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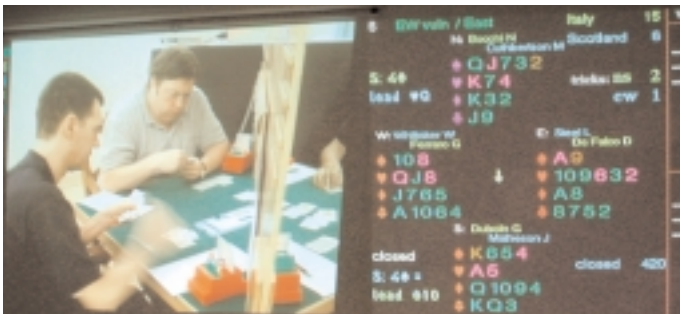
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Ladies Teams Underway



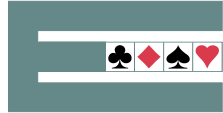
Giorgio Duboin plans his next move on VuGraph

Germany are the early leaders as the ladies teams gets underway. Close behind after two matches are **Italy**, **England** and the **Czech Republic**. Of the fancied teams, **Denmark** had a bad day and **Netherlands** and **Sweden** are also below half-way, but there is plenty of time for all that to change.

Norway are still powering along at the top of the open rankings, despite a 9-21 setback at the hands of **Scotland** in Round 10, with **Russia** also having a handy edge over the chasing pack. Maastricht semi-finalists, **England** are still struggling to find their form, but most of the other fancied teams are moving nicely into contention. **Greece** are flying the flag for the less fancied nations, lying in third place after ten rounds.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

Round 11	13.45
Poland v France	
Round 12	17.30
Norway v Sweden	



**EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Thursday 21 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, today, 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

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	DENMARK	8 - 49	7 - 23
2	FINLAND	FRANCE	51 - 42	17 - 13
3	LEBANON	GERMANY	39 - 64	10 - 20
4	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	43 - 43	15 - 15
5	bye	BELGIUM	0 - 0	0 - 18
6	HUNGARY	POLAND	38 - 33	16 - 14
7	RUSSIA	UKRAINE	41 - 31	17 - 13
8	ICELAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	78 - 26	25 - 5
9	LUXEMBOURG	ITALY	26 - 55	9 - 21
10	LATVIA	NORWAY	15 - 87	2 - 25
11	ENGLAND	CROATIA	67 - 41	20 - 10
12	TURKEY	SLOVENIA	46 - 37	17 - 13
13	AUSTRIA	GREECE	59 - 22	23 - 7
14	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND	17 - 17	15 - 15
15	WALES	PORTUGAL	45 - 19	20 - 10
16	SPAIN	IRELAND	68 - 30	23 - 7
17	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	47 - 11	22 - 8
18	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	19 - 35	12 - 18

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	FRANCE	42 - 16	20 - 10
2	ROMANIA	LEBANON	29 - 43	12 - 18
3	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	61 - 37	20 - 10
4	GERMANY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
5	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	65 - 44	19 - 11
6	BELGIUM	RUSSIA	40 - 55	12 - 18
7	LIECHTENSTEIN	HUNGARY	21 - 61	7 - 23
8	UKRAINE	ITALY	34 - 65	9 - 21
9	ICELAND	LATVIA	29 - 57	9 - 21
10	CROATIA	LUXEMBOURG	17 - 62	6 - 24
11	NORWAY	TURKEY	83 - 16	25 - 2
12	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	37 - 46	13 - 17
13	SCOTLAND	SLOVENIA	43 - 47	14 - 16
14	GREECE	WALES	36 - 36	15 - 15
15	SPAIN	SAN MARINO	74 - 35	23 - 7
16	CZECH REP.	PORTUGAL	10 - 59	5 - 25
17	IRELAND	SWEDEN	35 - 35	15 - 15
18	ISRAEL	BULGARIA	44 - 33	17 - 13

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	LEBANON	DENMARK	49 - 37	17 - 13
2	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND	28 - 44	12 - 18
3	bye	ROMANIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
4	FINLAND	POLAND	40 - 39	15 - 15
5	RUSSIA	GERMANY	47 - 16	21 - 9
6	NETHERLANDS	LIECHTENSTEIN	72 - 18	25 - 4
7	ITALY	BELGIUM	29 - 27	15 - 15
8	HUNGARY	LATVIA	68 - 34	22 - 8
9	UKRAINE	CROATIA	33 - 66	8 - 22
10	TURKEY	ICELAND	35 - 27	16 - 14
11	LUXEMBOURG	AUSTRIA	42 - 88	6 - 24
12	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	65 - 37	21 - 9
13	WALES	ENGLAND	31 - 23	16 - 14
14	SLOVENIA	SPAIN	66 - 50	18 - 12
15	CZECH REP.	GREECE	23 - 67	6 - 24
16	SWEDEN	SAN MARINO	52 - 20	22 - 8
17	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	5 - 51	6 - 24
18	IRELAND	ISRAEL	31 - 66	8 - 22

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 11

13.45

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

ROUND 12

17.30

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



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Today 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:

Thursday 21st June

13.15 hrs	Portugal Open	17.00 hrs	Scotland Open
13.20 hrs	Romania Open	17.05 hrs	Slovenia Open
13.25 hrs	Russia Open	17.10 hrs	Spain Open
13:30 hrs	San Marino Open	17.15 hrs	Sweden Open

Aggelos Mallios

EBL Photographer

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 10 rounds

1	NORWAY	199.00
2	RUSSIA	192.50
3	GREECE	179.00
4	POLAND	178.00
5	ITALY	175.00
6	Belgium	172.50
7	Hungary	172.00
8	Austria	172.00
9	France	169.00
10	Bulgaria	166.00
11	Israel	165.00
12	Netherlands	165.00
13	Switzerland	162.00
14	Denmark	158.00
15	Scotland	157.00
16	Romania	157.00
17	Sweden	153.00
18	Wales	152.00
19	Croatia	148.00
20	Lebanon	147.00
21	Germany	147.00
22	Iceland	142.00
23	Ukraine	142.00
24	Spain	140.00
25	Slovenia	139.00
26	Turkey	138.00
27	England	137.00
28	Portugal	135.00
29	Czech Rep	133.00
30	Finland	129.00
31	Luxembourg	118.00
32	Ireland	110.00
33	Latvia	109.00
34	San Marino	95.00
35	Liechtenstein	92.00

LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 2 rounds

1	GERMANY	44.00
2	ITALY	43.00
3	ENGLAND	39.00
4	CZECH REP	38.00
5	GREECE	36.00
6	Poland	35.00
7	Israel	34.00
8	Austria	33.00
9	France	32.00
10	Hungary	30.00
11	Russia	30.00
12	Croatia	29.00
13	Netherlands	29.00
14	Spain	29.00
15	Scotland	26.00
16	Sweden	25.00
17	Wales	22.00
18	Finland	22.00
19	Norway	22.00
20	Denmark	20.00
21	San Marino	18.00

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	DENMARK	73 - 20	25 - 5
22	SPAIN	FRANCE	48 - 67	11 - 19
23	SAN MARINO	HUNGARY	28 - 59	9 - 21
24	CZECH REP.	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
25	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND	40 - 23	19 - 11
26	WALES	AUSTRIA	33 - 73	7 - 23
27	CROATIA	POLAND	19 - 23	14 - 16
28	ISRAEL	NORWAY	48 - 28	19 - 11
29	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	48 - 13	22 - 8
30	GREECE	SWEDEN	62 - 33	21 - 9
31	ENGLAND	FINLAND	78 - 44	22 - 8

