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Russia and Poland vie for Open Lead



Today's Quiz;

How many boards will be duplicated during the Championships?

In the Open Series, **Russia** clung on to their lead, but by only half a VP from **Poland**. In the big match of the day, **Russia** defeated the champions, **Italy**, by 21-9. **Italy**, however, are still handily placed. The big news is the performance of **Greece**, who are in third place as we approach the half-way point.

In the Womens Series, the gold and silver medallists from Malta - **Austria** and **England** (it was GB in Malta) - are tied for the lead. There is a small gap, then come **France**, **Poland** and **Germany**. Israel's 24-6 Round 7 win over **Germany** was the result of the day.

France I, the reigning champions, have moved into the lead in the Senior Teams, but six teams are within 10 VPs of them. Congratulations to **Malta**, who moved off the bottom with a 24-6 victory against **Portugal**.

Transnational Ladies Teams Cup

The prize giving will be held in the playing room today immediately after the end of the tournament.

Please all stay until the end of the prize-giving ceremony as we have a wonderful surprise for all of you.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 16 10.00

Greece v Iceland

LADIES ROUND 8 13.45

Germany v Sweden

OPEN ROUND 18 17.30

Austria v Italy

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 13**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	POLAND	15 - 43	9 - 21
2	bye	RUSSIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
3	LIECHTENSTEIN	SWITZERLAND	32 - 70	7 - 23
4	LEBANON	ITALY	16 - 58	6 - 24
5	LATVIA	FRANCE	9 - 31	10 - 20
6	ROMANIA	CROATIA	34 - 40	14 - 16
7	TURKEY	FINLAND	38 - 49	13 - 17
8	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	21 - 65	6 - 24
9	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND	39 - 14	20 - 10
10	WALES	BELGIUM	31 - 48	11 - 19
11	HUNGARY	SPAIN	24 - 44	11 - 19
12	CZECH REP	UKRAINE	78 - 16	25 - 3
13	SWEDEN	ICELAND	35 - 32	16 - 14
14	LUXEMBOURG	BULGARIA	49 - 66	11 - 19
15	ISRAEL	NORWAY	61 - 45	18 - 12
16	IRELAND	ENGLAND	27 - 53	10 - 20
17	SLOVENIA	PORTUGAL	41 - 24	19 - 11
18	GREECE	SAN MARINO	20 - 8	17 - 13

ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	DENMARK	58 - 41	19 - 11
2	POLAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	43 - 32	17 - 13
3	ITALY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
4	SWITZERLAND	LATVIA	53 - 36	19 - 11
5	CROATIA	LEBANON	30 - 14	18 - 12
6	FRANCE	TURKEY	55 - 51	16 - 14
7	AUSTRIA	ROMANIA	68 - 16	25 - 5
8	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	42 - 49	14 - 16
9	GERMANY	WALES	64 - 35	21 - 9
10	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	27 - 58	9 - 21
11	BELGIUM	CZECH REP	43 - 28	18 - 12
12	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	25 - 43	11 - 19
13	BULGARIA	UKRAINE	72 - 32	23 - 7
14	ICELAND	ISRAEL	45 - 63	11 - 19
15	IRELAND	LUXEMBOURG	57 - 46	17 - 13
16	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	39 - 69	9 - 21
17	ENGLAND	SAN MARINO	54 - 25	21 - 9
18	SLOVENIA	GREECE	30 - 96	2 - 25

ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	LIECHTENSTEIN	84 - 31	25 - 5
2	RUSSIA	ITALY	66 - 36	21 - 9
3	LATVIA	POLAND	48 - 103	4 - 25
4	bye	CROATIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
5	TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	46 - 42	16 - 14
6	LEBANON	AUSTRIA	75 - 31	24 - 6
7	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	34 - 39	14 - 16
8	ROMANIA	WALES	49 - 76	9 - 21
9	FINLAND	SPAIN	64 - 23	23 - 7
10	CZECH REP	GERMANY	42 - 47	14 - 16
11	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	51 - 42	17 - 13
12	BULGARIA	BELGIUM	43 - 57	12 - 18
13	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	56 - 36	19 - 11
14	UKRAINE	IRELAND	71 - 20	25 - 5
15	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	30 - 55	10 - 20
16	SAN MARINO	LUXEMBOURG	43 - 47	14 - 16
17	NORWAY	GREECE	38 - 48	13 - 17
18	ENGLAND	SLOVENIA	59 - 56	16 - 14

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 16****10.00**

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

ROUND 17**13.45**

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

ROUND 18**17.30**

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

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 15 rounds

1	RUSSIA	282.50
2	POLAND	282.00
3	GREECE	273.00
4	ITALY	271.00
5	NORWAY	267.00
6	Austria	266.00
7	Belgium	258.50
8	France	258.00
9	Israel	252.00
10	Bulgaria	248.00
11	Denmark	242.00
12	Hungary	241.00
13	Netherlands	238.00
14	Turkey	228.00
15	England	228.00
16	Switzerland	227.00
17	Scotland	226.00
18	Wales	225.00
19	Germany	224.00
20	Sweden	224.00
21	Iceland	221.00
22	Lebanon	220.00
23	Czech Rep	218.00
24	Croatia	210.00
25	Spain	207.00
26	Finland	207.00
27	Romania	206.00
28	Ukraine	203.00
29	Slovenia	202.00
30	Portugal	198.00
31	Luxembourg	176.00
32	Ireland	168.00
33	Latvia	162.00
34	San Marino	158.00
35	Liechtenstein	149.00

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SUMMER MEETING
Seniors Congress
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Brighton, England
13th-16th August 2001

Seniors Congress
 second year of the official European Bridge League competition

Monday 13th	20.00	Pairs Qualifier
Tuesday 14th	14.00	Pairs Semi-final
	20.00	Pairs and Consolation Pairs Final
Wednesday 15th	13.00	Swiss Teams Session 1 (4x8 board matches)
Thursday 16th	13.00	Swiss Teams Session 2 (4x8 board matches)

LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 7 rounds

1	AUSTRIA	135.00
2	ENGLAND	135.00
3	POLAND	125.00
4	FRANCE	124.00
5	GERMANY	122.00
6	Spain	122.00
7	Italy	120.00
8	Sweden	119.00
9	Israel	115.00
10	Netherlands	114.00
11	Croatia	106.00
12	Hungary	106.00
13	Russia	103.00
14	Czech Rep	103.00
15	Wales	98.00
16	Finland	86.00
17	Denmark	82.00
18	Norway	78.00
19	San Marino	77.00
20	Greece	76.00
21	Scotland	69.00

LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 8 13.45

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

ROUND 9 17.30

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

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GREECE	GERMANY	13 - 75	3 - 25
22	RUSSIA	FINLAND	36 - 23	18 - 12
23	SWEDEN	DENMARK	42 - 22	19 - 11
24	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA	19 - 55	8 - 22
25	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.	14 - 48	8 - 22
26	NORWAY	ITALY	55 - 29	20 - 10
27	FRANCE	WALES	46 - 31	18 - 12
28	ENGLAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
29	HUNGARY	CROATIA	31 - 57	10 - 20
30	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	37 - 42	14 - 16
31	POLAND	ISRAEL	61 - 10	25 - 5

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
22	ITALY	SAN MARINO	74 - 29	24 - 6
23	SPAIN	NORWAY	54 - 14	23 - 7
24	GREECE	ENGLAND	34 - 92	4 - 25
25	HUNGARY	DENMARK	39 - 61	10 - 20
26	FINLAND	POLAND	65 - 49	18 - 12
27	CZECH REP.	FRANCE	40 - 68	9 - 21
28	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	43 - 70	9 - 21
29	WALES	SCOTLAND	65 - 34	21 - 9
30	AUSTRIA	RUSSIA	52 - 35	19 - 11
31	CROATIA	SWEDEN	46 - 48	15 - 15

