Nikola	PEICHEV Ivan	51.47	83	FRANZEL Robert	KRIFTNER Georg	47.98
16	TRAPANI Gaspare	ZUCCO Domenico	51.32	84	FILIP Anatol	VELECKY Eduard	47.98
17	JANISZEWSKI P.	SZTYRAK Leszek	51.26	85	HAUGE Rune	HELNESS Tor	47.95
18	LUNGU Veronel	MICESCU Viorel	51.18	86	MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	47.87
19	BAUSBACK Nikolas	LOEFGREN Martin	51.12	87	ANGELINI Francesco	VERSACE Alfredo	47.87
20	LABAERE Alain	CARCASSONNE-LABAERE	51.10	88	NOWOSADZKI Michal	WIANKOWSKI Piotr	47.86
21	GRUE Joe	HAMPSON Geoff	51.09	89	GUSTAWSSON Marten	SYLVAN Johan	47.85
22	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	MORATH Anders	50.93	90	KEAVENEY Gay	THOMAS Adrian	47.82
23	KLIMACKI Piotr	KOPRON Dariusz	50.87	91	ENGEL Berthold	WEBER Fried	47.81
24	DOXIADIS Konstantinos	KONTOMITROS K.	50.87	92	MISZEWSKA Ewa	ZAKRZEWSKI Stanislaw	47.76
25	BRUNNER Michelle	HOLLAND John	50.79	93	BALASOVJS Jurijs	MAURINS Janis	47.75
26	STANICIC Ognjen	TESLA Miro	50.79	94	PETERS Han	TOP Jeroen	47.72
27	NILSSON Ulf	OLOFSSON Bent-Goran	50.67	95	AUKEN Jens	CHRISTIANSEN Soren	47.69
28	SAPORTA Pierre	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	50.56	96	PAZUR Boguslaw	ZAWISLAK Slawek	47.68
29	McINTOSH Andrew	SANDQVIST Nicklas	50.39	97	BETHERS Janis	RUBINS Karlis	47.66
30	PIEKAREK Josef	SMIRNOV Alexander	50.36	98	BAKKEREN Frank	WEL Jos van	47.62
31	FANTONI Fulvio	MISTRETTA Eugenio	50.36	99	OVESEN Jo-Arne	THORESEN Siv	47.61
32	DEBUS Eric	VAN MECHELEN Rutger	50.29	100	ASTORE Giancarlo	UGGERI Paolo	47.53
33	BELING Dzidzilaw	LEWACIAK Gregor	50.24	101	ROBERT Quentin	THUILLEZ Laurent	47.47
34	HOMME Egil	KOPSTAD Kjell Otto	50.07	102	KARBANOVICH A.	ZHURAVEL Valentin	47.47
35	JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	KWIECIEN Michal	50.04	103	DESMOULINS Jean Pierre	COUNIL Jean-Louis	47.45
36	GIGLI Guiseppe	GIOVE Paolo	50.01	104	KRYSZTOFCZYK W.	KRYSZTOFIK Tomasz	47.45
37	GROMOELLER Michael	KIRMSE Andreas	50.00	105	ASKGAARD Michael	BJARNARSON Gregers	47.45
38	MAKARUK Janusz	NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	49.94	106	BACH Ashley	CORNELL Michael	47.43
39	PROOIJEN Ricco van	VERHEES Jr Louk	49.89	107	CHAMBERS Chris	GOBERT Jim	47.37
40	MOLENAAR Danny	VERBEEK Tim	49.85	108	ZANONI Piero	MORELLI Fabrizio	47.31
41	ROTARU Iulian	STIRBU Calin	49.74	109	MIZEL Jack	SENIOR Brian	47.30
42	DUGUET Marlene	RIEHM Franck	49.73	110	HARARI David	TESSIERES Godefroy De	47.25
43	BONAVOGLIA Guido	GIUBILO Valerio	49.71	111	GAROZZO Benito	MARTINI Michele	47.20
44	NEDKOV Stanislav	TENEV Tenyu	49.69	112	BO Eric	POTIER Jacques	47.18
45	JASSEM Krzysztof	MARTENS Krzysztof	49.62	113	JANSMA Jan	PAULISSEN Gert Jan	47.14
46	GUR Okay	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	49.45	114	BOCKEN Patrick	DEWASME Isabelle	47.12