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	NORWAY	GERMANY	25 - 43	11 - 19
22	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.	23 - 46	10 - 20
23	GREECE	WALES	41 - 40	15 - 15
24	DENMARK	ISRAEL	31 - 29	15 - 15
25	ITALY	HUNGARY	59 - 29	21 - 9
26	FRANCE	ENGLAND	37 - 47	13 - 17
27	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	49 - 49	15 - 15
28	SWEDEN	FINLAND	30 - 24	16 - 14
29	POLAND	RUSSIA	45 - 28	19 - 11
30	bye	SPAIN	0 - 0	0 - 18
31	NETHERLANDS	SAN MARINO	63 - 36	21 - 9

LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 3 13.45**

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

ROUND 4 17.30

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

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TRANSNATIONAL LADIES TEAMS**ROUND 1**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Eng_Bel	Eng_Ire	14 - 37	8 - 22
2	Israel	Netherlands	8 - 34	8 - 22
3	Spain_1	Spain_2	16 - 44	7 - 23
4	Italy_1	Italy_2	31 - 21	18 - 12
5	Italy_3	Italy_4	2 - 50	2 - 25
6	Spain_3	Spa_Ita	24 - 41	10 - 20
7	Isr_Sco	Spa_Sco_Ger	37 - 7	24 - 6

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Spa_Ita	Eng_Bel	24 - 14	18 - 12
2	Italy_4	Spa_Sco_Ger	55 - 9	25 - 2
3	Italy_2	Isr_Sco	24 - 27	14 - 16
4	Spain_2	Spain_3	40 - 6	25 - 5
5	Netherlands	Italy_3	1 - 43	3 - 25
6	Eng_Ire	Italy_1	16 - 33	10 - 20
7	Israel	Spain_1	47 - 11	25 - 5

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 1 10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	CROATIA	SWEDEN
42	GERMANY 1	GERMANY 2
43	MALTA	IRELAND
44	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS
45	ISRAEL 1	ISRAEL 2
46	ENGLAND 2	ENGLAND 1
47	FRANCE 2	FRANCE 1
48	WALES 1	WALES 2
49	NORWAY	SWITZERLAND
50	PORTUGAL	LEBANON
51	POLAND 1	POLAND 2
52	CZECH REP.	BELGIUM
53	ITALY 2	ITALY 1
54	SPAIN 2	SPAIN 1

ROUND 2 13.45

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	CZECH REP.	CROATIA
42	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND 2
43	IRELAND	WALES 1
44	ISRAEL 2	SWEDEN
45	ITALY 1	SPAIN 2
46	POLAND 2	GERMANY 1
47	LEBANON	SCOTLAND
48	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
49	GERMANY 2	SPAIN 1
50	SWITZERLAND	ITALY 2
51	WALES 2	BELGIUM
52	ENGLAND 1	FRANCE 2
53	FRANCE 1	MALTA
54	ISRAEL 1	POLAND 1

ROUND 3 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	CROATIA	ENGLAND 1
42	SWITZERLAND	POLAND 2
43	WALES 1	NETHERLANDS
44	SPAIN 2	CZECH REP.
45	MALTA	ISRAEL 1
46	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL
47	ITALY 2	ISRAEL 2
48	SWEDEN	GERMANY 2
49	ENGLAND 2	POLAND 1
50	SPAIN 1	FRANCE 1
51	NORWAY	FRANCE 2
52	GERMANY 1	LEBANON
53	SCOTLAND	IRELAND
54	ITALY 1	WALES 2

VIDEO NEWS

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

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**Revised
FINAL RANKING**

1	AUKEN SABINE	VON ARNIM DANIE	GER	56.97
2	ROSI TIZIANA	BACOCOLI ANTON	ITA	54.12
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	POPLILOU MATILD	NOSACKS MICHAL	ISR	52.91
7	CIVIDIN SARA DE	COLONNA ORNELLA	ITA	52.74
8	HOOGWEG FEMKE	VAN ZWOL WIETSK	NET	52.66
9	BURATTI MONICA	FORTI DARINKA	ITA	52.31
10	TOMASZEWSKA W	WOJTYRA ANNA	POL	52.25
11	STAWOWY BARBARA	FARWIG KATRIN	GER	52.10
12	ROMANOVSKA MARI	VOLINA VICTORIA	RUS	51.83
13	CAPODANNO LUCIA	BONORI MARISA	ITA	51.82
14	NEHMERT P	RAUSCHEID 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	48.60
26	HELLEMANN ANNE-	MALINOWSKI ANNA	NOR	48.32
27	VARENNE MYRIAM	HUGON ELISABETH	FRA	47.45
28	RAIM BAULT SIMO	MOUTTET MANUELA	FRA	47.02

Good Irish Slam

by Seamus Dowling

In their sixth round match against Turkey, Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann had a nice auction to reach the minor slam.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Three Clubs was forcing for one round. McGann, with the choice of slams, made the right decision. The spade loser goes on the fifth heart. Played in hearts you must lose a spade as well as the diamond.

Slovenia's Matija Senk and Gregor Kranjc also got there via the following sequence:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Kranjc</i>		<i>Senk</i>
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Three Clubs promised a heart fit, Four Clubs was forcing and Five Clubs showed one of six.

Championship Diary

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

Wednesday 20 June 2001

The victory of **Sabine Auken & Daniela von Arnim** in the Generali European Women's Pairs Championship had an almost surreal air of certainty about it. They completed a hat trick having won in Vilamoura in 1995 and Montecatini in 1997. (They gave everyone else a chance by not competing two years ago!)

One of my colleagues at breakfast today mentioned that waiters have to go on a two-year training course. The first year they practice removing items from the table, the second bringing things to the table. It appears a surprisingly large number only bother with year one.

For those who are in any doubt, we are assured that in Wales the wearing of the National Flag is regarded as an expression of pride.

The Bulletin must be popular as we are besieged by people requesting copies of every issue that has appeared. More can be printed but one of the two machines dedicated to the task has broken down. Murphy's law suggests that the other one will not be far behind.

The impending start of the Senior event means we have bumped into several 'old' friends.

Quote of the Year

A few weeks ago at the Million Dollar Cavendish Pairs in Las Vegas, Zia Mahmoud told his partner "You'll have to learn to hold your hand up properly as there are some guys here who will take advantage of you".

Who was he advising?

None other than Billy Eisenberg, five times Bermuda Bowl winner with four different partners.

I heard it - but I still don't believe it.

Sam Leckie

SESSION 6
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v Poland



On Tuesday afternoon, the first match on Rama was the big clash between two of the strongest teams present here, so a good and aggressive match was odds-on. Would it live up to the expectations of the Rama audience? Well, it certainly did at the start, as on the first four boards 16 undoubled undertricks were registered against only one contract made, a humble 2♣.

At that stage, Norway were 10-6 up when Board 5 hit the screen:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Adam Zmudzinski, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwicien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
	1♣	Pass	INT
All Pass			

This was a very safe contract, certainly when the spade lead brought the seventh trick immediately. Declarer went after the diamonds, but correct defence restricted him to one overtrick only. Norway; +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
	1♣	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Much more action in the Closed Room. Terje Aa found a take-out double, but the hand belonged to the opposition. One Diamond might have gone three off, but the Poles would have nothing of it. As Marcin Lesniewski did not hold a minimum hand he boldly jumped to 3NT when 1♦ came round to him. All would have been well for Norway had the right defence been found but this was not easy at all. Aa did well to lead a low diamond to partner's king, and Groetheim did well to find the heart switch. Now all Aa has to do is to play ♦A and another; but how can he possibly guess that declarer has jumped to 3NT holding only three diamonds? So Lesniewski's aggression paid off; Poland +600 and 10 IMPs back for them to go into the lead; 16-10.