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	ISRAEL	GERMANY	81 - 34	24 - 6
22	POLAND	GREECE	62 - 32	21 - 9
23	AUSTRIA	FINLAND	71 - 14	25 - 4
24	bye	NETHERLANDS	0 - 0	0 - 18
25	WALES	NORWAY	68 - 58	17 - 13
26	SAN MARINO	CROATIA	75 - 37	23 - 7
27	DENMARK	CZECH REP.	40 - 43	14 - 16
28	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	48 - 47	15 - 15
29	FRANCE	HUNGARY	58 - 17	23 - 7
30	ENGLAND	ITALY	35 - 21	18 - 12
31	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	20 - 30	13 - 17

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ONLINE MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 16 10.00

Greece v Iceland

LADIES ROUND 8 13.45

Germany v Sweden

OPEN ROUND 18 17.30

Austria v Italy

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 4**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	GERMANY 1	CROATIA	43 - 35	17 - 13
42	SPAIN 1	BELGIUM	8 - 17	13 - 17
43	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	37 - 24	18 - 12
44	ISRAEL 1	ENGLAND 1	21 - 63	5 - 25
45	IRELAND	ITALY 1	22 - 4	19 - 11
46	FRANCE 2	SWITZERLAND	43 - 5	24 - 6
47	FRANCE 1	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
48	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND 2	20 - 36	11 - 19
49	POLAND 2	WALES 2	38 - 24	18 - 12
50	POLAND 1	SCOTLAND	17 - 12	16 - 14
51	GERMANY 2	LEBANON	49 - 29	20 - 10
52	PORTUGAL	ITALY 2	19 - 37	11 - 19
53	ISRAEL 2	WALES 1	40 - 26	18 - 12
54	MALTA	NORWAY	20 - 35	11 - 19

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	PORTUGAL	CROATIA	28 - 28	15 - 15
42	POLAND 1	FRANCE 2	17 - 4	18 - 12
43	SWEDEN	CZECH REP.	46 - 19	22 - 8
44	ITALY 1	GERMANY 1	38 - 14	21 - 9
45	WALES 1	MALTA	54 - 30	21 - 9
46	LEBANON	SPAIN 1	32 - 21	18 - 12
47	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL 1	30 - 9	20 - 10
48	ENGLAND 1	POLAND 2	26 - 41	11 - 19
49	BELGIUM	NORWAY	30 - 13	19 - 11
50	WALES 2	ISRAEL 2	7 - 9	15 - 15
51	ENGLAND 2	ITALY 2	20 - 29	13 - 17
52	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE 1	20 - 26	14 - 16
53	bye	NETHERLANDS	0 - 0	0 - 18
54	IRELAND	GERMANY 2	38 - 41	14 - 16

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	SWITZERLAND	14 - 35	10 - 20
42	WALES 2	LEBANON	40 - 40	15 - 15
43	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND 1	34 - 21	18 - 12
44	MALTA	PORTUGAL	59 - 21	24 - 6
45	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	21 - 41	10 - 20
46	ITALY 2	POLAND 1	27 - 38	12 - 18
47	ISRAEL 2	ITALY 1	63 - 35	22 - 8
48	GERMANY 1	BELGIUM	47 - 13	23 - 7
49	FRANCE 2	GERMANY 2	20 - 20	15 - 15
50	NORWAY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
51	POLAND 2	FRANCE 1	8 - 39	7 - 23
52	SPAIN 1	SCOTLAND	13 - 44	7 - 23
53	ISRAEL 1	SWEDEN	43 - 23	20 - 10
54	WALES 1	ENGLAND 2	32 - 6	21 - 9

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SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 7****10.00**

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

ROUND 8**13.45**

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

ROUND 9**17.30**

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

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.