47	FLEURY Herve	GIROLLET Marc	49.41	115	FISHER Lotan	GERSTNER Gal	47.10
48	SAINTE MARIE Thierry	TOFFIER Philippe	49.27	116	PIETRASZEK Mare	UKRAINSKI -	47.05
49	FURUNES Jon-Egil	HALLBERG Gunnar	49.27	117	GOLFARELLI DELLA MASSA	NATALE Francesco	47.00
50	BREKKA Geir	HOILAND Tom	49.24	118	SOLNTSEV Evgeny	VOROBEL Pavel	46.98
51	MAAT Roeland	MEER Mark De	49.17	119	RADULESCU Marian	STEGAROIU Marina	46.95
52	CRESTEY Gilles	LOUCHART Pierre-Jean	49.16	120	BREWIAK Mariusz	STASIAK Arkadiusz	46.92
53	FRIEDLANDER Ehu	YADLIN Doron	49.14	121	BRANTSMA Ronald	VERBEEK Erik	46.90
54	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	49.11	122	SCHILHART Norbert	BUCHLEV Nedju	46.88
55	SEBBANE Lionel	VOLCKER Frederic	49.07	123	BURAS Krzysztof	LASZCZAK Tadeusz	46.87
56	BLAZENCIC Davor	RASE Davor	49.01	124	HARDING Marianne	HOYLAND Sven Olai	46.86
57	AGGELOPOULOS Petros	OIKONOMOPOULOS G.	48.98	125	MARINA Bogdan	TACIUC Lucian	46.85
58	HENC Marian	LOHAY Karol	48.94	126	GOTTHARD Laszlo	DUMBOVICH Miklos	46.84
59	DRENKELFORD Herman	KIRCHHOFF Eric	48.93	127	FLORIN Filip	IONITA Marius	46.84
60	STARKOWSKI W.	TUSZYNSKI Piotr	48.83	128	HOLLMAN Robert	FERGUSON Bruce	46.83
61	KANE Martin	SHIELDS Patrick	48.77	129	RADKOV Stojcho	TRENDAFILOV Roumen	46.83
62	KRAVCHENKO Igor	SHOKHAN Elena	48.76	130	MAZALU Virgil	ISTVAN Vidami	46.79
63	ROMBAUT Jerome	TIGNEL Jeremie	48.68	131	ASH Mike	McPHEE Stuart	46.78
64	GWINNER Hans-Herman	MARGOT Cedric	48.66	132	GOODMAN Peter	WALSH Terry	46.74
65	HUSSEIN Ahmed	SADEK Tarek	48.62	133	ELIAN Alexandru	ZARA Dan	46.74
66	JACOB Tom	REID Martin	48.57	134	DELIMPALTADAKIS N.	DIONYSOPOULOS D.	46.65
67	CAITI Stefano	PATTACINI Maurizio	48.56	135	MARTYNEK Jan	SLEMR Jakub	46.64
68	EIDI Michel	VROUSTIS Vassilis	48.42	136	KROEJGAARD Mads	KROEJGAARD Niels	46.62

137	FRUTOS Juan Jose	PONT Juan	46.62	210	GROSSET Christophe	LORENZINI Cedric	44.24
138	KOLATA Suleyman	KANDEMIR Ismail	46.59	211	UYSAL Aydin	SIRIKLIOGLU Mehmet	44.20
139	LACROIX Frederic	PIGNOL Didier	46.59	212	DINC Sedat	SEN Melih Osman	44.20
140	MINERO Roberto	MUSSO Piercarlo	46.58	213	TOSELLI Monica	PASSI Flavio	44.15
141	CHIEN Steven	LIN Phoebe	46.56	214	CIECHOMSKI Jacek	CZUBAK Edmund	44.13
142	ALEXANDER Mike	HACKETT Justin	46.56	215	MIKIC Aleksandar	ZADEL Marjan	44.09
143	FOSSI Niccolo	PAUNCZ Peter	46.55	216	CERNAT Ovidiu	FEBER Alexandru	43.92
144	CIESLAK Jaroslaw	FILIPOWICZ Dominik	46.54	217	MIRAGLIA Stefano	NATTA Giampiero	43.87
145	SUWIK -	RADZIAK -	46.53	218	ANNUSHKA Anna	NINOCCHKA Nina Glazer	43.79
146	GOTARD Tomasz	LESNICZAK Jacek	46.52	219	MARMONTI Dario	MASSA Gaetano	43.79
147	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre	LHUISSIER Nicolas	46.47	220	BUSSOTTI Paolo	CIRILLO Maurizio	43.73