It stood at 22-17 to Poland five boards later, when it was Norway's turn to steal a game.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwicien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
	1♦	Pass	1♠
1♣	Pass	2♣	All Pass
Pass			

With all those jacks, there is little potential in the East hand. So Pszczola quietly bided his time when Helness overcalled 1♦ after the Polish Club. When 1♠ came round to him, he settled for 2♣ as the final contract. Well judged, as game is really far away; nine tricks, Poland +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
			Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Norwegians had other ideas. Their 14-16 NT in combination with the good five-card suit in responder's hand made their auction understandably automatic. So was North's lead: a simple fourth-best from his best suit. When dummy's $\diamond 8$ won the first trick and the spade finesse of the queen came off, Groetheim had nine tricks in the bag with time to come to an overtrick when the defence tried to defeat the contract by switching to hearts; Norway +430 or 8 IMPs and in the lead again, 25-22.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit Q 10 8 3 \heartsuit 9 8 3 \diamond A Q 6 5 \clubsuit 8 4</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit 7 2 \heartsuit 10 7 6 5 2 \diamond 10 2 \clubsuit A J 10 6</p>	<p>\spadesuit 9 4 \heartsuit A Q J 4 \diamond J 9 4 \clubsuit Q 7 3 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	INT	Pass
2 \diamond	Pass	2 \spadesuit	Pass
3 \clubsuit	All Pass		

Natural bidding by the Poles on this misfit hand; Kwiecien gave it one more try with his maximum, but the message was not lost on Helness when Pszczola passed 3 \clubsuit . A merciless trump came out in a split second and a second trump followed when he got the lead in diamonds. The eventual penalty was a mere 400 on this indifferent partscore hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
	Pass	2 \diamond	Pass
2 \spadesuit	All Pass		

The Norwegians avoided any problems when Aa elected to open a Multi (?) in second seat.

The standards required for this opening bid are subject to inflation very much, and here we see the effect of it. Groetheim could bid 2 \spadesuit to show a strong hand, but as 2 \spadesuit was not forcing Aa was happy to pass it. Eight tricks were duly made when the defence led trumps into declarer's tenace in an attempt to stop the diamond ruffs; Norway another +110 or 11 IMPs out of the blue.

The board below is included as a pretty example of the advantage of the tempo, the right to strike the first blow at no trumps. Whoever is entitled to play the first card can make seven tricks.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A 6 4 \heartsuit Q J 10 4 \diamond J 6 3 \clubsuit Q 9 6</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit 10 9 5 3 \heartsuit A K 5 \diamond A 9 8 4 2 \clubsuit 7</p> <p>\spadesuit K Q 2 \heartsuit 9 8 2 \diamond K 7 5 \clubsuit A 10 4 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 8 7 \heartsuit 7 6 3 \diamond Q 10 \clubsuit K J 8 5 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
Pass	1 \diamond	Dble	INT
Dble	All Pass		

This old adage did certainly apply when South had to try for his seven tricks, but that was virtually impossible to see. The defence led hearts, won in dummy. South then did well (not too problematic after East's double) to play a diamond to the queen, a diamond to the ace and another diamond, clearing the suit. The heart return then established seven tricks for the defence before declarer could come to his possible club trick; Poland +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
INT	All Pass		Pass

Here, Lesniewski led a diamond to Martens' queen, after which the suit was cleared. A heart went to the king and the diamonds were cashed. North exited with a club. It is normal to run this to the queen, and that's of course what West did. When South produced the king, the contract was one down. Please note that the double-dummy play of rising with the ace works: North has to win the next top heart and is out of clubs; Poland +50 and 6 IMPs back.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A 9 3 \heartsuit A K 10 5 4 \diamond 6 \clubsuit A J 10 8</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit J 5 2 \heartsuit 6 \diamond A J 10 9 5 2 \clubsuit 7 6 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit 8 6 \heartsuit Q 9 7 2 \diamond 8 3 \clubsuit K Q 9 5 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

As 4♠ was a cuebid, 5♣ was the cuebid Helness was waiting for, and not a suggestion to play in the suit. The fate of the heart slam thus hinged on the lead. As you can see, only a diamond lead beats it. On any other lead, declarer draws trumps, pitches his diamond on the clubs and ruffs a spade in the end. When Pszczola led his trump, the play thus was quickly over; Norway +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
1♠	Dble	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When Lesniewski doubled at his first turn, the Poles simply were not given enough room to explore any further, so the slam was missed and Norway had gained 11 IMPs more.

Critical readers may think at this moment: "What's the problem with this hand? You can always make 12 tricks with clubs as trumps." True it is, but very few pairs managed to do so. Elsewhere in this issue we will come back to this aspect of the hand.

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
1♠	Dble	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Back to our featured match. On Board 18, the inflatory Norwegian Multi scored again heavily when it suggested a lead to partner:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 10 8 5
♥ 4 3
♦ K 8
♣ A Q 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	4♠

With nothing to guide him, Kwiecien elected to put a club on

the table, so Helgemo could claim ten black tricks very shortly afterwards; Norway +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
Pass	4♠	2♦	3♠
		All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Aa struck again with his Multi. This time the suit was of good quality, so when Groetheim led a heart he hit the jackpot straight away; one down, Norway +100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Helness	Pszczola	Helgemo
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Helness' 3♥ almost committed his side to game, so the spotlight turned on the play. On a diamond lead, Helness won the ace and immediately turned his attention to clubs, leading low to the ten and queen. Kwiecien returned a diamond for dummy to ruff. Locked there, Helness could do little better than draw two rounds of trumps, noting the fall of the jack (good news) and play ♣A and another. When Kwiecien was able to ruff the ♣A the contract thus was one down in spite of an attractive line of play. The alternative, playing for the ♠A to be right, may not be the best chance, but it would probably have worked here... Poland +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Martens followed the same line as Helness did (a strong indication that Helness' line was the best available!) and thus came to the same nine tricks, this time scoring 140 more for Poland or 5 IMPs.

The final result of the match was a good win for Norway: 59-34 or 20-10 VPs.

The Beauty of Bridge

by Radoslaw Kielbasinski

The match with Norway in Round 6 was not successful for the Polish team. Although the following deal did not influence the final result it showed the real beauty of our sport.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K 8 3		
	♥ 10 5		
	♦ 4 3		
	♣ K Q 9 7 6 3		
♠ A Q 4		♠ 9 7 6 2	
♥ K J 6		♥ Q 9 3	
♦ 10 8 5 2		♦ K J 7	
♣ A J 10		♣ 8 5 2	
	♠ J 10 5		
	♥ A 8 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 9 6		
	♣ 4		
West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Lesniewski	Aa	Martens
		Pass	1♥
INT	2♣	All Pass	

East led the six of spades, covered in turn by the jack, queen and king. Declarer played a diamond to the queen, a club to the queen and exited with a club. West won with the jack and played back a diamond. Declarer took the ace, ruffed a diamond and played a third club. West won and played the master diamond, forcing declarer to ruff. These cards remained:

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

When Lesniewski played the king of clubs East could not discard a spade as then North would play a low spade to the ten, setting up the eight as a ninth trick. So East discarded the three of hearts. After the seven of hearts had gone from dummy it was West's turn to feel the pressure. Parting with his small spade would allow declarer to duck a spade and set up the ten, so he had to release the six of hearts.