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 6 rounds

1	FRANCE 1	115.00
2	GERMANY 2	112.00
3	FRANCE 2	110.00
4	Italy 2	108.00
5	Poland 1	106.75
6	England 1	105.00
7	Ireland	105.00
8	Sweden	100.00
9	Germany 1	100.00
10	Wales 1	100.00
11	Netherlands	98.00
12	Czech Rep.	92.00
13	Italy 1	91.00
14	Israel 2	89.00
15	Norway	88.00
16	Switzerland	87.00
17	Belgium	86.00
18	Scotland	86.00
19	England 2	86.00
20	Poland 2	81.00
21	Israel 1	79.75
22	Wales 2	77.00
23	Lebanon	71.00
24	Portugal	70.00
25	Malta	66.00
26	Croatia	59.00
27	Spain 1	59.00

CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS

There will be a General Meeting on Monday morning, 25th June, at 09.30 in the Salon Gran Canarias in the Hotel Sir Anthony, adjacent to the swimming pool. It will include the Clippings Draw and an open discussion on points of particular interest to Journalists.

An outing to the volcano will follow the meeting. This will include lunch. Note that the start time of the outing has been brought back from 11.00, the time in the official Programme, to 10.30. This is to ensure that all journalists will be back by 17.00 in good time for the 17.30 match. The bus will leave from the Cleopatra hotel, outside reception on the 1st floor.

Will all those who intend to go put their names on the list in the Press room.

Also remember to register in the Press Room for the Journalist Pairs. This is going to be played on Tuesday evening at 20.30, in the Tenerife room, the Cleopatra hotel. This is where the Senior Championship is being played.



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:

Saturday 23rd June

13.15 hrs	Austria Ladies	17.00 hrs	Finland Ladies
13.20 hrs	Czech Rep. Ladies	17.05 hrs	France Ladies
13.25 hrs	Denmark Ladies	17.10 hrs	Germany Ladies
13:30 hrs	England Ladies	17.15 hrs	Greece Ladies

Sunday 24th June

9.40 hrs	Wales Open	9.45 hrs	Switzerland Open
9.50 hrs	Turkey Open		

Aggelos Mallios

EBL Photographer

Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

When this hand was shown on VuGraph there were two typical results. East/West had bid and won 3NT, usually on a heart lead, or East/West had gone down in 3NT on a diamond lead. The VuGraph results' table which quotes the contracts, leads, and scores seemed to imply that it was impossible to make the contract on a diamond lead. Yet that was just what Vladimir Mihov of Bulgaria did in the Open Series match against Israel. On yesterday's hand of the day Mihov was on the receiving end when Yoram Aviram shone against Bulgaria. This was his revenge in the same match.

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	

Sitting West, he received the lead of ♦9, showing zero or two higher diamonds. He ducked it but had to win the diamond continuation with the king. A heart to the queen lost to the king, (another way to make it is to play the queen of spades from hand at this point. Editor) and a third diamond went to the ace. Mihov now cashed ♥A, finessed in clubs, cashed ♣A and ♥J before playing a third club, end-playing North to lead away from the ♠K. With two spades and the established club he had his nine tricks. Very well played.

Wham Slam, Thank You Ma'am

Back home in England, we have had a long running joke about Irish slams. If this one bid by the English ladies is anything to go by, the Irish will soon be in a position to make jokes about English slam bidding. Of course, it makes it easier to laugh at a slam that goes down. Sally Brock, on her return to international bridge after several years of retirement, managed to bring this one home in England's match against Greece, despite being off a cashing ace and KQ10 to four trumps.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

The 1♣ opening was either natural or 11-13 balanced and 2♠ was weak. The Greek North did not make an immediate preemptive raise, making it easy for Sally and Margaret Courtney to get together and find the heart fit. However, North did compete with 3♠ over 3♥ and then came again with 4♠ over 4♥. Sally decided that North's bidding marked her partner with a spade void and she took a shot at the slam - perhaps 5♣ over 4♠ would have been safer, giving East an opportunity to cuebid the ace of diamonds if she had it.

