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The three times Champions of Europe

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Netherlands v Switzerland	
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Belgium v Russia	
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Ukraine v Croatia	

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EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 19 June 2001 at 10.00 am
Salón Gran Canarias, Sir Anthony Hotel

The second session of the General Assembly will take place at the Salón Gran Canarias of Sir Anthony Hotel, on Thursday 21 June 2001, at 10.00 am. Elections for filling four vacant posts on the EBL Executive Committee will take place at this (second) session.

All National Delegates are invited to participate in the General Assembly.

Panos Gerontopoulos
EBL Secretary

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 8 10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ROMANIA	DENMARK
2	FINLAND	FRANCE
3	LEBANON	GERMANY
4	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND
5	YUGOSLAVIA	BELGIUM
6	HUNGARY	POLAND
7	RUSSIA	UKRAINE
8	ICELAND	LIECHTENSTEIN
9	LUXEMBOURG	ITALY
10	LATVIA	NORWAY
11	ENGLAND	CROATIA
12	TURKEY	SLOVENIA
13	AUSTRIA	GREECE
14	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND
15	WALES	PORTUGAL
16	SPAIN	IRELAND
17	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.
18	BULGARIA	SWEDEN

ROUND 9 13.45

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	DENMARK	FRANCE
2	ROMANIA	LEBANON
3	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND
4	GERMANY	YUGOSLAVIA
5	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
6	BELGIUM	RUSSIA
7	LIECHTENSTEIN	HUNGARY
8	UKRAINE	ITALY
9	ICELAND	LATVIA
10	CROATIA	LUXEMBOURG
11	NORWAY	TURKEY
12	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND
13	SCOTLAND	SLOVENIA
14	GREECE	WALES
15	SPAIN	SAN MARINO
16	CZECH REP.	PORTUGAL
17	IRELAND	SWEDEN
18	ISRAEL	BULGARIA

ROUND 10 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	LEBANON	DENMARK
2	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND
3	YUGOSLAVIA	ROMANIA
4	FINLAND	POLAND
5	RUSSIA	GERMANY
6	NETHERLANDS	LIECHTENSTEIN
7	ITALY	BELGIUM
8	HUNGARY	LATVIA
9	UKRAINE	CROATIA
10	TURKEY	ICELAND
11	LUXEMBOURG	AUSTRIA
12	SCOTLAND	NORWAY
13	WALES	ENGLAND
14	SLOVENIA	SPAIN
15	CZECH REP.	GREECE
16	SWEDEN	SAN MARINO
17	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA
18	IRELAND	ISRAEL

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 6**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 GERMANY	DENMARK	31 - 48	11 - 19
2 NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	54 - 29	20 - 10
3 ROMANIA	BELGIUM	40 - 23	19 - 11
4 HUNGARY	FRANCE	41 - 53	13 - 17
5 LEBANON	UKRAINE	37 - 27	17 - 13
6 ICELAND	SWITZERLAND	66 - 23	24 - 6
7 bye	LUXEMBOURG	0 - 0	0 - 18
8 NORWAY	POLAND	59 - 34	20 - 10
9 ENGLAND	RUSSIA	28 - 62	8 - 22
10 LIECHTENSTEIN	SLOVENIA	33 - 65	8 - 22
11 GREECE	ITALY	34 - 44	13 - 17
12 LATVIA	SAN MARINO	51 - 34	19 - 11
13 CROATIA	PORTUGAL	31 - 69	7 - 23
14 IRELAND	TURKEY	46 - 30	18 - 12
15 AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	31 - 26	16 - 14
16 SCOTLAND	BULGARIA	41 - 32	17 - 13
17 SWEDEN	WALES	72 - 39	22 - 8
18 CZECH REP.	SPAIN	44 - 16	21 - 9

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 DENMARK	FINLAND	44 - 39	16 - 14
2 GERMANY	ROMANIA	32 - 37	14 - 16
3 FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	62 - 22	23 - 7
4 BELGIUM	LEBANON	24 - 18	16 - 14
5 SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	41 - 68	9 - 21
6 UKRAINE	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
7 POLAND	ICELAND	46 - 29	19 - 11
8 LUXEMBOURG	RUSSIA	44 - 40	16 - 14
9 NORWAY	LIECHTENSTEIN	77 - 20	25 - 4
10 ITALY	ENGLAND	24 - 17	16 - 14
11 SLOVENIA	LATVIA	46 - 47	15 - 15
12 CROATIA	GREECE	29 - 74	6 - 24
13 TURKEY	SAN MARINO	55 - 26	21 - 9
14 PORTUGAL	AUSTRIA	38 - 63	10 - 20
15 SCOTLAND	IRELAND	57 - 22	22 - 8
16 WALES	ISRAEL	33 - 39	14 - 16
17 BULGARIA	SPAIN	63 - 6	25 - 4
18 SWEDEN	CZECH REP.	25 - 38	12 - 18


ONLINE MATCHES

Round 8 Bulgaria v Sweden
Round 9 Poland v Netherlands
Round 10 Italy v Belgium

e-bridge need scorers to help record the play in their selected matches. If you are interested please go to Salon 17 - Santorini. **This is a paid job!**

The Cross Table of the Open Teams on page 20 has been taken from the official EBL web site:

www.eurobridge.org

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 7 rounds

1	Norway	140.00
2	Russia	137.00
3	France	134.00
4	Greece	133.00
5	Poland	130.00
6	Belgium	128.00
7	Romania	120.00
8	Italy	118.00
9	Bulgaria	117.00
10	Czech Rep	114.00
11	Austria	112.00
12	Netherlands	112.00
13	Ukraine	112.00
14	Switzerland	111.00
15	Hungary	111.00
16	Croatia	111.00
17	Scotland	107.00
18	Israel	104.00
19	Turkey	103.00
20	Lebanon	102.00
21	Denmark	102.00
22	Wales	101.00
23	Germany	100.00
24	Sweden	98.00
25	Iceland	94.00
26	Portugal	94.00
27	Slovenia	92.00
28	Finland	87.00
29	England	86.00
30	Spain	82.00
31	Ireland	80.00
32	Luxembourg	79.00
33	Latvia	78.00
34	Liechtenstein	76.00
35	San Marino	65.00



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Today and tomorrow morning is the turn of the following teams to have their photographs taken for the EBL database. Would the captains please ensure that **all players** of the team plus the **npc** are present at the LineUp desk as follows:

June 20th

13.15 hrs	Croatia Open	17.00 hrs	Latvia Open
13.20 hrs	Czech Open	17.05 hrs	Lebanon Open
13.25 hrs	France Open	17.10 hrs	Liechtenstein Open
13:30 hrs	Israel Open	17.15 hrs	Poland Open

June 21st

9:40 hrs	Belgium Seniors
9:45 hrs	Croatia Seniors
9:50 hrs	Czech Rep. Seniors

Aggelos Mallios

EBL Photographer

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LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 1 13.45

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	DENMARK
22	SPAIN	FRANCE
23	SAN MARINO	HUNGARY
24	CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY
25	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND
26	WALES	AUSTRIA
27	CROATIA	POLAND
28	ISRAEL	NORWAY
29	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
30	GREECE	SWEDEN
31	ENGLAND	FINLAND

ROUND 2 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	NORWAY	GERMANY
22	AUSTRIA	CZECH REPUBLIC
23	GREECE	WALES
24	DENMARK	ISRAEL
25	ITALY	HUNGARY
26	FRANCE	ENGLAND
27	SCOTLAND	CROATIA
28	SWEDEN	FINLAND
29	POLAND	RUSSIA
30	TURKEY	SPAIN
31	NETHERLANDS	SAN MARINO

ROUND 4
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v France



Another clash between two of the pre-championship favourites was shown on Rama on Monday early afternoon. Norway looked like operating in full gear, having just taken the maximum against Finland, whereas France got far less than that: 16-14 against Slovenia.



Michel Abecassis, France

On the first board, there were nine easy tricks available at notrumps, but how to get there?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Neither pair managed, so no swing and one missed chance each.

On the next board, there was a swing when Norway clearly outbid the French:

Board 2. Dealer East, N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Helness	Abecassis	Helgemo
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

A classic auction in French Standard bidding, with East just holding a little in reserve.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Palau	Sælensminde	Allegrini
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here, 2NT showed a fair hand with a club suit. 3♦ was a transfer and 3♠ obviously denied any heart interest. As they made 11 tricks at both tables, Norway scored 6 IMPs.

We saw more substantial swing when the French let through another game but this time vulnerable:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Helness	Abecassis	Helgemo
	1♠	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♠ was weak, but Helness quite rightly evaluated his hand as being worth a shot at game. The play presented no problems when the defence forced declarer into a dummy-reversal. Two rounds of hearts, ♠Q to the ace and another heart ruffed high. Cross in trumps, ruff the last heart with your last trump and the ♣K is the entry to dummy to draw the last trump. Four clubs, three heart ruffs and three trumps in dummy bring the tally to ten.

Please note that the defence will prevail not only on an initial club lead, but even if East returns a club after winning his ♠A, instead of a third heart, as the entry position will be fatally destroyed. Declarer needs three entries to dummy to ruff two more hearts and pick up the last trump, but there are only two available: a trump and the ♣K. Only when the defence plays a third round of hearts is this third entry no longer needed.