148	IVANOV Atanas	MARTINEZ Bertha	46.46	221	CHARLSEN Thomas	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	43.60
149	FISCHER Doris	SAURER Bernd	46.45	222	DE BOTTON Janet	MALINOWSKI Artur	43.58
150	ZAK Piotr	ZAREMBA Jerzy	46.42	223	CERRETO Rodolfo	HUGONY Fabrizio	43.54
151	BERKERS Bert	BOS Harm	46.40	224	CORSICO PICCOLINO	GOBBI Aldo	43.48
152	CIMA Leonardo	MIOZZI Cristiano	46.28	225	DEVIGNE Alain	VANDERREET Piet	43.42
153	DUBINI Enrico	LANG Stefano	46.24	226	CAPPELLER Joachim	SCHINZE Jorg	43.40
154	COUDERT Thibault	LEBATTEUX Aymeric	46.19	227	STAHL Wolf	FAEHR Birgit	43.28
155	PAYEN Bernard	SUSSEL Patrick	46.18	228	BATTAGLIA Lelio	MURGIA Francesco	43.23
156	BEAUMIER Dominique	PELLISSON Sebastien	46.16	229	OJOGA Liviu	VALIMARESCU Dan	43.10
157	OLANSKI Wojtek	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	46.16	230	BOEDEDEKER Robert	ZARKESCH Flora	42.93
158	TIMAKHOVICH Aleh	ZHUKOV Alexander	46.15	231	FORGE David	VENTOS Veronique	42.70
159	FERANCHUK Ilya	GODUN Igor	46.13	232	LEVI Judy	STAVRINOS Stavros	42.59
160	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER	STIENEN Rene	46.07	233	MOSSOP David	ZIVKOVIC Gojko	42.56
161	DUDZIK Andrzej	NOWOWIEJSKI Marek	46.06	234	JOKISCH Peter	KASIMIR Udo	42.46
162	KOUKOUSSELIS Tassos	ZOZIS Sotiris	46.05	235	MANDRUTA Constantin	VOINESCU Dan	42.40
163	BOSS Nick	JOHNSON Richard	46.04	236	RINALDI Gianpaolo	DE MICHELIS Luca	42.26
164	APTEKER Alon	GOWER Craig	46.03	237	DOBZYNSKI Maciej	DZIKOWSKI Witold	42.11
165	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	SIELICKI Tomasz	46.00	238	COLINET Eric	MEYER Jean	42.03
166	SAUVAGE Valerie	BOGACKI Patrick	45.99	239	AKSUYEK Ender	MATTHIJS Paul	42.02
167	KOLYADENKO Sergey	KOVALCHUK Rodion	45.95	240	KALIDA Janusz	KWIATKOWSKI Leszek	42.01
168	LAUER -	SPALOVSKY Lubos	45.94	241	ADAMS Elizabeth	BEAUCHAMP David	41.94
169	GILBOA Uri	WAX Jacob	45.85	242	IGNATESCU Dan	NEGOESCU Anton	41.94
170	ERBIL Erdinc	PEYRET Hakan	45.82	243	FRENCKEN Alain	VANDERVORST Mike	41.90
171	KHAZANOV Igor	LEBEDEVA Maria	45.81	244	CHERNYAK Leonid	DOBRIN Denis	41.80
172	BERG Jan Tore	SVENDSEN Odin	45.80	245	ALZATI Eugenio	GERARDI Angelo	41.76
173	REETH Thierry van	FREJACQUES Guillaume	45.75	246	ALLIX Jean Francois	LIBBRECHT Wilfried	41.69
174	PAROLARO Pierfrancesco	PATELLI Gianni	45.71	247	MUNTEANU Alex	MUNTEANU Aurelia	41.50
175	ANDREEV Jurii	ERSHOF Sergei	45.69	248	GLASEK Grzegorz	KITA Pawel	41.48
176	HOMONNAY Geza	WINKLER Gabor	45.69	249	MASOERO Franco	SALTELLI Arturo	41.37
177	JASKIEWICZ Ryszard	TOKARZ Jozef	45.67	250	McLEISH David Whalley	McLEISH Paula	41.29
178	AVCIOGLU Huseyin K.	OZTURK Bircan	45.50	251	KOVACS (2) Zoltan	STAVRACHE Mihai	41.28