Now Marcin played a heart to the ace and a heart. It did not matter who won this trick, as the defender on lead had to present declarer with an extra trick in spades, the ninth in all.

The hand was not important for the final score. Moreover, if Marcin plays low from dummy at trick one or West cashes the ace of clubs before exiting with a diamond nobody would pay any attention to this deal. This shows that Bridge is a never-ending story.

Bridge Magazine IMP presents Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

Now that the Ladies' series is on the way, we can also present the Ladies' ratings

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	21.87	86	37	Chile	12.87	16
2	Germany	21.48	79	38	Iceland	12.84	45
3	Canada	21.08	65	39	Morocco	12.69	21
4	France	20.87	72	40	Croatia	12.59	47
5	Netherlands	20.37	81	41	Hungary	12.54	31
6	Austria	20.31	71	42	Monaco	12.45	11
7	China	19.04	102	43	Colombia	12.40	43
8	England	18.64	51	44	Portugal	12.34	7
9	Denmark	18.31	88	45	San Marino	12.15	4
10	Poland	18.28	50	46	Singapore	11.86	24
11	Israel	17.79	51	47	China Hong Kong	11.80	74
12	Norway	16.96	70	48	Ireland	11.52	55
13	Italy	16.65	52	49	Venezuela	11.21	41
14	Sweden	16.42	71	50	Peru	11.19	12
15	Scotland	16.08	51	51	Bolivia	11.08	16
16	Australia	16.07	84	52	Bermuda	10.77	12
17	Czech Republic	16.06	43	53	Pakistan	10.73	57
18	South Africa	15.68	61	54	Uruguay	10.55	12
19	Finland	15.49	65	55	Thailand	10.54	38
20	Belgium	15.48	31	56	Tunisia	10.16	19
21	Chinese Taipei	15.17	82	57	Trinidad & Tobago	9.83	6
22	Argentina	15.11	59	58	Sri Lanka	9.73	38
23	Egypt	15.03	63	59	Zimbabwe	9.73	3
24	Switzerland	15.01	7	60	Jordan	9.69	33
25	Mexico	14.92	29	61	Malaysia	9.57	4
26	Indonesia	14.48	59	62	Reunion	9.39	26
27	Brazil	14.19	59	63	Bahrain	9.33	18
28	Wales	13.98	48	64	Far Oer	8.28	14
29	India	13.81	81	65	Philippines	7.47	29
30	New Zealand	13.78	84	66	Paraguay	7.19	12
31	Spain	13.76	48	67	Barbados	6.84	8
32	Northern Ireland	13.60	25	68	South Korea	6.78	38
33	Japan	13.51	69	69	Jamaica	6.50	38
34	Russia	13.42	48	70	Guadeloupe	4.82	13
35	Turkey	13.34	47	71	Mauritius	3.98	3
36	Greece	12.91	48	72	Martinique	-0.27	5

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Final - Third Session

PAIRS

Early in the last round of the finals, the clash between the pairs ranked 2nd and 3rd was scheduled. Maybe this was the chance to find out if any of these two would be a serious challenge to the leading Germans. We all know the final outcome now, but from the boards below, you may still judge for yourself.



Wietske van Zwol, Netherlands

At the table, South found the disappointing lead of a low spade which ran to the jack. East conceded a club trick to South who returned a low heart. When North, in spite of declarer's slight hesitation before playing low from dummy, had put up the queen, all would still have been reasonably well for the defence as they would have held the contract to nine tricks. When North inserted the nine and later on discarded a couple of diamonds as well, Femke Hoogweg had no less than 11 tricks and looked much closer to a medal than before.

But the Italians were set to get their revenge quickly thanks to their very, very natural bidding methods.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Rosi	Hoogweg	Bacoccoli
	1♦	Pass	3♦
3♠	5♦	All Pass	

After the natural opening bid and the natural, invitational raise, North completed the good work by settling for the natural final contract of 5♦. It is true that this is not a popular spot in a Pairs' contest, but why argue with success? +620 was worth 23 out of 26 MP. Taking the save for 500 would have given the Dutch a mere 3 MP more.

And the last board of the round, just to rub it in:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	♠ 8 7 2		
	♥ J 2		
	♦ Q J 10 8 2		
	♣ 10 6 5		

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Rosi	Hoogweg	Bacoccoli
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	♠ Q 4 2		
	♥ A 8 4 2		
	♦ 10 4 3		
	♣ K 10 3		

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Rosi	Hoogweg	Bacoccoli
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3♣ was explained as the forcing variety of a club raise; 2NT would have been for a possible sign-off. Now look at the South hand in isolation and try to find the best opening lead.

Declarer has promised nine cards in the minors and a solid enough stopper in spades, so it looks as if the heart lead stands out. What is more, to cater for a possible singleton honour in declarer's hand, you may well try the ace. This would have been an instant success, even more so when your methods include reverse signals. Partner can encourage with the five and you can continue the eight, picking up the whole suit. As declarer has a club and a diamond to lose, that's one down.

INT was duly alerted and explained as 16-19 hcp. All of them were needed in the play, and a few of them proved extra useful when East led a spade into the tenace. A diamond went to the king and the spades were cleared. Another diamond was won by dummy's ten, West, feeling a little squeezed already, discarding a heart. Next came the ♣10, overtaken in hand with the queen after a long huddle, which won the trick. A low heart now was scooped up by East with her queen. If East cashes the ♦A and two spades now, that will be the end of the defence, so she took only one spade before exiting with the ♣J. At this point, declarer was forced to win the ♣A and cash hearts from the top, but with West's fourth heart gone, there were eight tricks, declarer losing only a club and a spade in the end. It looks as if throwing a club instead of a heart by West, earlier on, might have saved a trick for the defence. Making an overtrick was worth another 24 MP however, whereas scoring +90 would have been only average, so after this table the Italians were closer to their medal than ever before, and they did hold on to their silver position. Congratulations to them as well.

Top of the House

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Although some believe Four Spades is a candidate, Three No trumps has my vote as the most popular contract. It must be for Sweden, as on this deal from their Round 5 match against Austria, they tried it at both tables.

Their judgment was not far out, as one side has nine top winners, and the other eight. The snag is that the Laws give the defence the right to make the first lead:

Open Round 5.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Andersson	Gloyer	Gullberg
	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Simon	Bertheau	Terraneo
	3♥	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

At both tables North opened Three Hearts. When Sweden sat North-South, Andreas Gloyer, East for Austria, went quietly. Tommy Gullberg bid his spades, and Lars Andersson, having a singleton in his partner's suit, bid an almost-compulsory Three No trumps. Gullberg took something of a gamble in Passing, but was rewarded when it turned out that East had been dealt a natural club lead.

Andersson quickly claimed one club and eight spades for his game. The Swedes noted that Four Spades also had only nine tricks, so felt quite satisfied with +400.

At the other table, East, in common with some others, over-called North's pre-empt with a risky Three No trumps. This gave South a familiar choice. Do you go for the jugular with a double, or avoid the risk of driving them elsewhere?