Anyway, the play's the thing. North led a top spade and Sally, of course, ruffed in dummy. She led a low heart off the table and North won the jack with her king. It does look as though North needs to find an ace in her partner's hand and that the club is much less likely to go away. Hence, a diamond switch is marked. However, North switched to a club. Sally won in hand, cashed the ace of trumps and ran the clubs, throwing both her diamonds away. Now it only needed the ruffing diamond finesse to provide the twelfth trick and she was home with +1430. For some reason, they didn't bid it in the other room.

Declarer went for a line that relied on a misdefence - and who can argue with success. There is an alternative line. Having ruffed the opening lead, play on clubs immediately. When the third club is played, it is essential that South ruff in with the queen. She now wins the trick and can cash the ace of diamonds. If South makes the mistake of ruffing with the ten, declarer can over-ruff, cross to the ace of hearts, and play two more rounds of clubs, on which her diamonds go away. Though North can ruff the fifth club, it is too late and declarer has the rest.

One Slip is Enough against the Senior Fox

by Alex Montwill, Ireland

Joe MacHale played in his first Europeans for Ireland in Helsinki in 1953. Almost half a century later in the second round Seniors' match against Wales he showed he had lost none of his sharpness.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ K 8 7 4 2 ♦ A K 5 2 ♣ 6 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q J 10 3 ♥ 9 ♦ Q J 10 3 ♣ J 7 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 4 ♥ 10 6 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ K Q 10 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>West Luck Pass</p>	<p>North Montwill Pass</p>	<p>East Hirst 1♠ Dble</p>	<p>South MacHale 2♥ All Pass</p>									

West led the ace of diamonds and continued with another diamond, which MacHale ruffed. He played a club to the king and a small spade from dummy. East rose with the ace and switched to the nine of hearts. Thinking he could keep his king of trumps for later, West ducked this to dummy's ten. But there was no later, at least no opportunity to do something useful later.

Joe played a club to the queen, ruffed another diamond and kept exiting with spades. West had to ruff his partner's winners, while Joe waited patiently with AQ of trumps. Eventually he made all five of his trumps plus two clubs and one spade for a useful score of +670.

As it happened, the board was flat and this Celtic encounter ended in an honourable draw.

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SESSION 11
OPEN TEAMS



Bulgaria v Greece
Poland v France



On Thursday early afternoon, the Rama match of course had to be Poland v France. Somewhere else on the premises, however, another important match was in progress: Bulgaria v Greece. Below, we are presenting highlights from both matches. For the sake of convenience, we will go through the boards in numerical order while reporting the things of any interest at either table.

Board 2 produced a big swing in the Rama match when the popular contract of 2♥ doubled was let through:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Loukas Zotos, Greece

In both our matches, as well as at many other tables, East opened 1♠ and South overcalled 2♥. When this came round to East again, he doubled and West sat it. This contract should go down one, but it needs careful defence. West can either continue diamonds or spades after leading a top diamond, but if he plays spades East should play the ten to keep communications intact. In the Closed Room of the Rama match, Lesniewski took the ♠A at trick two and returned the queen, but now Quantin, after

winning the ♠K, could cross to dummy twice in clubs and ruff two diamonds in hand before playing a third club which Martens ruffed. Now what should he do? If he returns a fourth diamond, declarer can ruff with the jack and exit with another club. If West ruffs this, he will have only trumps left; if East ruffs it he can cash spades, but West will have to ruff his partner's winner and return a trump into the AQ after all. Neither did it help West to return a trump, as he did at the table; the nine was taken by the jack and the AQ would certainly score as well with East no longer able to lead a trump through.