However true this may be, the defenders have to be careful till the end, as Louk Verhees proved in the Netherlands match v. Hungary. In with the ♠A after two rounds of hearts, East correctly switched to a club for the nine, ten and queen. Verhees proceeded to draw trumps and cash all his clubs. On the trumps, for reasons only known to himself, East held on to all his diamonds, thus discarding all his hearts. Now look at the end position with West still to discard on the last club:

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

If West discards a diamond, declarer will exit with the ♦K, forcing East to establish a diamond for him. If West discards a heart (as he did at the table) declarer will play a low diamond to East's queen. On the forced diamond return (a heart would establish dummy's last heart) declarer can insert the nine to land his contract, and that's exactly what Louk Verhees did. Nicely played!

This ending would not have been possible, had East held on to one of his hearts. In that case, West can safely discard a diamond, as East will exit with a heart after winning the ♦A. As declarer has to ruff this in hand, the entry to the possibly established diamond goes prematurely.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Palau	Sælensminde	Allegrini
	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass			



Geir Helgemo, Norway

Though the ♣K figured to be a valuable card, South still did not feel he had enough to go to game, so in three it rested. Nine tricks only were made when declarer missed the dummy-reversal but played for a diamond ruff in dummy instead. Not that it mattered at all: 10 IMPs more to Norway anyway.

A few boards later, the aggression changed directions:

Board 9. Dealer North, E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Helness	Abecassis	Helgemo
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Helgemo stayed quiet when his suit was opened to his right, so the auction came to a conclusion at a safe level. It looks as if declarer can hold his losses to three spades and a heart; we must keep in mind that he did not know anything at all about the wicked distribution. North led the ♠AK and gave his partner a ruff. Next came the ♣K on which declarer discarded a low heart. The ♥A and another followed, Helgemo winning the king and continuing another club. When Soulet ruffed this with the two,

Helness could overruff unexpectedly with the three and return the ♠J. Now, declarer has to decide whether South started with 2-2-2-7 or 2-3-1-7. With nothing to guide him, he guessed wrong again, ruffing high in dummy and thus promoting another trump trick for the defence.

Down two; Norway +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Palau	Sælensminde	Allegrini
	Pass	1♣	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

Allegrini jumped to 4♣, a contract he might well have made. Brogeland apparently thought he was being talked out of something so he bravely bid 4♥, ending the auction. This proved no success even though the hearts were breaking very friendly. Down two as well, so no swing after all.

The last of the big swings of the match again went to Norway and once again it was an evaluation problem:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Helness	Abecassis	Helgemo
	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Well, holding an ace and the missing king of trumps Abecassis might have given his partner just one polite raise. On a diamond lead, all 13 tricks were made for a remarkable 190 to France.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Palau	Sælensminde	Allegrini
	3♦	Pass	4♥
5♣	All Pass		

3♦ showed both majors. When it was Brogeland's turn, he could show his suit at the five level only, but this proved to be the right level; Norway +600 on a spade lead and 9 more IMPs.

So with all the major swings going to Norway, it was no surprise that they won the match easily.

The final margin was 39-18 or 19-11 VPs.

Bridge Magazine IMP presents Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

Herman's bridge team ratings were first presented during the Olympiad last year, and have been recalculated after a host of matches all around the world.

Herman invites all interested parties to visit his website (www.gallery.uunet.be/hermandw) and/or e-mail (hermandw@village.uunet.be) him for further details.

Before the Europeans, the ratings have become: (Open Series). The first number is the rating, in VP, the second is the number of (16-board) matches that are taken into account for the rating.

1	United States	21.30	105	51	Monaco	13.10	45
2	Italy	21.21	114	52	Pakistan	13.04	70
3	Poland	20.44	112	53	Guadeloupe	12.93	65
4	Indonesia	20.22	86	54	Far Oer	12.82	23
5	Netherlands	19.45	68	55	Peru	12.77	14
6	Norway	19.43	123	56	Liechtenstein	12.40	57
7	Sweden	19.38	112	57	Bahrain	12.35	21
8	England	19.34	86	58	Syrian Arab Rep.	12.27	29
9	France	19.04	95	59	Côte d'Ivoire	12.20	14
10	Brazil	18.64	89	60	Thailand	11.98	62
11	Israel	18.47	64	61	Uruguay	11.84	37
12	Russia	18.42	60	62	Lithuania	11.80	40
13	Belgium	18.18	59	63	Colombia	11.58	46
14	Austria	17.98	67	64	Luxembourg	11.53	44
15	China	17.90	111	65	Ukraine	11.49	35
16	Spain	17.85	57	66	Malaysia	11.46	70
17	Argentina	17.54	61	67	Philippines	11.19	70
18	Denmark	17.52	97	68	Mexico	11.04	23
19	Chinese Taipei	17.48	100	69	Macao	10.88	48
20	Iceland	17.16	95	70	Zimbabwe	10.83	3
21	Scotland	16.93	69	71	Tunisia	10.77	41
22	Ireland	16.88	109	72	Bangladesh	10.60	36
23	Hungary	16.78	57	73	Venezuela	10.50	48
24	Germany	16.67	57	74	San Marino	10.48	57
25	Greece	16.67	57	75	Latvia	10.02	23
26	India	16.36	71	76	Sri Lanka	9.91	25
27	Bulgaria	16.25	57	77	Trinidad & Tobago	9.83	28
28	Wales	16.23	69	78	Singapore	9.79	70
29	Japan	16.20	79	79	Bermuda	9.59	34
30	Australia	16.09	126	80	French Polynesia	9.47	6
31	Croatia	15.66	57	81	New Caledonia	9.31	14
32	South Africa	15.49	70	82	Jordan	9.19	21
33	Portugal	15.48	57	83	Reunion	9.08	41
34	Lebanon	15.44	57	84	Paraguay	8.84	14
35	Finland	15.41	88	85	Martinique	8.60	35
36	New Zealand	15.34	129	86	Bolivia	8.59	14
37	Northern Ireland	14.89	29	87	Guyana	8.44	12
38	Turkey	14.70	57	88	Jamaica	8.37	22
39	Romania	14.68	57	89	Kenya	8.36	31
40	Egypt	14.56	42	90	Mauritius	8.36	31
41	Canada	14.46	38	91	Cyprus	8.28	45
42	Morocco	14.45	22	92	Tonga	7.28	14
43	Czech Republic	13.99	57	93	Barbados	6.50	18
44	Hong Kong	13.95	73	94	Ecuador	5.59	14
45	Switzerland	13.94	57	95	Malta	5.44	39
46	Slovenia	13.93	57	96	Tanzania	5.16	31
47	Estonia	13.91	40	97	Botswana	1.34	19
48	Yugoslavia	13.40	57	98	Palestine	-1.58	22
49	Belarus	13.40	12	99	Costa Rica	-4.50	12
50	Chile	13.39	29				

Lauria Restores Order



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

All the declarers clashed with the 3NT on Board 20 from Round 2, exiting from it with broken bones, even if they got a little help from the opposition. Did I say all? Wrong. One came out of this clash without any damage.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ K Q J 10 4 ♣ 10 9 6 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J 10 9 6 4 2 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ 9 6 ♣ K</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ A 10 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ 8 7 5 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
	Lauria		Versace
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

⁽¹⁾ 18/20 balanced

East made the quite natural lead of the ♠J, just like everybody else in the room. Lorenzo Lauria won the ♠K in hand and played a low diamond. East went up with the nine and now the crucial moment for the defence had come. A red suit would throw sand into declarer's machinery, but who can blame East, at this early stage of the hand, for continuing a spade? OK, forget it. Lauria won the ♠A as West threw a heart, and next cashed the ♣A

(oops) becoming aware of the club situation. Now you should concentrate on the finale which is a little masterpiece. Lorenzo exited with another low diamond to West, who returned the suit, ducked again by declarer. Lauria won the fourth round of diamonds with the ace and crossed to dummy with the ♥A. The situation was:

<p>♠ - ♥ 9 ♦ 8 ♣ Q J 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ 10 ♦ - ♣ 8 7 5</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

On dummy's ♠Q West's choices were remarkably restricted. To put it briefly, all his options would induce him to quickly fold his cards and move to the next board but, being a fighter till the end, he preferred to discard his last heart. When Lauria next led the ♣8 from dummy, West was forced to split his intermediates, but Lauria won in hand and put West on lead with the last diamond. This was the fourth trick for the defence, but also the end of the story and of the defence, as West was forced to lead into the split tenace in clubs. Quick, Watson, the needle!

Ladies Teams Captains Meeting

The Captains Meeting for the Ladies Teams will be held in the Salon Gran Canarias and start at 11.30 this morning.

The Ladies will play in the Salon se los Espejos (together with the Open Teams).

The Transnational Ladies Teams starts at 15.00 in the Salon Cibeles.

We expect 14 teams to participate and in that case we will play a complete round robin of 10 boards each round, two rounds in a session.

Playing times are:

10.00 - 13.00

17.30 - 20.30

The Schedule of play depends on the results and will be such that the teams ranked first and second will play each other in the last round if this is at all possible.

Ton Kooijman

Final - Second Session

After the first session of the European Ladies Pairs final, the Italian pair, Monica Buratti and Darinka Forti had a lead of about three-quarters of a top. The second session saw that lead begin to shrink right from the off.