Tino Terraneo, another member of the well-known family, clearly belonged to the bolder group. He doubled, and when that ended the auction, led the appropriate card from his spade holding. North later signalled for a club, and the Austrians took the same nine tricks that the Swedish North-South had made at the first table. On this occasion, however, the tricks were worth 1100, and 12 IMPS to Austria. This was enough to swing the match to Austria 47-43 or 16-14 in VPs.

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket



Pakistan beat Australia by 36 runs in the NatWest Triangular day/night match at Trent Bridge. Pakistan: 290-9 (50 overs); Australia: 254 all out (46.3 overs). Waqar Younis was again the Pakistani star with 6 for 59.

Tennis

Sweden's Thomas Johansson continued his march towards back-to-back titles with a 7-5 6-0 win over Russian Andrei Stoliarov in the second round of the Nottingham Samsung Open. Britain's Greg Rusedski is also into the quarter-finals after defeating Rainer Schuettler 7-6 (7-0) 4-6 7-6 (7-3).

Patrick Rafter's attempt to win a fourth straight Heineken Trophy title at Hertogenbosch was ended by Dutchman Peter Wessels on Tuesday. The Australian number two seed was knocked out in the first round 7-5 6-4 by his unseeded opponent.

Cycling

French cycling star Richard Virenque agreed to pay for a stage win in the 1997 Tour de France, the trainer of Virenque's former team alleges in a book due to go on sale on Wednesday.

In an extract published in Tuesday's Le Monde newspaper, Bruno Roussel claims ex-Festina rider Virenque agreed to pay eventual 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich to let him take the 14th stage of the three-week race.

Football

Monaco's £4m-rated midfielder John Arne Riise has signed for Liverpool on a five year deal.

The news will disappoint Fulham, who had been leading the chase for the 20-year-old but have lost out to the Anfield side.



SESSION 8
OPEN TEAMS



Netherlands v Switzerland



The Rama match in Round 8 was the encounter between The Netherlands and Switzerland. The Swiss had a good start, and it's nice to have them back among the leading competitors after so many years of a certain anonymity. They struck a good blow on the very first board when Levy found the killing lead against a doubled game, but declarer also missed his chances here.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teyluoni</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦	3♣	3♥	4♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After this highly competitive auction (in fact, at a number of tables E/W were allowed to play 4♥, which was often doubled and always made) East had the good sense not to lead his side's bid suit, but to try a spade first, taking partner's initial take-out double into account. So out came the ♠J, covered by queen and king. At this moment, declarer has no chance, as he has to lose two diamonds at some moment. West returned the ♠6 to the ten and ace. A low diamond from dummy now went to West's queen. At this point, any return by West will do, except a spade. Not being fully aware of the position, however, at this early stage of play, west returned the ♠7, offering declarer a sporting chance. Anton Maas only has to discard a diamond to make his contract, of course, but after a long, long huddle he finally decided to ruff in hand. One down.

His next move was to call the director to complain about possible misinformation, given by his opponents, as to their agreements on leading from a sequence and returning in the suit partner has led. Elsewhere in this or tomorrow's issue you can read the verdict of the Appeals Committee when the Dutch team decided to appeal the ruling, given against them by the director at the table. The Rama audience was roaring with laughter at the sight of what happened at the table (they could of course not hear the actual conversation between the players and the director involved).

Switzerland +100 provisionally.

It was decided by the AC that the score should be 4 IMPs to The Netherlands instead of the original 6-IMP loss.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirchhoff</i>	<i>Stoekli</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Dousse</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

The quiet approach worked well here for the Swiss. When Kirchhoff decided in favour of overcalling, it was difficult for his side to assess the full trick-taking possibilities of the E/W cards, so they sold out to 4♣. Well, the Swiss were ready to save in 5♣, but +130 made it even better for them: 6 IMPs won.

On the next board, the Swiss were overboard in the Open Room:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teyluoni</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

It looks as if West did too much here: he knew that an ace and the trump queen were missing. One down when Ramondt quite rightly led the ♣A. If he does not, the contract will be made...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirchhoff</i>	<i>Stoekli</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Dousse</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

No nonsense, the correct way to the correct final contract. 11 tricks, The Netherlands +450 and 11 IMPs more.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teyluoni	Maas	Levy	Ramondt
4♥	All Pass		1♦

No guts, no glory for the Dutch North. Switzerland +650 on a club lead and a heart return..

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirchhoff	Stoekli	Paulissen	Dousse
4♥	4♠	Pass	1♦
		All Pass	

No guts, no glory for the Dutch East. Switzerland -150 when declarer had to lose a heart, three diamonds and two trumps. Net gain: 11 IMPs to Helvetia.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teyluoni	Maas	Levy	Ramondt
All Pass			INT

Ramondt opened a slightly shaded INT which silenced everyone. He won the club lead when East inserted the jack and went after the spades. In with the ♠J, West continued clubs and the defence cashed out for ten tricks, holding declarer to only three tricks and a loss of 200. With 3 NT not on for E/W (South leads

a spade and North wins the queen to switch to diamonds) this might be not as good a result as it looked. But:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirchhoff	Stoekli	Paulissen	Dousse
Pass	Pass	Dble	1♦
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Well, South not only opened 1♦, but also made the essential lead of the low spade. Dummy inserted the jack, North won the queen and... returned the suit. We lost clubs as a suit some 40 or 50 years ago, but diamonds are lost forever, too, as this hands proves.

The Netherlands +400 less 200 thus gained 5 IMPs here, leading 22-21 at this point.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teyluoni	Maas	Levy	Ramondt
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	6♠	All Pass

This auction will not qualify for full marks in a bidding contest, but it was worth 980 to Switzerland. Elsewhere we will no doubt come back to this hand and show a few auctions which led to 7♥, the top spot. If the spades do not break 3-2, you can rely on the diamond finesse; if the hearts are 4-1 (as is the case here), the spades have to break.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirchhoff	Stoekli	Paulissen	Dousse
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Well, Paulissen clearly intended 3NT as descriptive but forward-going, not expecting it to become the final contract after spades were bid and supported. Kirchhoff had other ideas however, so an easy slam was missed. The Netherlands +490 and 10 IMPs lost.



Francois Stoeckli, Switzerland

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teyluoni	Maas	Levy	Ramondt
	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Of course, the double of 2♠ showed cards, so West's pass of 2NT looks a little passive. Though the defence did not lead diamonds, declarer still only had eight tricks on a spade lead when the clubs failed to break. In an attempt to make the contract, Ramondt went down two, 200 to Switzerland but still a good-looking score for the Dutch.

Seniors Teams

The Captains meeting takes place in the Salon Gran Canarias and starts at 08.45.

Play starts at 10.00 in the Tenerife Room. You will play 14 boards in a round, which takes 2 hours.

Ton Kooijman

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirchhoff	Stoekli	Paulissen	Dousse
	1♣	Pass	1♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This time, their team-mates did not let them down. After the natural opening bid and response, Kirchhoff did not hesitate for a second and took the bull by the horns. Question: should North pull the double and go to Five Hearts? The bold intervention made it impossible for North to find the proper answer, so the Dutch could register a very well-deserved 790 and recoup 11 IMPs on this one to lead 33-31.

At 37-34 to Switzerland, this was the last board to be shown on Rama:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teyluoni	Maas	Levy	Ramondt
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Conventional auction, normal contract, nothing to report, The Netherlands +650. 3♠ was a splinter in an unspecified suit, but also implying a minimum hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirchhoff	Stoekli	Paulissen	Dousse
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Here it looks that both South and North were stretching a little. They would still have landed safely on their feet had South not been obliged to respond 5♠ to 4NT...As it was, the contract lost its last legitimate chance when West inserted the nine on his partner's lead of the ♣5. So 13 IMPs back to the Netherlands.