Please note the difference if East plays the ten to the first spade trick. Now West can ruff the third club and still reach his partner to cash a spade and lead a trump through. There are variations, but they are bound to lead to one down as well.

So France scored 670 and 200 to lead 13-0.

A board of general interest was Board 6:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Bulgaria v Greece

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
		Pass	3♦
Dble	4♦	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

A cheap save by the Bulgarians for only 300 when their opponents did not go any further, though 5♠ can be made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
		1♠	3♦
4♣	5♦	Dble	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Here, the Bulgarians did go on to 5♠, so the Greeks had to save at the six level. They correctly did so, but the extra under-trick was still worth 200 or 5 IMPs to Bulgaria.

On Rama, we saw a pretty auction:

Poland v France
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
3♣	3♦	Pass	2♠
4♠	Pass	3♠	4♥(!)
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♦
		5♠	All Pass

Kwiecien's 2♠ showed a pre-empt in either minor or a weak major two-suiter. When Palau overcalled in clubs, Pszczola could show a diamond fit with some confidence. When Allegrini showed his spades, Kwiecien found the wonderful bid of 4♥. He explained it as a cuebid to Palau (it cannot possibly be a suit, of course), and at the other side of the screen Pszczola told his opponents that they had no agreements, but that he expected the bid to have some lead-directing values.

The French then went on to 5♠, but Allegrini's line of play made it clear that he had not for a second thought of the possibility of 4♥ showing a heart void. He ruffed the diamond lead high, played the ♠Q and then finessed the ♠10 through North. So Kwiecien won a surprise trick but, when he returned a low club to partner's ace, Pszczola was quick to play back a heart for his partner to ruff, one down, Poland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♦
		All Pass	

Here, Quantin completely shut out the opponents when he decided to open 4♦. Multon raised to game, with his good trump support, and there it rested. One down for -50 looked a fine result for France indeed, but it only served to keep the adverse swing to 4 IMPs.

Board 8 looked like a little partscore, but it brought a wide range of scores:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Bulgaria v Greece
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skoularikis</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Zotos</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
3♦	3♥	All Pass	

Against this contract, West led the ♠A. This brought down the king, so Skoularikis first cashed the ♦K before continuing with a spade for partner to ruff. Back came a diamond, and the next spade was ruffed in dummy with the king. Declarer then took the heart finesse, losing to the queen, and on the next spade East was able to ruff with the nine, thus promoting partner's ♥10 into the second undertrick; Greece +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Kapayannidis</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Liarakos</i>
1♠	All Pass		

Nobody had anything to add to Mihov's 1♠ opening, but the Greeks once again had the last laugh when this contract also went two down; Greece +100 and 5 IMPs to them.

On Rama, the auctions in both rooms were identical, but the play made a difference of four tricks.

Poland v France
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

Lead: ♠6. Tricks: 8, France +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

Lead: ♥4. Tricks: 4, France +150 and 7 IMPs to them.

The next board was a cold slam, but apparently difficult to reach, as you can see from the four auctions below:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Bulgaria v Greece
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skoularikis</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Zotos</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦



Vladimir Mihov, Bulgaria

The relays did not work very well here, in spite of the second-round jump in diamonds; Bulgaria +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

For their Greek counterparts, slam was very much out of the question, even after the jump rebid. 3NT looks more like a bid of a pairs specialist...Greece +400; 1 IMP to Bulgaria.

Poland v France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Pszczola	Allegrini	Kwiecien
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Well, from the auction one might get the impression that North was not fully aware of what was happening at the other side of the screen but, in the end, the top spot was reached; Poland +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Multon	Lesniewski	Quantin
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Maybe, Quantin could have made another move here... France +420, but 11 IMPs to Poland.