Croci/Fere did very well to bid to the 4-3 major-suit game. There was nothing to the play and Fere chalked up +450 for an excellent score.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fere</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Croci</i>	<i>Forti</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Marialuis Fere, also of Italy, led her singleton club and Forti won the ace and played on spades. This was the crucial point of the hand, because the contract can be made after a successful trump guess, despite the apparent four outside losers. Forti got the trumps wrong, playing the king then low to her ten. Fere won the queen and returned her remaining trump. Forti won in hand and played a diamond to the king and ace. Back came a heart to the queen and king and Fere again exited passively with a heart. Forti won the second heart and played queen and another diamond. Fere won but then had to give a ruff and discard. Forti took the ruff in dummy, discarding a club from hand, then finessed the ten of clubs; down one for -50.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fere</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Croci</i>	<i>Forti</i>
	2♥	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	3♣	3♥
3♠		4♠	All Pass

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 4 ♥ J 8 7 6 5 4 ♦ K ♣ A 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 7 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ K 10 9 8 6	♠ K Q 5 2 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ 7 2 ♠ 10 3 ♥ K ♦ A 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fere</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Croci</i>	<i>Forti</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass		Pass	
All Pass			

Giovanna Croci led the six of clubs, rather than the more normal looking ten. Buratti put up the queen and the defence won and cleared the clubs. Buratti tried a spade to her king and the ace and Croci cashed the clubs then switched to a diamond. Buratti finessed, losing to the bare king. She had the rest but that was two down; -100.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Stawowy</i>	<i>Forti</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Italians bid to the routine game and made what appears to be a routine eleven tricks; +660.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 8 7 ♥ 8 ♦ A Q J 10 8 5 ♣ K 6	N W E S	♠ J 2 ♥ 7 6 3 2 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ Q J 7 5	♠ Q 6 4 ♥ Q J 10 9 ♦ 6 3 ♣ 10 9 4 2
West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Stawowy</i>	<i>Forti</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
		3♠	All Pass

Buratti's canapé overcall worked out badly for her side as she reached a delicate 4-3 fit at the three level. Germany's Barbara Stawowy led the queen of clubs and Katrin Farwig won the ace and returned the suit. Buratti won the ♣K and played her heart to Farwig's king. On the club return, she pitched a diamond. Stawowy won the club and best defence would have been to return a heart - though the ace gets ruffed out, declarer is stuck in hand. However, Stawowy switched to a diamond, trapping her partner's king. Buratti won the diamond ace and played a spade to the queen and ace. She won the diamond return and laid down the king of spades. When the jack fell she could cash the ten and play winning diamonds to get out for one down; -50.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 6 4 ♥ K 6 5 4 ♦ 8 ♣ 7 6 2	N W E S	♠ 7 ♥ A 10 8 7 3 ♦ A J 10 7 2 ♣ A Q	♠ A Q 9 8 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ K 9 3 ♣ K 9 8
West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Stawowy</i>	<i>Forti</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
4♣	4NT	1♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♣
		All Pass	

Stawowy showed a two-suited take-out and confirmed the red suits by converting 5♣ to 5♦. The 5-2 club break means that 4♣ is unbeatable so it was important to save. Stawowy lost a trick in each suit after a spade lead and heart switch; down two for -100.

At this point the Italians had slipped to fifth and next up were the new leaders, Sabine Auken and Daniela Von Arnim of Ger-

many. It was an important round for both pairs but particularly for Buratti/Forti.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J ♥ A K 7 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ J 7 4 2	N W E S	♠ K 6 5 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A 3	♠ Q 9 8 3 ♥ - ♦ 9 5 4 2 ♣ K 10 9 6 5
West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forti</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
All Pass			Dble

With game by no means guaranteed for North/South, any penalty looked as though it would be good for the Germans. Auken led a diamond and Von Arnim won and cashed a second diamond. Now she thought for some time before switching to the eight of clubs. Was it likely that this would be a singleton when Von Arnim had made a reopening double of 2♥? Buratti wasn't sure, but she thought that a switch from queen-doubleton was even less likely and, when Auken won the ace and returned a club, she finessed to the now bare queen. Von Arnim cashed the ace of spades before playing the jack of diamonds through. Buratti had to lose three trump tricks from here; three down for -800.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K J 4 ♥ K Q 8 6 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ J 9 5	N W E S	♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ Q 9 5 4 3 ♦ K J 7 ♣ Q	♠ Q 8 ♥ A 10 7 2 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ 8 6 3
West	North	East	South
<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forti</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Two Clubs was a game-forcing relay and 2♦ denied a long minor. Two Spades showed clubs and 2NT was natural. Von Arnim won the diamond lead on table and cashed the queen of clubs



Katrin Farwig, Germany

before ducking a trump. She won the diamond continuation and cashed the ace of spades and soon had eleven tricks; +450.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Buratti	Auken	Forti	Von Arnim
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	2♣	Dble
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

Another penalty completed a very good round for the Germans and continued the Italian slide. One Club was strong and, though her partner had to be very weak, Von Arnim was not prepared to go quietly. Auken had three-card spade support but her high cards - such as they were - were in the opponents' suit. She converted the second double for penalties. Von Arnim led the king of diamonds then the king of hearts, getting a count signal on each. She continued by cashing the red aces then switching to the queen of spades. Forti won that in hand and passed the jack of clubs to the king. When Auken now returned a heart, declarer made the mistake of ruffing high, thereby creating a second trump loser for herself. That meant two down for -500, though I suspect that -200 was already going to be pretty bad for the Italians.

Auken/Von Arnim stretched their lead and were looking very good for the title.

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Tenerife are promoted to Spanish Primera Liga!



Atletico Madrid missed out on promotion back to the Spanish first division on Sunday as Real Betis and Tenerife both got the away wins they needed to join Sevilla back in the top flight.

On a nerve-jangling final day of the season, Betis scored a confident 2-0 victory at Jaen to clinch second place behind Sevilla, who were crowned champions with two games to spare.

Atletico, in fourth place behind Tenerife on goal difference going into Sunday's games, needed to beat Getafe and hope their promotion rivals dropped points against Leganes.

Atletico completed their side of the bargain with a 1-0 away victory thanks to a Jorge Juan Luque freekick midway through the first half.

But Tenerife shattered their dreams of an immediate return to "La Primera" as Hugo Morales struck after 71 minutes to decide the match.

Sevilla won the title with 80 points, following their 2-1 win over Eibar on Saturday. Betis were second on 75, with Tenerife third on 74.

Midfielder Giovanni van Bronckhorst has joined Arsenal in a five-year deal.

The Dutch international is moving from Glasgow Rangers in a deal said to be worth £8.5m.

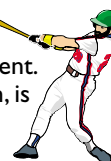
Rugby Union



Despite scoring three tries to one, the British Lions went down to the first defeat of their Australian tour, losing 25-28 to Australia A.

Baseball

Cal Ripken, whose record of 2,632 consecutive games for Baltimore may never be broken, has announced his retirement. Ripken, 40 and known as baseball's Iron Man, is in his 21st season with the Orioles.



Prognostications of le President Ancien EBL

Bill Pencharz, the previous president of the EBL, has given us his prognostications for both the Open and Women's Team Championships.

OPEN

Poland
Italy
France
Norway
Bulgaria

WOMEN

Germany
Austria
England
Israel
Norway

And for the 'Bonus Ball'

Russia

Netherlands



INTERVIEW

with Gianarrigo Rona, the President of us all

Giannarigo (61) is the son of Anna Claudia Rona, who was Italian Bridge Champion a number of times. He started playing bridge after graduating. In 1975 he became an administrator at national level as a member of the group of national tournament directors. In 1978 he became a board member and in 1986 he was elected President of the FIGB, the Italian Bridge Federation. In 1995 he was elected a member of the EBL Executive, of which he became President in 1999. His star sign is Scorpio and his ascendant is Scorpio as well. In football, he is a supporter of Inter, one of the two great old rivals in Milan, but he loves all sports, as well as film and travelling.

Q. Three adjectives to define who you are?

A. Egocentric, generous, optimistic.

Q. You tend to always deal with everything yourself. Is that because of excessive feelings of being obliged to do so or more because of lack of confidence in others?

A. It's a sense of perfection. I always want, rightly or wrongly, that the things are done exactly the way I want them to be done according to my own mental organisation blueprint. As it is practically impossible that other people can interpret the things I have in mind in exactly the same way as I would do, it might happen from time to time that I will do those things completely on my own.

Q. What do you consider the most positive aspect of being President of the EBL and what the most negative?

A. The positive aspect derives from the sense of gratitude that occurs at the moment when you can make so many bridge lovers feel happy by doing something good for them. The negative aspect, on the contrary, mainly consists of the unpleasant feeling of inability that occurs from time to time when we are confronted with the lack of economic autonomy in our structure.

Q. The mythological lamp of Aladdin is here and your three wishes will be listened to. What would you desire?

A. As I think that the only certainty is death, I would ask for good health and for the postponement of this lethal appointment for as long as possible, not only for me but for everyone whom I love. Secondly, taking into account that I am in very good health at the moment, I would like to start travelling around the world with my wife and my dog, reading the enormous bushel of books I have never stopped buying but also never managed to read yet. Finally, I would like to be able to say goodbye to all this that I am doing at the moment with the feeling that I have done a few good things for other people.

Q. What do you dislike in other people?

A. Hypocrisy and dishonest talk.

Q. And in yourself?

A. Certain outbreaks of rage and a few instances of thoughtlessness.

Q. Bridge for you is...

A. A very precisely chosen way of life.

Q. Have you ever been afraid of anything?

A. In my opinion anxiety does not exist and I am doing everything possible to remain coherent with this conviction. Only one exception: an earthquake would really panic me.

Q. You are the Italian Prime Minister for one day. Which three things would you do first?

A. First of all, I would make more money available for scientific research. Next, I would create special schools for parents, in which they would be forced to learn how to bring up their children. After this has been arranged for, I would put the brakes on all those people who seem to have an opinion on everything, a rapidly expanding species, in such a way that one would be obliged to concentrate first on one's own profession.