The final result (including the appeal) thus was 47-37 or 17-13 VPs to The Netherlands.

Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

Romania has been a pleasant surprise during the first days of the championship. In round 5 they defeated the leading Belgians 19-11 to take up ninth position, and they are one of the reasons that the English team is not very well placed at present.

In the well played match against Belgium Viorel Micescu - Iulian Rotaru were sitting North/South on Board 6.

Round 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Against the contract of 2 spades, South led his singleton club to ♣K and North switched to ♠10. Declarer put up his queen which was allowed to hold the trick. A spade to the queen lost to the king and now started a ping-pong which East did not like at all: Club ruff, ♠A, ♠8(!)ruffed, and now North did extremely well not to play another club. He obeyed his partner's Lavinthal signal and switched to a diamond. South won ♦Q and ♦A followed by a diamond ruff and now the club ruff.

If North had played a club instead of a diamond, declarer would have escaped with two down, now the result was down four and 400 to Romania.

At the other table the Belgium North-South pair bid 2♣ and was left to play there as neither East, Cornel Matei, nor West, Daniel Savin, felt any urge to balance. Even making nine tricks Belgium lost 7 IMPs on the board.

Ladies Transnational

The Transnational Ladies is played in a round robin with 14 teams. Thursday and Friday four rounds will be played, Saturday three rounds. A round consists of ten boards.

The starting times are 10.00 for two rounds and 17.30 for the other two rounds. Saturday afternoon the last round will be played and we then finish at 19.00.

The prize giving will be held soon thereafter.

Ton Kooijmann

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SESSION I
LADIES TEAMS



Israel v Norway



The first round of the Ladies teams featured a match up between two countries, Israel and Norway, either of whom might well take one of the qualifying places for Bali. My personal bet was that with several other strong countries represented here there would not be room for both to make it to the World Championships.



Ruth Levit-Porat, Israel

Norway took a small lead on the first deal of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

	♠ 8		
	♥ Q 8 2		
	♦ A K Q 10 8 4 3		
	♣ A J		
West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	3♠
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	3♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Ruth Levit-Porat's jump to 3♠ showed shortage, but not specifically long running diamonds - though presumably most other hand types could just cuebid 2♠. Whatever her partner was showing, Migri Zur-Campanila had very limited values with a probably wasted king of spades and doubled Ida Wennevold's 4♠. Levit-Porat still thought for some time before trusting her partner's judgement and passing. Wennevold ruffed the diamond lead and cashed the ace of trumps before leading a low club from hand. Levit-Porat won the jack and played a diamond which declarer ruffed. She exited with a spade to the king and back came a club to the ace followed by a low heart switch. Wennevold put in the jack so had just to lose the ace and a later heart trick; down two for -300.

In the other room, Aase Langeland preferred to rebid 3♦ and, when Eva Lund Heitmann raised in competition, made a slam try of 4♠ on the way to game. Two rounds of spades gave Langeland a discard from hand and she simply drew trumps then gave up a club; +400 and 3 IMPs to Norway.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
		1♠	Dble
2♠	2NT ⁽¹⁾	4♠	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Good/Bad 2NT

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
		1♠	Dble
2♠	3♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The same contract was reached at both tables but Heitmann raised the stakes a little with a final double. Langeland led a low club and Hanita Melech ran this to North's ace. A diamond switch was won with the ace and Melech led a second diamond to the king. Langeland switched to the king of hearts now and finally found the trump switch - but far too late, of course. Melech had the communications to take two club ruffs in dummy and had ten tricks in all for +590.

Levit-Porat led the king of hearts and switched to a trump at trick two. Tulla Steenlybaek won that in hand and played ace and another diamond. Levit-Porat won the ♦K and led a low heart to



Aase Langeland, Norway

the eight and ruff. Declarer ruffed a club then tried the queen of diamonds. When that got ruffed she could over-ruff but had only two club ruffs in dummy and eventually had to concede two club tricks and her contract; down one for -50 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Levit-Porat had a pretty good match but I thought she made a lazy bid on this hand. Having heard her partner bid hearts three times, including a jump, would it have cost to bid 5NT rather than 6♥? On the actual deal, Zur-Campanila would have seen the value of her spade holding and been well placed to bid seven.

In the other room, Naveh's delayed diamond pre-empt made life more difficult for her opponents and they too stopped off in six. A pair of +1460s for a push board.

Not everyone had a free run on this deal. In the match between Poland and Croatia in the Ladies series, Marina Pilipovic



Ida Wennevold, Norway

heard the auction: 3♦ - 3♥ - 5♦ to her. Looking at that South hand, she simply jumped to 7♥! Bridge is such an easy game sometimes, don't you think?

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Heitmann led a heart against Naveh. That went to the queen and king and back came a second heart to the ace. Naveh took the club finesse and, when that held, played two more rounds of the suit. Heitmann won the third club and played another

heart to the jack. Naveh continued with the ace and queen of spades and came to eleven tricks when the defence lost its way; +660.

That was only an overtrick or two and it didn't appear that much damage had been done. However, at the other table Zur-Campanila led the ten of diamonds to the jack, ducked. Wennevold won the next diamond and took the heart finesse. That lost and back came a third diamond. Declarer won and finally got around to the spades, playing ace then queen as she might have done at tricks three and four. Zur-Campanila won the second spade and cashed her diamond winner before exiting with a club to the king and ace. Now Wennevold had one of those unfortunate lapses to which we are all prone on occasion, miscounting her losers and thinking that she could afford to duck a club in case the ten of spades was not coming down. That meant an embarrassing one down; -100 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wennevold	Zur-Campanila	Steenlybaek	Levit-Porat
		Pass	1♣
2♠	3♦	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Naveh	Heitmann	Melech	Langeland
		Pass	1♥
2♠	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Method had some bearing on the result here, Langeland's four-card major opening making life much easier for her side. Four Clubs was a cuebid and Langeland was happy to cooperate, taking control when Heitmann was able to make a second cuebid above game; +1430.

Levit-Porat had to start with 1♣ and Zur-Campanila bid 3♦ over the weak jump overcall. What was Levit-Porat to do? She fancied 3NT with her sure spade stopper and useful diamond holding but if she didn't bid it now she might not get another chance. There was no problem in making ten tricks for +630 but that was 13 IMPs to Norway, who needed them.

I hate that 3♦ bid when a negative double was presumably available. Of course, double does not necessarily get them to the slam, but at least they play in hearts and have a chance. Israel won the match by 48-28 IMPs, 19-11 VPs.