On Board 10, 4♠ was played at many tables, but not all declarers managed 10 tricks. Kapayannidis for Greece even went two down, completely misguessing the layout of the hand. This is what happened:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Bulgaria v Greece

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
		Pass	1♦
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

A heart was led and ruffed by declarer. A club went to East's ace and the ♦4 was returned, won in dummy. Next came a heart ruff, a club ruff and a heart ruff again. Instead of ruffing his last club in dummy, declarer now went on to cash the ♠A and next played another diamond, on which East contributed the two. Apparently not believing East really held a doubleton in the suit, he took the finesse, and when it lost the defenders had a club and two trumps more to come.

Down two, 500 to add to the 620 from the other table and 15 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 12 saw a costly misdefence in one match, and a big swing from the auction in the other:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Athanasios Kapayannides, Greece

Allegrini's double of 4♠ was exclusively for penalties; France +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Multon	Lesniewski	Quantin
1♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Multon did well for his team when he took the bull by the horns immediately. Lesniewski's double did not send the same clear message as at the other table, so Martens understandably went on to 5♥. Quantin was polite enough not to double this, but the French still collected another 150 and 12 IMPs.

On the next board, on Rama both teams ended in the proper contract of 5♣, but in the other match, they would have nothing of this:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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Bulgaria v Greece

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♠	INT	3♥	Dble
	All Pass		

This went two off, undoubled; Bulgaria +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

When East led the suit indicated by his partner's double, declarer had all the time in the world to establish the hearts for the two diamond discards he needed; Greece +1370 or 15 IMPs.

After just one boring board to relax, we saw action again at all tables on Board 15:

Bulgaria v Greece

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
1♥	1♠	Pass	INT
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

The double of 3NT was explained as: "Probably something in spades..."

East led the ♥4 which was won by West's ten. Though a club continuation is best, West returned a diamond away from his king. Declarer won the ♦8 with his queen, cashed the ♠A getting the bad news and crossed to the ♦A. Next came a spade to the king and the ♦J from hand, which East ruffed, West contributing the king; one down only, 200 to Greece.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
1♥	2♥	Pass	2NT
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Here too, we saw a heart lead and a diamond return, but the defence made no further mistake and thus collected their two trick set and 500 to Bulgaria, amounting to 7 IMPs.

Poland v France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Pszczola	Allegrini	Kwiecien
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

When Pszczola showed his two-suiter, it became clear that

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

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

N		
W		E
	S	

Bulgaria v Greece

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
Pass	1♠	3♥	1♦
5♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	Dble
All Pass			6♠

Here, the Bulgarians were very lucky that nobody doubled them. When Italy were defending a spade contract in their match against Germany, they managed to come to all six defensive tricks they were entitled to: heart lead, diamond ruff, club through, diamond ruff and two more clubs. On a heart lead, Skoularikis was happy to first cash his other ace, thus defeating the contract, before beginning to think about the hand...Greece +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
Pass	1♠	4♥	1♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

At the other table, it looked as if declarer went for a line based on what one might call an assumption play. If the ♥K is wrong, the ♣K will be right and vice versa, so he took the trump finesse when South returned a heart after winning his ♠AK. One down when the heart finesse lost and, of course, the club finesse won; Greece +100 and 7 IMPs.

Poland v France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Pszczola	Allegrini	Kwiecien
Pass	1♠	3♥	1♦
4♥	5♦	All Pass	4♦

Compare the quiet 4♥ by Palau with the resolute 5♥ by his Greek counterpart. Here, North had room to show his diamond fit, and there it rested; Poland +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Multon	Lesniewski	Quantin
Pass	1♠	4♥	1♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Lesniewski did even better when he jumped all the way to 4♥ at his first turn. This made life easy for his partner. A heart was led to the ace and a diamond returned, but as West did not have the courage to play the ♣J on his partner's club return, two possible undertricks disappeared. Still, Poland another +200 and 13 IMPs.