179	GOMEROV Pavel	ZAPADINSKIY Evgeny	45.47	252	DE VINCENZO Massimo	MORINO Giuseppe	41.27
180	FERRAMOSCA Francesco	SALVADORI Francesco	45.41	253	MEARINI Maria Grazia	CEREDA Carla	41.25
181	AMBROZ Bojan	NOVAK Miro	45.40	254	CHIARO Domenico	MAI Marita	41.17
182	INGIELEWICZ Zdzislaw	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	45.35	255	MODRZEJEWski Maciej	TOMASZEK Witold	41.05
183	GLOYER Andreas	LAUSS Wolfgang	45.29	256	ASSUERO Ugo	BONAVERA Giacomo	40.94
184	HERTZ Alain	MAUBERQUEZ Eric	45.28	257	GAGLIETTO Rodol	ROSTI Roberto	40.79
185	WARENDORF Ernst	WITTEVEEN Els	45.25	259	MICHELIN Marjorie	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	40.75
186	CLAIR Paolo	TOTARO Carlo	45.23	260	BOGEN Haakon	HOLAND Jack	40.63
187	JANKAUSKAS Arunas	POSKA Gediminas	45.18	261	ARLOVICH Andrei	VAINIKONIS Erikas	40.03
188	FAIGENBAUM Albert	ZALESKI Romain	45.13	262	PIGARELLI Dario	ZAMPERETTI Roberto	40.02
189	GRZELCZAK Jacek	STASIOLEK Tomasz	45.12	263	MARRO Christophe	SANT Stephane	39.92
190	COLDEA Ionut	TEODORESCU Cornel	45.11	264	COOREMAN Thierry	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	39.85
191	BROGELAND Boye	GILLIS Simon	45.10	265	BORLA Domenico	MASCARUCCI Rudy	39.62
192	CATA Stefano	MARINI Giancarlo	45.07	266	MULLER Serge de	FRONTAURA Frankie	39.59
193	DUGUET Michel	OURSSEL Christophe	45.04	267	TEODORECI Dragos	TUNSANU Radu Florin	39.47
194	JELENIEWSKI Andrzej	WACHNOWSKI Jaroslaw	44.98	268	McGUIRE Brian	RAILING Philip	39.30
195	BARTOLOTTI Pierangelo	MAGRI Flavio	44.97	269	CALDARELLI Verino	CAPORALETTI Candeloro	38.74
196	HEGEDUS Gal	SZEGEDI Balazs	44.92	270	KRASA Ondrej	PULKRAB Petr	38.70
197	GODED Federico	VINCENT Herve	44.89	271	BALINT Sandor	MORARU Dan	38.61
198	MAYANTZ Mario	BUDKIN Diana	44.86	272	PAPADOPOULOS T.	THEOTOKIS Nikos	38.57
199	ANFINSEN Ivar M.	SOLHEIM Eli	44.82	273	CEROCCHI Roberto	MECCARIELLO Giovanni	38.53
200	FRANCESCONI Andrea	IOMMI Mario	44.70	274	ADAMS David	DAWSON Jane	38.14
201	BEIJDORFF Leeuw	RYAN Dennis	44.65	275	ULUG Tulay	ULUG Turgut	38.13
202	EIJCK Willem van	HERMANS Rene	44.57	276	KAMERBEEK Gerrit	PATTENIER Martin	37.93
203	SHANURIN Evgeni	TATARKIN Vladimir	44.52	277	LATTUNEDDU Vincenzo	MONTIERI Giovanni	37.76
204	PETRUNIN Alexander	STERKIN Alexei	44.44	278	LIOSSIS Georgios	SIRAKOPOULOU Christina	37.49
205	NICOLODI Francesco	PARRELLA Marco	44.41	279	WOJCIECHOWSKI M.	CHANDRA Rita	37.23
206	DHONDY Heather	PENCHARZ Bill	44.37	280	HAPONAVA Ulyana	ZLOBICH Sergej	37.21
207	ALFEJEVA Jelena	MATISONS Maris	44.36	281	RAMANOVICH Sjarhei	LIPNITSKIJ Victor	36.60
208	CAPONI Claudio	PIEDRA Fernando	44.27	282	PANTELI Konstantina	CHASKOPOULOU Vasiliki	36.00
209	CSATLOS Arpad	HITTMANN Laszlo	44.25	283	SEBE Ioan	SEBE Mariana	34.35

WOMEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

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1	CARBONNEAUX Jessie	PUILLET Carole	63.78	36	SACCOMANNO Silvia	TONTI Daniela	50.24
2	CIVIDIN DE SARIO Sara	COLONNA Ornella	57.34	37	DUBOIN Eleonora	TAMBURELLI Rosa	50.19
3	HODEROVA Pavla	JANKOVA Jana	56.95	38	CESARI Barbara	MASINI Nicoletta	49.81
4	BRKLJACIC Tihana	MARTINOVIC Slavica	56.39	39	BIANCHERI Eralda	BRACCO Franca	49.64
5	KHONICHEVA Elena	NIKITINA Alexandra	55.70	40	CLEARY Ena	FINN Mary	49.58
6	LANGER Darina	NIKITINE Ruth	55.33	41	DESTEFANIS Elisabeth	VIOLA Giuliana	49.40
7	GIAMPIETRO Cristina	NEHMERT Pony Beate	55.24	42	CSIBY Eva	MEZEI Katalin	49.20
8	GLADIATOR Anne	WEBER Elke	55.14	43	CASTELLS-CONRADO	LEON Pilar	49.05
9	DELESTRE Blandine	BOURDIN Dominique	55.07	44	KOCH Nadia	PEDERSEN Ulla Korre	48.89
10	PECCOUD Janine Elise	SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO	54.81	45	BESSIS Veronique	HUGON Elisabeth	48.86
11	BABAC Mine	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	54.46	46	CASSAI Giovanna	GANDINI Elena	48.66
12	JAROSZ Aleksandra	KAZMUCHA Danuta	53.75	47	GERSTEL Madelaine	WAELCHLI Elisabeth	48.66
13	CANONNE Marion	ROBERT Lea	53.41	48	KNOLL Gabrielle	SZIMANSKI Sabine	48.44
14	GIANARDI Carla	SCALAMOGNA Paola	53.34	50	KOTRONAROU A.	POLITOU Angeliki	48.39
15	DIAMANTI Enrica	GIANNINI Silvia	52.97	51	KULCHYCKY Jill	RIGNEY T.	48.36
16	NEVE Joanna	ROSSARD Martine	52.97	52	FOSSAN Bodil	MOEN Vigdis	48.16
17	BRIKMANE Liga	VEKSA Natalija	52.85	53	JOYCE Emer	KENNY Joan	48.13
18	CALANDRA Emanuela	CUZZI Monica	52.85	54	AKIN Sevil	TEKELI Ayse Sniha	47.48
19	CLIFFORD Carol Ann	LOGUE Kathy	52.73	55	BARONI Irene	BRAMBILLA Bianca	47.42
20	FOCARDI Gabriella	GAMBERUCCI M.	52.59	56	SALDZIEVA Aida	GAMIO Claudia Valerie	47.41
21	PANCHEVA Boriana	YANEVA Valya	52.57	57	OZFRESKO Rozet	FICI Aldo	47.38
22	DAN Ora	FARKAS Ruth	52.45	58	NORDBJORK A.	TORSTENSSON Carina	47.15
23	SPANGENBERG Jamilla	SPANGENBERG Sigrid	52.30	59	HOLCZER Clara	LEVANON Ayelet	47.10
24	SHEASBY Suzanne	LESLIE Paula	52.09	60	FRANCO Marta	PANELLA Ana	46.65
25	CHUBAROVA Svetlana	VOROBAYCHIKOVA Olga	52.06	61	MEEHAN Patsy	O'FARRELL Rose	46.58
26	BREIVIK Kristine	REMEN Solvi	51.97	62	HACKETT Barbara	DELLA MONTA Annaig	46.05
27	ERIKSEN Bente	VERPE Annelise	51.38	63	ARAMI Ruth	SCHWARTZ Kohava	45.81
28	ALONSO Ana Maria De	SOULET Patricia	51.18	64	AGHEMO Monica	TAGLIAFERI Vera	45.42
29	DEKKERS Laura	NAB Judith	50.90	65	EDGAR Caroline	IMPICCIATORE Silva	45.38
30	ATALAY Belis	ZAIM Mey	50.88	66	CECCONI Patrizia	PARELLI Mirella Maria	44.45
31	VARENNE Miriam	ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU	50.82	68	LODICO Angela	SUSINNA Carmelina	43.03