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 10

Player		avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Helgemo G	NOR	1.78	160	69 Balicki C	POL	0.25	140	139 Pownall M	WAL	-0.25	140	
2 Helness T	NOR	1.78	160	70 Zmudzinski A	POL	0.25	140	140 Dousse J	SWI	-0.25	99	
3 Honti L	HUN	1.21	100	71 Kannavos P	GRE	0.23	120	141 Stoekli F	SWI	-0.25	99	
4 Carcassonne	BEL	1.11	120	72 Kapayannides K	GRE	0.23	120	142 Mihov V	BUL	-0.27	120	
5 Labaere A	BEL	1.11	120	73 Cuthbertson	SCO	0.23	120	143 Nanev I	BUL	-0.27	120	
6 De Falco D	ITA	0.99	80	74 Engel Z	BEL	0.22	140	144 Rapoport O	UKR	-0.27	120	
7 Ferraro G	ITA	0.99	80	75 Van Midelem	BEL	0.22	140	145 Volkov O	UKR	-0.27	120	
8 Eidi M	LEB	0.96	160	76 Hanlon T	IRE	0.21	160	146 Aviram Y	ISR	-0.28	99	
9 Harfouche G	LEB	0.96	160	77 McGann H	IRE	0.21	160	147 Barel M	ISR	-0.28	99	
10 Hegedus G	HUN	0.89	100	78 Murdoch J	SCO	0.19	140	148 Hopfenheit G	GER	-0.28	100	
11 Skoularikis	GRE	0.87	120	79 Whittaker W	SCO	0.18	140	149 Retzlaff R	GER	-0.28	100	
12 Zotos L	GRE	0.87	120	80 Steel L	SCO	0.18	140	150 Hausler H	GER	-0.29	120	
13 Kirchhoff E	NET	0.83	119	81 Szilagyi L	HUN	0.17	140	151 Spletstosse	GER	-0.29	120	
14 Paulissen G	NET	0.83	119	82 Tesla M	CRO	0.16	160	152 Maas A	NET	-0.30	140	
15 Gromov A	RUS	0.76	160	83 Borevkovic G	CRO	0.16	160	153 Ramondt V	NET	-0.30	140	
16 Petrunin A	RUS	0.76	160	84 Jansma J	NET	0.14	140	154 Micescu V	ROM	-0.34	120	
17 Yadlin D	ISR	0.74	100	85 Verhees L	NET	0.14	140	155 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.34	120	
18 Yadlin I	ISR	0.74	100	86 Caspersen H	DEN	0.12	120	156 Capucho M	POR	-0.36	120	
19 Goodman P	WAL	0.70	140	87 Norgaard T	DEN	0.12	120	157 Lara M	POR	-0.36	120	
20 Rees T	WAL	0.69	120	88 Herbst I	ISR	0.11	119	158 Nystrom F	SWE	-0.38	120	
21 Dubinin A	RUS	0.68	120	89 Herbst O	ISR	0.11	119	159 Bertheau P	SWE	-0.38	120	
22 Krasnoselsk	RUS	0.68	120	90 Cuhadar E	TUR	0.11	100	160 Novak M	SLO	-0.39	200	
23 Kwecien M	POL	0.64	140	91 Arigun C	TUR	0.11	100	161 Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.39	200	
24 Pszczola J	POL	0.64	140	92 Senk M	SLO	0.09	200	162 Nikolayenko	UKR	-0.40	120	
25 Brogeland B	NOR	0.63	120	93 Kranjc G	SLO	0.09	200	163 Rybnikov G	UKR	-0.40	120	
26 Saelensminde	NOR	0.63	120	94 Szalay G	HUN	0.09	160	164 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.42	120	
27 Lindermann A	AUS	0.63	120	95 Kaplan A	BEL	0.07	100	165 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.51	120	
28 Saurer B	AUS	0.63	120	96 Polet G	BEL	0.07	100	166 Ucar A	TUR	-0.51	120	
29 Duong H	SWI	0.61	140	97 Mykhaylenko	UKR	0.05	120	167 Helling S	LUX	-0.57	120	
30 Yalcin T	SWI	0.61	140	98 Nemtsev O	UKR	0.05	120	168 Renno I	LUX	-0.57	120	
31 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.58	120	99 Barbosa J	POR	0.04	120	169 Baroudi N	LEB	-0.59	120	
32 Zlotov D	RUS	0.58	120	100 Pinto R	POR	0.04	120	170 Nasr C	LEB	-0.59	120	
33 Vozabal D	CZE	0.56	140	101 Kiema O	FIN	0.03	200	171 Briolini G	SMR	-0.60	140	
34 Zadrazil M	CZE	0.56	140	102 Koistinen K	FIN	0.03	200	172 Fiorini F	SMR	-0.60	140	
35 Bocchi N	ITA	0.55	160	103 Rometi F	ROM	0.00	100	173 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.62	120	
36 Duboin G	ITA	0.55	160	104 Valeanu V	ROM	0.00	100	174 Baldursson J	ICE	-0.63	140	
37 Multon F	FRA	0.54	140	105 Gloyer A	AUS	-0.01	139	175 Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.63	140	
38 Quantin J	FRA	0.54	140	106 Schifko M	AUS	-0.01	139	176 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.63	120	
39 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.52	140	107 Winkler G	HUN	-0.02	180	177 Turletti G	LIE	-0.63	120	
40 Trendafilov	BUL	0.52	140	108 Kapayannides A	GRE	-0.03	120	178 Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.66	120	
41 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.48	140	109 Liarakos S	GRE	-0.03	120	179 Fawcett J	ENG	-0.67	120	
42 Stamatov J	BUL	0.48	140	110 Abecassis M	FRA	-0.03	120	180 Liggins G	ENG	-0.67	120	
43 Sundelin P	SWE	0.47	120	111 Soulet P	FRA	-0.03	120	181 Debonnaire J	POR	-0.71	120	
44 Sylvan J	SWE	0.47	120	112 Knap A	SPA	-0.07	140	182 Teixeira A	POR	-0.71	120	
45 Simon J	AUS	0.47	139	113 Wasik A	SPA	-0.07	140	183 Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.77	100	
46 Terraneo C	AUS	0.47	139	114 Lauria L	ITA	-0.07	160	184 Utter L	FIN	-0.77	100	
47 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.44	160	115 Versace A	ITA	-0.07	160	185 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.79	140	
48 Magnusson M	ICE	0.44	160	116 Burn D	ENG	-0.08	120	186 Zucchini G	LIE	-0.79	140	
49 Schaltz D	DEN	0.44	140	117 Callaghan B	ENG	-0.08	120	187 Godef F	SPA	-0.83	140	
50 Schaltz P	DEN	0.44	140	118 Denning P	WAL	-0.09	140	188 Lantaron L	SPA	-0.83	140	
51 Matei C	ROM	0.42	140	119 Thomas A	WAL	-0.09	140	189 Jansa Z	CZE	-0.90	140	
52 Savin D	ROM	0.42	140	120 Gal P	HUN	-0.09	120	190 Svoboda O	CZE	-0.90	140	
53 AA T	NOR	0.40	120	121 Zorlu N	TUR	-0.11	180	191 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.93	140	
54 Groetheim G	NOR	0.40	120	122 Assael S	TUR	-0.11	180	192 Palmieri C	LIE	-0.93	140	
55 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.39	160	123 Jonsson Th	ICE	-0.13	100	193 Purgajlis M	LAT	-0.93	140	
56 Magnusson T	LAT	0.39	160	124 Thorvaldsson	ICE	-0.13	100	194 Romanovskis	LAT	-0.93	140	
57 Frances A	SPA	0.38	120	125 Blakset L	DEN	-0.15	140	195 Filippi F	SMR	-0.95	140	
58 Torres J	SPA	0.38	120	126 Bruun M	DEN	-0.15	140	196 Pesonen J	FIN	-0.96	100	
59 Lesniewski M	POL	0.35	120	127 Lamza V	CRO	-0.15	140	197 Stubb S	FIN	-0.96	100	
60 Martens K	POL	0.35	120	128 Tomic T	CRO	-0.15	140	198 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.97	120	
61 Levy R	SWI	0.28	160	129 Hallberg G	ENG	-0.16	120	199 O'Brien B	IRE	-0.97	120	
62 Teyluoni F	SWI	0.28	160	130 Simpson C	ENG	-0.16	120	200 Pizza E	SMR	-0.98	140	
63 Andersson L	SWE	0.26	120	131 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.17	120	201 Kloppenborg	LUX	-1.10	120	
64 Gullberg T	SWE	0.26	120	132 Richter C	LUX	-0.17	120	202 Schaaper M	LUX	-1.10	120	
65 Ludewig B	GER	0.26	140	133 Ananijev B	CRO	-0.17	100	203 Fahs B	LEB	-1.14	80	
66 Repts K	GER	0.26	140	134 Sasek T	CRO	-0.17	100	204 Hamdan F	LEB	-1.14	80	
67 Allegrini P	FRA	0.26	140	135 Walker D	SCO	-0.18	140	205 O'Briain P	IRE	-1.18	120	
68 Palau Jj	FRA	0.26	140	136 Matheson J	SCO	-0.20	120	206 Roche T	IRE	-1.18	120	
				137 Mrasz T	CZE	-0.22	120	207 Alfejeva E	LAT	-1.66	100	
				138 Kurka J	CZE	-0.22	120	208 Gonca V	LAT	-1.66	100	