Q. If you could do things all over again...?

A. I would make exactly the same mistakes as in the past, also because I am convinced that it would not have been possible for me to have a positive approach to the new situations I have been confronted with in my life without the negative experiences suffered in the past. Fortunately enough, I do not feel any remorse nor any sense of missed chances.

Q. What do you consider the most astonishing thing in life?

A. It still is totally incomprehensible to me why people can be enemies for racial, religious or political reasons only.

Q. And in the world of bridge?

A. Often I am wondering why there are people even today who believe that bridge is a social affair for countesses and retired generals instead of a real sport, a factor of educational and cultural value.

Q. What would you like your epitaph to be?

A. Here lies a man who is dead.

Q. Your all-time top ten of bridge?

A. Excluding the present Italian team and not in any specific order: Belladonna, Garozzo, Forquet, Crawford, Jacoby, Slavenburg, Chemla, Gawrys, Helgemo, Fucik.

Q. Many bridge players are convinced that, when things are getting worse, the Goddess of Fortune is the main contestant at the green table...

A. No, I think that the only misfortune you might incur during your life is getting locked up in an elevator with a furious Mike Tyson...

MIDNIGHT IN MEMPHIS

by Eric Kokish

Thanks to e-bridge for giving us permission to reproduce part of this report on the closing stages of the Trials to determine who would represent the USA in the Lippo Bank Bermuda Bowl in Bali.

The final was Nickell v Ekeblad over 120 deals. Ekeblad fielded two real Americans in Russ Ekeblad and Bobby Lipsitz, and four players with different affiliations. Mark Molson is a Canadian star who married an American and lives in Florida. His partner and near-neighbour, Barnet Shenkin, made his reputation as a Scottish international. Ronny Rubin lives in London, and his partner, Matt Granovetter, lives in Jerusalem. They are rekindling an old partnership that brought the Ultimate Club system to the world's attention.

The Bermuda Bowl holders are the best known team in bridge.

20 IMPs separated the teams as the second day of the knock-out final began.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Soloway	Rubin	Hamman
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	3♠	Dble	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
		Dble	All Pass

It's good to reach 4♠ with the North/South cards so Rubin may not be losing much to double it. That is not quite true, of course. Molson/Shenkin do reach 4♠ but they are not doubled. Hamman makes a relatively painless overtrick when Granovetter leads a trump to the ace and Rubin switches to a diamond. Hamman cashes four rounds of clubs, ruffs a diamond, plays ♥A, heart ruff, and a diamond. Rubin can ruff high or low or not at all, but he can make only one more trump trick; +990 and 9 IMPs to Nickell.

Ekeblad wins the set 28-15 and Nickell's lead is reduced to just 7 IMPs, with 45 deals remaining.

The sixth set is a wild one, the teams scoring a total of 78 IMPs.

Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 4 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A K J 10 5 4 2 ♣ -	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K J ♥ K Q J ♦ 9 6 ♣ A J 9 5 4	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ Q 7 ♣ K Q 10 7 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Soloway	Rubin	Hamman
Pass	1♦	Dble	Rdbl
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

North/South can make 4♠ but not 5♦. Hamman has a little of everything and does not wish to commit to either offence or defence so he passes the double-clutch 4♥ to elicit a further opinion from Soloway, who guesses unluckily. He loses three spade tricks for one down: minus 100.

At the other table Nickell/Freeman also reach 4♥. South, who has started with 2♣ rather than redouble, doubles to bring his side back into the auction. North treats this double as pure penalty, however, and passes. He cashes two high diamonds and exits with a spade where a trump switch would beat the contract - declarer would not be able to get off dummy without losing an eventual club trick. Nickell decides that he would not be given a chance to make the contract if the ♠Q were onside and does not wish to concede a second vulnerable undertrick, so he rejects the spade finesse and goes one down: minus 200.

7 IMPs to Ekeblad and missed chances for Nickell at both tables.

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 7 ♥ K 9 8 7 3 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ A 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 5 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A J 7 4 ♣ Q J 9	♠ 4 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ K 10 8 7 5 4
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Both Easts declare 3NT on a club lead around to the nine. Meckstroth misguesses the play and goes two down. Rubin plays

it double dummy. He leads the ♠Q. Freeman wins and clears clubs, concealing his length. Rubin wins the ace and crosses to the ♠K to lead a heart. Freeman can play neither the jack nor the five with profit. When he plays low, Rubin puts in the nine. Nickell wins and leads the ♦5 but Rubin plays the jack. With hearts coming in, he can't be stopped from taking two spades, three hearts, two diamonds, and two clubs. 13 IMPs to Ekeblad.

Nick and Dick recoup 11 IMPs by reaching 6♥ on the North/South cards on this deal:

♠ 7 4 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ K Q 9 8 4	♠ J 8 3 ♥ A K 5 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ A 7 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ Q 10 9 6 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ J 10 2
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With trumps three-two and diamonds sitting pretty, the slam rolls home.

Ekeblad wins the set 44-34 and takes the lead for the first time, 173-170. They win the next set 24-20 but the final one goes to **Nickell** 40-12 and they will be USA I in Bali.

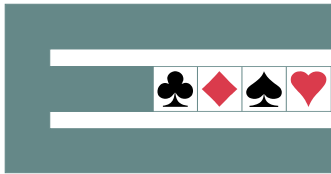
In the repechage to determine the second US team, Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby defeated Ekeblad 312-186 so **Meltzer** is USA II in Bali.

LADIES CONSOLOATION RANKING PAIRS

1	MEEHAN PATSY	O'NEILL PETRA	IRE	57.91
2	SACCAVINI ILARI	FRANSOS MARINA	ITA	57.32
3	BENHAMON LILIAN	MAITRE ELISABET	FRA	56.34
4	GONZALEZ HONTOR	LEON PILAR	SPA	55.82
5	SPEELMAN BETTY	DEBETS MARJOLEI	NET	55.70
6	SKOPINSKA E	WYCROTKOWSKA G	POL	55.64
7	FARHOLT STENSE	RAHELT MARIA	DEN	55.63
8	BAK CLAARTYE	BUHET WIL	NET	55.36
9	PENFOLD S	SENIOR N	ENG	55.26
10	KERR BERYL	CURTIS CATHERIN	ENG	55.14
11	PANTLE-RIECHERT	VON MALCHUS PET	GER	55.05
12	RENOUX MARIE	MENIL RACHEL	FRA	54.62
13	AYSEGUL GATTENI	MEHUES PISAK	TUR	54.60
14	ZANINOTTI DANIE	AZZONI PATRIZIA	ITA	54.51
15	FISHPOOL CATHER	GIRARDIN S	FRA	54.32
16	HIRCHENAUT TONY	CRONIER BENEDIC	FRA	54.29
17	CANESI MARINELL	D'ANDREA MARISA	ITA	53.99
18	ANCHISI PAOLA M	COLOSIMO CARMEL	ITA	53.86
19	VANUZZI MARILIN	TORIELLI VANESS	ITA	53.32
20	GIACOMA M.PAOLA	BENEDETTI ROBER	ITA	53.08
21	MACIESZCZAK MAR	SINEK MIRA	POL	52.99
22	PEDERZOLI GIULI	FUSARI EMANUELA	ITA	52.44
23	BARLUND B	NIEMISTO R	FIN	51.94
24	ROVERA LAURA	GIANARDI CARLA	ITA	51.77
25	DELACOUR PASCAL	BATTIN BRIGITTE	FRA	51.75
26	PEIRCE ROBERTA	CAGGESE ANTONEL	ITA	51.73
27	NARCZONA	KA'SA	HUN	51.32
28	SERF MARIANNE	KITABGI ANNEMAR	FRA	51.25
29	POKORNA' JANA	SVOBODOVA' PAUL	CZE	51.09
30	GIANNINI SILVIA	AZZIMONTI ANNAR	ITA	51.03
31	PANELLA ANA	FRANCO MARTA	SPA	50.88
32	CATZEFLIS GENEV	BARRAS LYA	SWI	50.25
33	PANADERO MARIA	CARVAJAL MARIAN	SPA	50.06
34	FARINA ZAMPATTI	FARINA ANNAMARI	ITA	49.93
35	AASAND TONJE	HELNESS GUNN	NOR	49.52
36	GROMOLLER HELMI	FELLA GUDRUN	GER	49.41
37	SAXON NETTA	DAN ORA	ISR	49.31
38	DE IANNI TANIA	ORIOLO ALESSAND	ITA	49.06
39	GALMOZZI FRANCA	BRAMBILLA ROSAL	ITA	48.66
40	SAMY BRIGITTE	LASSALLETTE ISA	FRA	48.42
41	BETTIOL FABRIZI	BRUCCULERI ANNA	ITA	48.35
42	MOEN VIGDIS	FOSSAN BODIL	NOR	47.50
43	MCCREADY ANGELA	BENTLEY DETTA	ENG	47.10
44	FARKAS RUTH	KIRSCH ANALIA	ISR	46.41
45	FLEISCHMANN URS	GABLER NORA	AUS	46.08
46	CARMONA IRENE	CORRAL MARI CAR	SPA	46.06
47	NAPOLI VITTORIA	GUARIGLIA MARIA	ITA	45.48
48	KIRK FAY	FORD JANINE	ENG	45.21
49	PERLIA INGRID	ZIMMERMANN MARI	GER	45.13
50	RUSSO ESTER BEC	TAMBURELLI ROSA	ITA	45.06
51	BALDI ELMA	LEVONI MARINA	ITA	44.62
52	MARIOTTI ORIANA	BIANCHI VALERIA	ITA	42.08
53	MOSCATELLI GABR	BASILICO PIERA	ITA	41.94
54	HABBARD	BROCHARD	FRA	40.92
55	DE RESCHKO GALA	SUAREZ MARGARA	SPA	38.93
56	MARTIN PALOMA	NICOLIAS-CORREA	SPA	38.90
57	CORBEEL DENISE	MINTIENS DIANA	BEL	37.17