32	COSIGNANI FALA V.	PALANCA RELLA Antonia	50.66	69	CHAPLEAU Sara	TCHENIO Maurice	41.94
33	FENESS Jorunn	HOMME Marianne	50.29	70	LERCARI Fiorenza	TONON Susanna	40.59
34	BALDI Elma	GARRONE Lucia	50.29	71	BEN NISSIM Gabi	BENN Vicky	39.61
35	MAGLIONE Dania	ROVERA Laura	50.28	72	ANKUDINOVA Tatiana	AZARAVA Iryna	37.61

SENIOR PAIRS - QUALIFYING

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1	MELMAN Victor	RAMER Roald	58.04	32	BONIFACIO Antonio	VANNUCCI Piero	49.88
2	MARI Christian	WALTER Stanley	57.94	33	LUND Erik	TOBIASEN Niels Joergen	49.08
3	CARZANIGA Bruno	GIULIANO Giacomo	56.96	34	BRESLAUER Menachem	ZILBERBUSH Samuel	49.02
4	EICHHOLZER Jorg	OBERMAYER Hubert	56.63	35	FERRARESE Marcello	POZZOLI Pino	48.89
5	CEDOLIN Franco	DALLACASAPICCOLA A.	56.57	36	SCHNEIDER Werner	UHLMANN Horst-Dieter	48.72
6	BUER Bjorn	MUNKVOLD Svein Arne	56.21	37	LEIGHTON Cecil	DENNISON Maureen	48.58
7	HACKETT Paul D	HARPER Ross	55.90	38	BOEGEM Willem	JANSENS Onno	48.45
8	PIGANEAU Patrice	PY Jean Marie	55.70	39	SERGENT Denis	THABAULT Jean-Roger	48.43
9	JEZIORO Aleksander	KLUKOWSKI Julian	53.97	40	LEIS Paul	LINNAMAGI Jaan	48.41
10	LAGOURANIS Fil	PANOPOULOS Costas	53.89	41	KELHA Vaino	PARVIAINEN Eeva	48.17
11	BIGAT Halit	YALMAN Ali	53.84	42	BORM Frans	TUWANAKOTTA Tjali	47.91
12	LEW Jacek	POCHRON Jozef	53.75	43	JUURI-OJA Erkki	JUURI-OJA Pirjo	47.75
13	JOURDAIN Patrick	TEDD Miike	53.61	44	SAVELLI Lorenzo	VIVALDI Antonio	47.01
14	HASSETT John	HIRST Bill	53.43	45	MACKENZIE Greer	QUINN Pat	46.81
15	HANSEN Egil	NORDBY Harald	53.08	46	LIGGAT David	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	46.53
16	FOUASSIER Jean-Claude	SERF Marianne	52.95	47	BRAY Benjamin	KAPLAN Aharon	46.30
18	KRATZ Ulrich	STRATER Bernhard	52.24	48	COUPERE Alexandre	LUMBROSO Claude	46.29
19	BENNETT Roy	SMITH Harry	51.88	49	BARZAGHI Paolo	LEONARDI Alberto	46.26
20	LUCENO Salvatore	SCHWARZ Daniele	51.78	50	BOREWICZ Marek	STRYKIER Krzysztof	45.93
21	LUCKO Andrzej	ZADROGA Jan	51.72	51	BLAKEY Irving	BLAKEY Joy	45.91
22	DOREMAN Nico	TROUWBORST Jaap	51.63	52	NELSON Kath	NELSON Alan	45.77
23	FERRARA Michele	MAGLIETTA Stefano	51.36	53	BEGAS Han	GROSMANN Lucia	45.38
24	MEJANE Gaston	PEREZ Moise	51.28	54	HARPER Ursula	HOFFMAN Martin	45.02
25	BAKKE Tor	TROLLVIK Jan	50.97	55	FICOCIELLO Vincenzo	RITIANI Maurizia	44.87
26	BOESIGER Hanspeter	SPENGLER Walter	50.78	56	ALFANI Gabriella	ARCIERI Pio	44.63
27	AMIR Arie	VERED Noah	50.57	57	PETTERSSON Per-Ake	UISK Ahto	44.47
28	AVON Danielle	WAKSMAN Sophie	50.52	58	ISPAHANI Sajid	MIRAN Javed Ahmed	43.57
29	KOCH Robert	MATTSSON Goran	50.41	59	PARNIS-ENGLAND M.	DIX Mario	42.03
30	MARKOWICZ Victor	ZELIGMAN Shalom	50.35	60	BONANNO Filippo	FERNANDEZ Giuseppe	40.40
31	LOND Peeter	KOBOLT Guido	50.25				