Appeal No.3



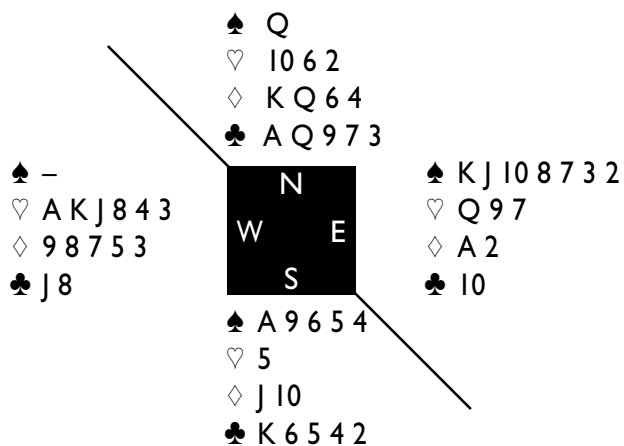
Russia v Italy

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England).

Ladies Pairs Qualifying 2nd session

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
D'Andrea	Volina	Canesi	Romanovska
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Comments:

2♥ showed five Hearts and four or more of a minor.

Contract:

Four Hearts, played by West.

Lead:

King of Diamonds.

Result:

11 tricks, N/S +650.

The Facts:

East intended her bid of Two Spades as being an asking relay, and she explained the "response" of Three Hearts as showing four clubs and minimum two spades. West had forgotten that part of the system and had simply intended Three Hearts as natural, and afraid of the void in spades. East/West could not produce evidence of this, and so the Director ruled misinformation. After the session, some sort of evidence was found but by now it was too late to change the ruling and so an appeal was necessary.

The Director:

Considered that there had been misinformation and applied Law 12C3.

Ruling:

North/South receive:
60% of the available Matchpoints

East/West receive:

40% of the available Matchpoints

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C

Law 12C3, Code of Practice enabling Tournament Director to award Adjusted Scores under Law 12C3.

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players.

The Players:

East produced a piece of paper, with a hand-written explanation of the bidding after the opening of 2♥. According to this, 2♠ is indeed an asking bid, and 3♥ and 3♠ indicate clubs, resp. diamonds as the minor suit, and two cards in spades. With three spades, the responses are 3♣ and 3♦, and with void or singleton, 2NT. East explained that she had last played with her current partner two years ago in Malta, and this system had been agreed upon there. East/West had not discussed the sequence this year. When asked why she used the asking bid of 2♠, rather than bidding 4♥ straight away, she responded that she would have liked to hear 3 card support. With only 2 spades, she preferred partner to play the hand.

East/West had not lodged their system, as had been asked by the organization.

North stated that she would have led a heart with a different explanation.

The Committee:

Considered that the Organization had asked the players to lodge their systems, but that only a minority had done so. Nevertheless, the Committee decided not to disallow the evidence and consider it on its merits. It was found that the paper was genuine and that this system was indeed played in Malta. However, without any intermediate discussion, it cannot be said that there was partnership understanding that this system still applied.

The Committee therefore decided that North had indeed been misinformed.

With a more correct explanation it is not clear what lead would be chosen, although it would quite unlikely be a high diamond. The Committee decided to weigh the scores, according to Law 12C3. With a heart lead, the contract may well go down, while with any other lead (excluding high diamonds) and a heart return, 10 tricks are the normal result.

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to

Both sides receive:

50% of 4♥ making (N/S -620) plus

50% of 4♥-1 (N/S +100)

Deposit:

Returned.

Committee's Note:

The Committee wants to point out that the chosen weightings represent "true" expectations.



The Lavazza Girls - Coffee with a Smile

Walker's Biscuit

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The Celtic matches are friendly affairs, but with honour at stake. In Round 4 Scotland had beaten Wales, and in Round 7, overcame Ireland 22-8 to take the lead of those countries that compete in the Camrose. (In the Camrose, both the Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland have teams, but in EBL events the team is all-Ireland.). This well-played deal by David Walker contributed to the Scottish win.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



West O'Brien	North Walker	East MacDonagh	South Murdoch
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	2♣	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
West Whittaker	North Hanlon	East Steel	South McGann
		Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Hanlon and McGann use a One Club opening that shows a balanced hand of 9-12 points or a Strong Club. It did not affect the outcome here, as both tables reached Four Hearts by North, Scotland after South's Two Diamonds showed a good raise in hearts.

Hanlon had no real chance on a spade lead. He does best to put in the queen. West can win and exit passively, say with a trump. Declarer is in danger of losing two spades, a diamond and two clubs. The club suit is frozen, meaning neither defender can play it without conceding a trick, so declarer has the chance to set up a spade trick for a club discard to hold the contract to one off. Hanlon actually chose to play a low spade from dummy at trick one, and West put in the nine. East, on lead later with the ace of diamonds, pushed through another spade, to end all hope. At Walker's table, East led ace of diamonds, giving declarer a favourable start. Seeing the danger that declarer ditches a losing club on the diamond queen, East switched at trick two to a club. Walker played low from dummy, and was pleased to see West's ace. The contract is still not home, for declarer has to avoid losing two spades, but Walker, recalling the spade overcall, could see the way.

He won West's diamond continuation, drew trumps in two rounds, cashed the diamond queen, throwing a spade from hand, ruffed a diamond to eliminate the suit, cashed his winning club, and then played the queen of spades. West had to win and was endplayed, having to concede either a ruff and discard, or lead away from the jack of spades.

Notice

Notice for the attention of the Captains of those teams which received notices in their pigeonholes about monetary penalties for late submission of convention cards

At a meeting on 20th June 2001 the Tournament Appeals Committee decided that additional penalties shall apply in the case of any team that has failed to pay to Mr Endicott the amount of the monetary penalty by 12 o'clock noon on Friday 22nd June. These additional penalties will be ONE Victory Point for late payment before noon the following day and 2 additional Victory Points for each 24 hours or part thereof subsequent to that.

Mr. Endicott is frequently at the Convention Card Desk each day, and on Friday, 22nd June, he will be there in particular from 11.30 a.m. until 12 noon.

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