LADIES FINAL RANKING PAIRS

1	AUKEN SABINE	VON ARNIM DANIE	GER	56.97
2	ROSI TIZIANA	BACOCOLI ANTON	ITA	54.51
3	BIRMAN DANIELA	LIBERMAN RUTH	ISR	54.03
4	ERDEOVA' JANA	HNA'TOVA DANIEL	CZE	53.92
5	BACKSTROM S	KOISTINEN R	FIN	53.21
6	HOOGWEG FEMKE	VAN ZWOL WIETSK	NET	53.05
7	POPLILOU MATILD	NOSACKS MICHAL	ISR	52.91
8	CIVIDIN SARA DE	COLONNA ORNELLA	ITA	52.74
9	ROMANOVSKA MARI	VOLINA VICTORIA	RUS	52.49
10	BURATTI MONICA	FORTI DARINKA	ITA	52.31
11	TOMASZEWSKA W	WOJTYRA ANNA	POL	52.25
12	STAWOWY BARBARA	FARWIG KATRIN	GER	52.10
13	CAPODANNO LUCIA	BONORI MARISA	ITA	51.82
14	NEHMERT P	RAUSCHIED A	GER	51.82
15	GROMOVA VICTORI	KONICHEVA ELENA	RUS	51.82
16	SENDACKA	NERONOWICZ	POL	51.73
17	PISCITELLI FRAN	PAOLUZI SIMONET	ITA	51.06
18	SVER NIKICA	PILIPOVIC MARIN	CRO	50.42
19	PASMAN J	SIMONS A	NET	50.09
20	DUMON SYLVIE	CLEMENT MURIEL	FRA	50.05
21	SARNIAK ANNA	GRUNT ANNA	POL	49.78
22	DUBUS MONIQUE	BESSIS VERONIQUE	FRA	49.19
23	CROCI GIOVANNA	FERE' MARIALUIS	ITA	49.14
24	MORETTI RENATA	SAUTAUX MONIKA	SWI	48.90
25	LACROIX F	POULAIN C	FRA	48.88
26	HELLEMANN ANNE-	MALINOWSKI ANNA	NOR	48.32
27	VARENNE MYRIAM	HUGON ELISABETH	FRA	47.45
28	RAIM BAULT SIMO	MOUTTET MANUELA	FRA	47.25



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Arona, Tenerife, 19th June 2001

Report by the EBL President, Gianarrigo Rona

Dear Colleagues and friends,

We are here together for the first Assembly of the European Bridge League in the first century of the third millennium, which is also the first EBL General Assembly according to the new Statutes approved in Maastricht last August.

I am convinced that posterity will not remember this century as we remember the Renaissance. The symptoms tend to be conflicting and stubbornly steeped in technology and materialism more than ethics and spirituality. The challenge for humanity is, however, truly stimulating. Our challenge is likewise stimulating: the challenge of ensuring the continual progression of bridge within the social fabric as an expression not only of a sport but one that also contains an educational, social, cultural and ethical element.

Like society with its customs, habits, culture and tendencies, bridge is undoubtedly changing its way of imposing itself and its development. Certainly the technological revolution has and continues to have an enormous influence on society and its way of behaving and planning. It is also certain that this technological revolution has led to a progressive decrease in social interaction and consequently increased solitude.

We live with machines, we interact with them, pair up with them and reach a harmony with them. When we are with other people we no longer derive simple enjoyment from the pleasure of being together; unfortunately there are those who have reached the absurd level of having to take stimulants to create artificial situations which instead of freeing them from solitude serve only to reinforce it further and to induce depression when the effect is over.

I still have memories of signs up in the courtyards of blocks of flats forbidding children to play during certain hours. Today such signs are no longer even needed since today's children, young people and adults spend all their leisure time in front of the computer, surfing the net, or changing from one to another of the dozens of television channels now available.

The image of the child playing football is completely replaced by the child with headphones or the mobile phone. The so-called social life is becoming meaningless and seems scarcely even enjoyable. Then going to clubs, cafes, pubs, youth clubs is in decline: those who go there do so for a specific purpose only, not simply just to be in company.

Sport in general and bridge in particular are among the last bastions to stand up to these attacks which increasingly assault their traditional positions. In any sport including bridge technology is, must be and must remain a simple means to an end and not excessively important in itself. Technology should be regarded appropriately, that is as an instrument which supports the activity and helps to reach one's objectives.

These objectives must be social, ethical and cultural education. We play together, we compete together, we interact with each other. This is and continues to be the true message of sport and bridge and we, all together, should do our utmost to ensure that this message is not in vain due to disruptive forces and misleading influences.

Fortunately for us this message is starting to be received with enthusiasm by young people, students and teachers alike who are beginning to see bridge as a valid way to prevent solitude and misdemeanour, as a way forward to social integration and an excellent educational and ethical vehicle.

This rewards us for all the efforts we make to promote our sport, makes us proud and gives us hope for a peaceful and settled future for the development of our sport, the growth of our Federations and Clubs, for the definitive affirmation of bridge in our social fabric.

The recognition by the IOC of bridge as a true sport in all respects and the desired elevation of bridge to an Olympic discipline, an added attraction in Salt Lake City in 2002, and, we hope, a medal-winning one in Turin in 2006, represents the culmination of that first step taken, perhaps with scepticism, by the IOC in 1995 with the first recognition of the WBF and bridge.

So bridge steps into the third millennium through the main entrance and is about to face its fourth century of existence: such a long time has passed since Sir Edmond Hoyle, in 1742, issued the "Short Treaties" in London. The recognition of bridge in the world, its progressive acceptance within our social fabric, which has turned it from an elite hobby into a mass discipline and sport, has happened and developed over the past fifty years. Just as, during the past fifty years the European Bridge League, its evolution, its organisation and its success has developed.

I hope I have not bored you, dear friends, with this long preamble, which I consider necessary, right and fair in order to give everybody an idea of the meaning of what we do, why we do it and what horizons we are looking at as we developing our programmes and projects, with passion, enthusiasm and blind trust.

During these first two years of our work, which began with the Congress of Malta, where we first previewed our programme, we have tried to build the structure and organisation of the EBL. In order to clarify matters, I will cover the various stages:

I. Laws and Constitution

The first step was to create a new, more modern and flexible Constitution based on solid principles of democracy and clarity, inspired by the basic principles of the Olympic Charter which represents the true values of the dignity of sport, today also of bridge. We wrote new Statutes, which were approved by the Congress of Maastricht.

The Statutes define the law and to ensure the law is put into effect, it is necessary to lay down the required procedures. We started with the Regulations, quickly followed by the Code of Practice and the Systems Regulations, finally removing the contradictions and contrasts with the WBF rules. Then came the Disciplinary Code of Conduct, an indispensable instrument to guarantee the correct progress of our activities; the EBL TD Organisation, another essential instrument to support direct EBL activities, but above all that of the NBOs. We are facing the problems of the Teaching Programme and its organisation to ensure that all NBOs have professional and well-trained teachers.

It is necessary to understand that today there are two elements that enable a Federation to move forward: teaching and tournament direction. Good teaching is extremely important for the bridge approach of beginners and its impact is definitive since it can make the difference between learning to love or hate the game. There are no half measures. The damage caused by a bad teacher can never be repaired. If you fall in love with bridge, you will never lose your affection for it. Tournament Directors have the task of providing a service that is qualified and different from that to be found outside the structure of the Federations. Their competence, professional skills and standards must be high; their behaviour must always be exemplary. The EBL wants to help the Federations by creating, organising, improving these two professional categories.

Obviously it is the Officers who guarantee the existence and the functionality of a Federation. The success of a Federation is directly proportional to the competence, preparation and enthusiasm of its own Officers. It is the League's fundamental task to make use of the experience gained by the stronger Federations and transmit this to the weaker ones. It is also the League's duty to supply all the Federations with the support and instruments to permit them to carry out their work better.

Last year in May we organised the first NBO Officers' Seminar in Viserbella di Rimini. I have spoken of this initiative on several occasions and so it is not necessary to go over it again. I only wish to repeat that it was a great success and provided us with comments and suggestions on how we should manage this activity on future occasions. We put together the CD given to you today, a little late perhaps but unfortunately the many commitments and, alas, scarce resources prevented us from doing so before now.

2. Olympic Committee

We have cultivated important relations with the Olympic family, managing to reach unexpected goals, which have gratified immensely the enormous amount of time and resources spent.

In Malta we received news of the official recognition of the WBF as a Sports Federation by the IOC. In the past two years giant steps forward have been made. The WBF has been admitted to ARISF and GAISF, the two most important Associations of International Sports Federations. The IOC Trophy is held every year in Lausanne at the Olympic Museum. José Damiani, with the help of the IOC Vice-President, Marc Hodler, has done an enormous amount of work and has obtained exceptional results which have given bridge the same dignity awarded to all other sports and which will lead to Salt Lake City, and then hopefully to Turin as a full, official Olympic discipline. It is extremely hard work, fraught with difficulty, which requires significant finances and great sacri-

ifice, but José's commitment to this task is impressive and I am sure that the objectives will be reached.

In the meantime the EBL has realised a great objective. Last November José Damiani and I were invited to Warsaw to participate in the European Olympic Committee Congress to introduce bridge officially. You have been given a CD of this presentation, which could be very useful for you when contacting your own National Olympic Committees.

It has been a real success and specially the President Jacques Rogge, one of the most likely candidates to succeed Samaranch in the IOC Presidency, and the General Secretary Mario Pescante, a great friend of ours recently elected Vice-Minister of Sport in Italy, were really impressed by our structure and organisation. They had the opportunity to see the staging of the EOC Trophy, which was expertly organised by Radek Kielbasinski with the CA IB support.

It was a great occasion and gave us a unique opportunity to meet and talk with the Presidents, the Delegates and the European athletes on the EOC board. Thanks to Mario Pescante's help we are working to be present at the European Youth Olympic Games which are to be held in Paris next year. This is another way to help us reach Turin 2006 for which we already have powerful contacts. The Organising Committee seems oriented to give us big support and we are already working hard to find a venue where to hold our event.

3. Championships

In the past two years we have organised:

- ◆ the Mixed Championships in Bellaria, March 2000;
- ◆ the Junior and School Teams Championship in Antalya, July 2000;
- ◆ the Open and Senior Pairs Championships in Sorrento, March 2000;
- ◆ and the 45th Generali European Bridge Teams Championships here in Tenerife

Bellaria and Sorrento were both very successful in terms of participation and I think that the players also appreciated the technical, logistic and organisational aspects. Bellaria produced a good profit for the EBL, even without sponsors, limited only by the problems caused by the non-availability of the Jerusalem venue, which forced us to find and set up an alternative venue in only ten months.

Antalya deserves a separate mention because the Youth Committee of Panos Gerontopoulos and the Turkish Federation organised an extraordinary event. The venue and the Hotel were really fabulous and the cost unbelievably low. I am convinced that for anyone in the future will be hard to compete with Antalya.

For Tenerife we almost killed ourselves working during the previous year and still now we are exhausting ourselves with an uncommon overload. It is only thanks to the dedication, professional skills and willingness of our staff we can face this challenge, hiding the numerous daily problems so that they do not affect the players. We are also in some state of anxiety because the Generali Company has not confirmed yet its contribution, nor

the amount. Anyway, even risking some economic deficit, we are doing our best, believe me, to make this Championship great.

4. Committee Activity

I have already spoken about the Laws, Systems, Championships and T.D. Committees and now, very briefly I would like to talk about the activity of the Youth, University, Ladies, and Senior Committees. You will find complete reports in your folder.

I am very grateful to the Chairmen and members of these Committees because they really have worked very hard to achieve their objectives in the development and in the organization of the activities in their respective sectors.

If young people represent the guarantee of our future, the ladies and the seniors represent the continuity and the policy of the League must be to take care, not only of the champions, the top level players, but also the amateurs. It is vital that we work to develop our discipline in every sector of the social life in order to obtain a stable environment and background where the name of bridge does not appear like a word in written in Sanskrit, but can be recognised for what it is. This is fundamental to bring in newcomers, to find space on the media, to interest potential sponsors and supporters.

5. Internet

A very big job has been done. Following the Viserbella Seminar the Executive Committee decided to suspend the printing of the EBL Review and Calendar and to concentrate all these resources on Internet.

In Sorrento Panos Gerontopoulos presented to the Executive the new European Bridge League Web Site, which was approved and immediately went live. Now I think that we have a high standard web site which can appropriately serve to the NBOs and the bridge player.

Our site attracted the attention of a specialist, who has offered us the opportunity to obtain sponsorship, with the chance to find other companies interested in placing banner advertising on the site. We are in the process of drawing up a contract with a top level international company which we believe will lead to a substantial revenue stream for the EBL.

6. Financial

In your folder you find the copy of the balance sheet and of the budget and the Treasurer will report to you about its.

The financial result of the past two years is negative as a consequence of the decision adopted by the Executive Committee after the Seminar of Viserbella where the matter was discussed with the Officers of the NBOs, to reduce and split over a three year period the difference between the old and the new dues.

I recall that in Viserbella I explained the reasons for the introduction of the new scale, and the necessity to invest money in our work to give to the League the necessary instruments to realise its programmes and to achieve its goals - the programmes and goals approved unanimously by the Congress in Malta immediately after my election as President of the European Bridge League.

The EBL has maintained the programmes, while at the same time reducing the membership dues. It has been necessary to invest a proportion of our resources to cover the loss of income and so the negative result must be viewed, not as a loss but as an investment in our own future. In Viserbella we all decided together to pursue this course and our aims.

The Executive Committee proceeded on this course. If we check our accounts we immediately see that the expenses have been rigorously maintained in the provisional budget even if we have to face new un-budgeted costs due to all the activity undertaken for Olympic matters. We have curtailed expenses wherever possible, even delaying implementation of some parts of the programme to stay in line with budgeted expenses as far as possible.

The year 2001 will show another deficit in our budget as a result of the second stage of our dues scheme. Finally, after 2002 we will return to normality, and we are confident that we will start to reap the benefits from our "investment" in the preceding three years.

Let me now dear friends spend some words about an argument that is in my opinion the most urgent and that is:

7. Restructuring the EBL Championships

7.1. The Organisation of the Calendar and the Competitions

In my opinion we should make radical changes to the calendar and try to use the second fortnight of June for our Championships only every year since this seems to be the month preferred by the players and NBOs.

To do this it is necessary therefore to concentrate our competitions and organise them differently from today. One year would be dedicated to the Open, Ladies and Senior Teams Championships and the other dedicated to Mixed and Pairs Championships. The Youth sector is a separate matter. This programme would create interesting prospects because:

- (1) For the Open, Ladies and Senior Team Championships the organisational format would remain almost unchanged: two weeks, from Saturday to Saturday.
- (2) Regarding the Pairs Championships, very interesting prospects are open to us. The Rosenblum format could be copied, i.e. free participation, without restrictions on quota, and with first the Mixed, then the Pairs and then the Teams. We could also consider the possibility of allowing players from other zones to participate (thus increasing the number of participants) since the competitions could be of interest to non-Europeans.
- (3) The youth sector is a separate matter. Undoubtedly the current organisation works well, even though finding a venue is difficult and perhaps even more so since for the young people we need suitable locations which can be easily reached and above all are inexpensive. However, to me it seems appropriate that the Youth Championships continue to be held separately, and likewise the University Championships, for which I must say that the dates are extremely inconvenient since the 15th of August is a peak holiday time and this cre-

ates organisational problems both for the Federations and the players. We should examine the possibility of holding them at the end of August/beginning of September.

7.2. Choice of Competition Sites

The choice of competition site is extremely important and after all the dramatic events and consequent increased obligations which we have had to bear this year, a radical decision must be taken. Furthermore, the choice is fundamental to ensure complete NBO participation.

This year due to the problems and transfer costs, despite the attractiveness of the Canaries we have 35 Open Teams as we did in Malta, but that was before the split of Great Britain into three individual Federations, so in reality the number is slightly down, but only 21 Ladies Teams. This can be easily explained. The smaller Federations are not able to bear the costs if the site is far away and the costs are not very low since there are no sponsors in the female sector to bear these costs. In Tenerife we have less Senior Teams than in Malta where there were 29 teams. If we consider the split in Great Britain, which this year has 5 teams compared with 3 in Malta, the result is disappointing and certainly has not repaid all the effort and work done by Nissan in these past two years.

I wish to repeat that if we are unable to make Championships profitable, it will be increasingly difficult to make our financial situation healthy once again and impossible to provide a stable and professional organisation and undertake the various initiatives we have planned. In other words, the Championships must become a source of income and not one of loss.

I personally am convinced, and I have already mentioned on various occasions, that we should hold several editions of the Team Championships at the same venue, unless of course we have a series of requests which would allow us to be pressure-free for a certain number of years. However, we should have requests a long time in advance to enable us to plan at least three consecutive Championship editions.

I believe it would be easier to find a venue willing to host us with favourable conditions (and therefore profit) if we could make an agreement for a certain number of years. It would be better still if in this venue there were all the materials necessary for running the Championships. It would also be essential that the site can be easily reached from all over Europe, offer accommodation and facilities for all budgets and of course be an appropriate venue for the aims of the Championships.

I also think that all bridge players would be pleased with this solution. There would be a sort of "Championship Base" containing all the necessary requirements and which every two years would be a calendar fixture.

Naturally the situation is different for the Pairs and Mixed Championships which would continue to change site (sometimes at these competitions there are also players who also wish to see new and different places and do tourist activities) and probably the considerably higher number of participants over the two weeks would make it easier to find favourable offers which would compensate for the organisational expenses.

8. Conclusion

Dear Friends, as we have seen, the work is now well focussed. EOC, IOC, European Championships, Courses and Meetings, in addition to the everyday activity. Perhaps from the outside it is not possible to have a clear perception of what is happening, but undoubtedly the quantity of work and commitment is enormous.

Internet and e-mail are without question great inventions and offer vital support, but on the other hand they have multiplied the workload.

If the workload has increased greatly, in my opinion this is because we have to deal with all the organisational, administrative, political, logistical, and technical aspects to offer a service to our members and the NBOs which although not perfect (since perfection is not human) is the best possible, and we must be at their complete disposal to try to resolve the many small and big problems which arise daily.

Nevertheless I am very optimistic especially since at last year's Viserbella Officers' seminar I realised that the NBOs support and participate in our programmes. I was able to appreciate that they understand that we are working for them and are investing resources from our own reserves so that the League may be organised and function in their interests alone.

I rely on your support and co-operation because only by working and by making a great effort all together and with the same aims at heart can we obtain what we are seeking and what I wanted to achieve when I was elected President of the European Bridge League.

Please let me thank the Members of the Presidential Council, the Executive Committee, our General Counsel, the Secretariat and all the Championship staff. Over the past two years they have all given me dedicated and loyal support and have carried out their often onerous work with absolute professionalism and enthusiasm and with a strong sense of belonging to a great team.

My special thanks go to Sabine Auken and Laurens Hoedemaker who, for personal reasons, have decided not to stand for re-election. I am confident that even though they will no longer be members of the EBL Executive Committee, they will remain part of the team and will continue to work and support us.

I would also like to thank our President Emeritus, the President of our World of Bridge, but above all our friend, José Damiani who with his presence, his unfailing wisdom and advice continually shows his affection and care for the EBL and to whom we owe a great debt for our success.

Finally, dear friends, I wish to thank all of you - I remind you that you are the League - its strength, its body and soul and I am proud an honoured to be your President. I will continue to serve the League to the best of my ability, with all my enthusiasm and hope to fulfil your expectations.

Thank you for your attention

Gianarrigo Rona, President
19 June 2001

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 7

Player		avg. IMPs	Boards											
1	Vozabal D	CZE	1.29	100	69	Barbosa J	POR	0.35	80	139	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.24	60
2	Zadrazil M	CZE	1.29	100	70	Pinto R	POR	0.35	80	140	Nikolayenko	UKR	-0.25	80
3	Helgemo G	NOR	1.27	120	71	Rees T	WAL	0.29	80	141	Rybnikov G	UKR	-0.25	80
4	Helness T	NOR	1.27	120	72	Andersson L	SWE	0.26	80	142	Ananijev B	CRO	-0.31	60
5	Carcassonne	BEL	1.23	100	73	Gullberg T	SWE	0.26	80	143	Sasek T	CRO	-0.31	60
6	Labaere A	BEL	1.23	100	74	Hanlon T	IRE	0.26	120	144	Pownall M	WAL	-0.34	100
7	Honti L	HUN	1.12	60	75	McGann H	IRE	0.26	120	145	Baroudi N	LEB	-0.35	80
8	De Falco D	ITA	0.98	60	76	Yadlin D	ISR	0.25	60	146	Nasr C	LEB	-0.35	80
9	Ferraro G	ITA	0.98	60	77	Yadlin I	ISR	0.25	60	147	Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.36	60
10	Allegrini P	FRA	0.87	100	78	Kaplan A	BEL	0.24	80	148	Arigun C	TUR	-0.36	60
11	Palau JJ	FRA	0.87	100	79	Polet G	BEL	0.24	80	149	Gloyer A	AUS	-0.36	100
12	Gromov A	RUS	0.82	120	80	Liarakos S	GRE	0.24	80	150	Schifko M	AUS	-0.36	100
13	Petrinin A	RUS	0.82	120	81	Ingimarsson	ICE	0.21	120	151	Baldursson J	ICE	-0.37	100
14	Kannavos P	GRE	0.80	80	82	Magnusson M	ICE	0.21	120	152	Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.37	100
15	Kwicien M	POL	0.79	100	83	Lesniewski M	POL	0.21	80	153	Svoboda O	CZE	-0.39	120
16	Pszczola J	POL	0.79	100	84	Martens K	POL	0.21	80	154	Gal P	HUN	-0.40	80
17	Brogeland B	NOR	0.76	80	85	Senk M	SLO	0.19	140	155	Capucho M	POR	-0.43	80
18	Saelensminde	NOR	0.76	80	86	Kranjc G	SLO	0.19	140	156	Lara M	POR	-0.43	80
19	Kirchhoff E	NET	0.74	80	87	Dietrich A	LUX	0.16	80	157	Jonsson Th	ICE	-0.49	60
20	Paulissen G	NET	0.74	80	88	Richter C	LUX	0.16	80	158	Thorvaldsson	ICE	-0.49	60
21	Dubinin A	RUS	0.73	80	89	Cuthbertson	SCO	0.16	80	159	Fornaro P	LIE	-0.49	100
22	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.73	80	90	Matheson J	SCO	0.16	80	160	Zucchini G	LIE	-0.49	100
23	AA T	NOR	0.71	80	91	Levy R	SWI	0.15	120	161	Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.52	100
24	Groetheim G	NOR	0.71	80	92	Teyluoni F	SWI	0.15	120	162	Palmieri C	LIE	-0.52	100
25	Kholomeev V	RUS	0.71	80	93	Szilagyi L	HUN	0.06	100	163	Hallberg G	ENG	-0.59	80
26	Zlotov D	RUS	0.71	80	94	Caspersen H	DEN	0.06	80	164	Simpson C	ENG	-0.59	80
27	Kapayannides	GRE	0.70	60	95	Norgaard T	DEN	0.06	80	165	Fahs B	LEB	-0.61	60
28	Eidi M	LEB	0.70	100	96	Zorlu N	TUR	0.06	140	166	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.61	60
29	Harfouche G	LEB	0.70	100	97	Assael S	TUR	0.06	140	167	Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.62	80
30	Karaivanov I	BUL	0.67	100	98	Murdoch J	SCO	0.01	100	168	Knap A	SPA	-0.62	80
31	Stamatov J	BUL	0.67	100	99	Walker D	SCO	0.01	100	169	Wasik A	SPA	-0.62	80
32	Ludewig B	GER	0.63	100	100	Koksoy E	TUR	0.00	80	170	Jansa Z	CZE	-0.62	100
33	Reps K	GER	0.63	100	101	Ucar A	TUR	0.00	80	171	Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.62	80
34	Sundelin P	SWE	0.60	80	102	Whittaker W	SCO	-0.01	100	172	Turletti G	LIE	-0.62	80
35	Sylvan J	SWE	0.60	80	103	Steel L	SCO	-0.01	100	173	Briolini G	SMR	-0.66	100
36	Skoularikis	GRE	0.59	80	104	Denning P	WAL	-0.02	100	174	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.66	100
37	Zotos L	GRE	0.59	80	105	Thomas A	WAL	-0.02	100	175	Novak M	SLO	-0.73	140
38	Hegedus G	HUN	0.58	60	106	Szalay G	HUN	-0.02	120	176	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.73	140
39	Mykhaylenko	UKR	0.56	80	107	Hopfenheit G	GER	-0.04	80	177	Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.75	80
40	Nemtsev O	UKR	0.56	80	108	Retzlaff R	GER	-0.04	80	178	Pesonen J	FIN	-0.76	60
41	Duong H	SWI	0.51	100	109	Mraz T	CZE	-0.05	80	179	Stubb S	FIN	-0.76	60
42	Yalcin T	SWI	0.51	100	110	Kurka J	CZE	-0.05	80	180	Goded F	SPA	-0.79	120
43	Matei C	ROM	0.48	100	111	Rapoport O	UKR	-0.05	80	181	Lantaran L	SPA	-0.79	120
44	Rometi F	ROM	0.48	80	112	Volkov O	UKR	-0.05	80	182	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.80	80
45	Savin D	ROM	0.48	100	113	Schaltz D	DEN	-0.05	100	183	Aviram Y	ISR	-0.87	60
46	Valeanu V	ROM	0.48	80	114	Schaltz P	DEN	-0.05	100	184	Barel M	ISR	-0.87	60
47	Abecassis M	FRA	0.48	80	115	Lamza V	CRO	-0.06	100	185	Purgajlis M	LAT	-0.87	100
48	Soulet P	FRA	0.48	80	116	Tomic T	CRO	-0.06	100	186	Romanovskis	LAT	-0.87	100
49	Multon F	FRA	0.47	100	117	Micescu V	ROM	-0.07	100	187	Fawcett J	ENG	-0.88	80
50	Quantin J	FRA	0.47	100	118	Rotaru I	ROM	-0.07	100	188	Liggins G	ENG	-0.88	80
51	Simon J	AUS	0.47	100	119	Frances A	SPA	-0.08	80	189	Filippi F	SMR	-0.90	100
52	Terraneo C	AUS	0.47	100	120	Torres J	SPA	-0.08	80	190	Hausler H	GER	-0.90	100
53	Bocchi N	ITA	0.43	120	121	Herbst I	ISR	-0.08	80	191	Spletstosse	GER	-0.90	100
54	Duboin G	ITA	0.43	120	122	Herbst O	ISR	-0.08	80	192	Helling S	LUX	-0.93	80
55	Eliasson PG	LAT	0.43	120	123	Jansma J	NET	-0.12	100	193	Renno I	LUX	-0.93	80
56	Magnusson T	LAT	0.43	120	124	Verhees L	NET	-0.12	100	194	MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.93	80
57	Balicki C	POL	0.42	100	125	Kiema O	FIN	-0.14	140	195	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.93	80
58	Zmudzinski A	POL	0.42	100	126	Koistinen K	FIN	-0.14	140	196	Pizza E	SMR	-0.94	100
59	Karaivanov K	BUL	0.41	100	127	Maas A	NET	-0.15	100	197	Nystrom F	SWE	-1.02	80
60	Trendafilov	BUL	0.41	100	128	Ramondt V	NET	-0.15	100	198	Bertheau P	SWE	-1.02	80
61	Kapayannides	GRE	0.41	100	129	Mihov V	BUL	-0.17	80	199	Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-1.02	80
62	Lindermann A	AUS	0.41	80	130	Nanev I	BUL	-0.17	80	200	Utter L	FIN	-1.02	80
63	Saurer B	AUS	0.41	80	131	Winkler G	HUN	-0.18	140	201	O'Briain P	IRE	-1.18	80
64	Engel Z	BEL	0.39	100	132	Blakset L	DEN	-0.18	100	202	Roche T	IRE	-1.18	80
65	Van Middelme	BEL	0.39	100	133	Bruun M	DEN	-0.18	100	203	Debonnaire J	POR	-1.23	80
66	Goodman P	WAL	0.38	100	134	Lauria L	ITA	-0.20	100	204	Teixeira A	POR	-1.23	80
67	Tesla M	CRO	0.36	120	135	Versace A	ITA	-0.20	100	205	Kloppenborg	LUX	-1.38	80
68	Borevkovic G	CRO	0.36	120	136	Burn D	ENG	-0.24	80	206	Schaaper M	LUX	-1.38	80
					137	Callaghan B	ENG	-0.24	80	207	Alfejeva E	LAT	-1.61	60
					138	Dousse J	SWI	-0.24	60	208	Gonca V	LAT	-1.61	60



Executive Meeting

Today, 20 June 12.40

Meeting Room to be advised at the Press Room

Ladies Transnational Teams Cup

This event will start today 20 June at 3.00 p.m. in the Salon Cibeles at the Hotel Marco Antonio, and will end on Saturday 23rd.

The entry fee is just SF 240 for teams of up to 6 players.

This event is new and especially organised to give the lady players who want to play more bridge after the Pairs has finished, the opportunity to remain for the rest of the week enjoying the atmosphere and sunshine as well as extra bridge.

It is Transnational because this means that you can meet with players from other countries while you are here, and arrange to make up a team and play.

The times of play have been carefully arranged to give you plenty of free time to enjoy the sunshine during the day, and a relaxed dinner after play in the evening... play will be from:

**10.00 - 12.30 and
from 17.30 - 20.00 each day**

Ladies, please, you are still in time to form a Transnational Team. We are ready to help you find partners or team-mates – please tell the Director that you are interested in playing and he will try and help you.

The Captains Meeting will be today just before the start of play in the Salon Cibeles.

Busman's Holiday*

**(Teams of people from different professions go for a holiday where they have to work)*

The EBL Executive has to work extra hard at a major Championship and it was a treat when several of its members were able to compete in a light hearted match. This was the biggest swing:

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ K J 4 2 ♦ 10 9 6 4 ♣ 10 6 5 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 8 5 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 5 ♦ K J 5 ♣ 8 4</p> <p>♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A J 9</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 9 6 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ K Q 7 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Magerman</i>	<i>Borusiewicz</i>	<i>de Pauw</i>	<i>Kielbasinski</i>
Pass	2♣	1♦ All Pass	1♠

West led the ten of diamonds, covered by the jack and queen and East decided to switch to the three of spades. Declarer naturally put up the ace and played on clubs. He ended up losing two clubs, two spades, two diamonds and one heart for two down, -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Stobiecki</i>	<i>Tynianker</i>	<i>Wachowski</i>	<i>Rand</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	2♣*
3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
All Pass		3NT	Dble

With a maximum for INT, East decided to contest the part score further. West did not like the idea of no-trumps but with South having promised spades and a minor Three Clubs look dubious. When East bid for a third time South had heard enough. He led the ten of spades and East won with the queen and tried the heart finesse. When that lost and North played a spade he ended up losing four spades, one heart and two clubs for down three; -800.

VIDEO NEWS

The Championships are being video-taped and a souvenir edition can be purchased.

To order a copy please go to the Information Desk located in front of the Bridge Rama room armed with just 2900 Ptas or 17.5 Euro.



Appeal No.2



France v England

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Naki Bruni (Italy).

Ladies Pairs Qualifying 1st session

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 8 3 2 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ K Q 10 3		
♠ - ♥ K 7 2 ♦ 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ A J 9 8 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 5 ♥ Q 10 9 8 5 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ 6 5 4	
	♠ K J 10 9 7 6 4 ♥ J 4 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ 2		
West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Delacour</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Battin</i>
	1♣	1♥	4♠
4NT	5♠	All Pass	

Contract: Five Spades, played by South.

Result: Nine tricks, N/S -200.

The Facts:

West had intended her bid of 4NT to show a choice of contracts, but East interpreted it as being Blackwood (RKCB in effect). East wanted to give this explanation in written form, but could find no paper. North claimed that she asked "Blackwood?" and had received a positive reply.

The Director:

Found that there were facts in dispute and applied Law 85B, deciding that North had made her call without waiting for an explanation. Since she did not receive an explanation, she could not claim misinformation.

Ruling: Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 85B.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players.

The Players:

West explained that she intended 4NT to indicate either both minors, or one minor and a 3-card Heart fit. That would be the correct system if East had opened the bidding, or if West had been able to bid 2NT. East explained that she had interpreted it as Blackwood. East/West told the Committee that they had

never encountered the sequence and had no way of proving the one or the other explanation to be correct.

North repeated that she had asked the question and had thought she got a positive reply. East denied having answered to any question.

North stated that she intended to disturb East/West's Ace asking and would not have bid 5♠ if she had received the other explanation.

The Committee:

Agreed with the Director about the disputed facts. Most probably, North had mistakenly interpreted some gesture from East.

However, she would have received the same information if she had waited for a written explanation. The Committee decided therefore to affect a ruling as if the answer had in fact been Blackwood.

Since East/West had no way of providing evidence that this explanation was correct, the Appeal Committee must assume mistaken explanation.

The Committee considered North's choice of bid very poor. In fact, the overall might be more appropriate over the explanation as given by West. The Committee felt that North had not been damaged by the explanation.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling modified, but original table result still stands.

Deposit: Returned.

EBL

Seniors Congress

Mr Nissan Rand announces that the EBL Seniors Congress will take place today at 17.30 in the Appeals Committee Room in the Congress Centre Salon Atenas (adjacent to the registration area). The President of the WBF and all EBL Executive Members, members of the EBL Seniors Committee, Captains of the Seniors Teams, Presidents and Senior Officials of all NBOs, Senior Players, those interested in EBL Seniors affairs and the press are all invited.

Agenda

Roll Call

Facts on the 4th European Seniors teams Championship: number of boards per session, etc.

Future EBL Senior events:

- Brighton, England, August 13-17, 2001.
- Warsaw, Poland, August 25-31, 2001.
- Prague, Czech Republic, November 16-20.

The Senior event in Bali, October - November 2001.

Senior events in 2002: Israel, Malta, Italy, England, Poland, France and the Czech Republic.

Selection of members for the EBL Seniors Committee 2001-2003.

Any Other Business

Championship Diary

The Editor reports on the daily events at and around the Championship venue.

Tuesday 19 June 2001

We spotted Norberto Bocchi attempting to perfect his scooter riding skills in the corridor while he was waiting for the start of one of the VuGraph matches. Alas he was moving too fast for our photographer - but we will doubtless get another chance.

Jean-Paul Meyer noticed that the cigarette machines in the lobby appear to charge only 800 Ptas in the morning, but go up to 2000 Ptas in the evening, making it a good idea to make your purchases early in the day. Well not quite, as the machines are simply displaying the time!

We have already collected three appeals from scribe Herman de Wael so the forecast of less than ten is looking shaky.

No team has yet attempted to exchange shirts with their opponents at the end of a match. Probably just as well, as fitting 34 shirts in your suitcase might prove to be tricky - and expensive. Even so I am determined to get my hands on one of the fantastic Italian shirts.

I also like the suggestion that the players should have their names on the back, as in football.

The hard luck story of the Championships so far belongs to the women's pair representing France, Lizzie Godfrey & Laurence Baco. They qualified comfortably for the final only to be disqualified for breaking the two year rule, as Godfrey, who now lives in France, had represented Great Britain in the same event in Malta.

After only five rounds in the Open, no team remains undefeated, although several are still waiting to register a victory.

One of the many highlights of a day in the Bulletin office is the regular visit by the Lavazza girls. Today one of them asks if there is anything we need? The reply and the name of the person making it must be withheld, so your secret is safe with us Franco.

Ladies Delegates Meeting

This Meeting will be held today, June 20, at 09.45 in the Salon Atenas (the EBL Meeting room in the Hotel Marco Antonio).

The Ladies Committee and the Ladies representatives from each European country will discuss many aspects of Ladies Bridge in Europe and its future development.

If the Ladies delegates from some countries are not present here in Tenerife, we ask the Presidents of the Federations or the Delegates to the Congress or their appointed representatives to participate in this important Meeting.

Anna Maria Torlontano

Chairman of the Ladies Committee

When Your Choice is Restricted

This deal from Round 5 gave one declarer a chance to show his skill.

Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ A K Q
♣ 4 3 2

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♠ A 8 6 4 2
♥ 5
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A Q 9 7

West	North	East	South
D Yadlin	Borevkovic	I Yadlin	Tesla
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	3♠
Pass	5NT*	Pass	5♥*
Dble	7♠	All Pass	6♣*

West leads the ♠10 and rather than dwell on the auction you win and cash the other top spade in dummy, West following with the nine. Recalling some ancient advice you, decide to place East with ♠J753 and cash four rounds of hearts, discarding clubs from your hand. A club to the ace is followed by a diamond to dummy, a club ruff and a diamond. If East cannot ruff you play the master heart intending to discard a diamond. You make your Grand Slam via a trump coup and wait to collect your prize for the best played hand of the year from the IBPA.

Not quite, for this was the full deal:

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

As you can see, West was able to ruff the fourth heart for one down. Full marks to him for his cunning choice of lead.

(Imagine West's trumps were say ♠1095. If you did not lead a trump it would be a good idea to follow with the nine and ten on the first two rounds. Editor)