The next board was a grand slam, bid frequently all round the room, but not in our two featured matches:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

♠ 3		
♥ A K 6		
♦ K 9 6 4		
♣ K Q 5 4 3		

♠ A 7 5		
♥ Q J 9 7		
♦ A Q 10 7		
♣ A 6		

N		
W		E
	S	

Bulgaria v Greece

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

As 1♦ was a relay and 2♠ showed a balanced game forcing hand, diamonds never came into the picture when North elected to rebid 3♣ showing, or at least suggesting a, six-card suit. When the clubs did not break, justice was done and Greece scored +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Natural bidding brought the diamonds into the picture immediately; Greece another +1440 and 16 IMPs.

Poland v France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Pszczola	Allegrini	Kwiecien
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The Polish Club did not deal very well with this hand. Diamonds were introduced and supported, but the full trick-taking potential remained undisclosed; Poland +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Multon	Lesniewski	Quantin
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

A splinter showing a good raise of partner's second suit made life easy for the French. Well done, +1440 and 11 IMPs back.

On the last board, a cheap save was available against the spade slam, but it might be difficult for E/W to unveil their double fit.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Bulgaria v Greece

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Karaivanov	Zotos	Trendafilov
2♥	4♥	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

When Skoularikis could open and, in fact, did open 2♥, the Greeks looked set to find the save, but at the decisive moment they left off; Bulgaria +1430 after all.



Roumen Trendafilov, Bulgaria

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Kapayannidis	Nanev	Liarakos
Pass	1♠	2♣	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Though Mihov did not open, he was in an even better position to help his partner to find the save. With his club fit, he might have ventured 4♥ over the 4♦ splinter. When he did not, the board was destined to be flat.

Poland v France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Pszczola	Allegrini	Kwiecien
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

When the French, much in accordance with their general approach, did not open or overcall, the Poles had a free and easy run to the optimum contract. 5♠ just asked about the trump quality; Poland +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Multon	Lesniewski	Quantin
Pass	1♠	2♠	4♠
5♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Here, Lesniewski butted in with a two-suited overcall, having heard his partner pass, so the double fit came to light. In fact it did not even matter that much whether Quantin would double or go to 7♠. The save just nets 800, so he was bound to lose at least 12 IMPs anyway, whereas the grand might make on a wrong lead or whatever. Poland +100 or 17 IMPs.

The final scores in the two matches:

Bulgaria v Greece 39-53 or 12-18 VPs
 Poland v France 54-51 or 16-14 VPs



Appeals No.6



Netherlands v Switzerland

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Naki Bruni (Italy), Grattan Endicott (England), Steen Møller (Denmark).

Open Teams Round 8

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Teylouni</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		

Contract:

Five Clubs doubled, played by North.

Lead: Jack of Spades.

Play:

Queen-King of Spades, six of Spades returned, small diamond to West's King and another spade.

Result: 10 tricks, N/S -100.

The Facts:

This was the VuGraph match, Open Room.

North had asked East about returns. North had written "Q752" and "Q7652" on a piece of paper and East had circled the 5 and 2 respectively. On this basis, North decided to ruff the fourth trick, instead of letting it run to the eight and discarding a diamond. At the end of the play, North had asked a similar question of West. West circled the fourth highest from the original holding. North called the Director. It turned out that East had not understood the question and thought North had been asking about the leads.

The Director:

Considered that North should have written not only the cards but also his question instead of speaking it.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C.

North/South appealed.

Present:

All players except South, and both Captains.

The Players:

North told the Committee that he had said "If you take and return". After East had circled the appropriate cards, North had thought for several minutes and then asked the question again to make absolutely sure. East had now replied "same as leads".

East stated that North had asked "what do you play" but he admitted that North had indeed used the word "return". East thought the question had been about leads in general, and had answered "same as leads" to indicate that subsequent leads are made in the same way as opening leads.

North believed it was clear that he wanted information about returns in the relevant suit, spades, and not about subsequent leads in other suits. He believed that East should have realized that.

When asked why he had written Q's on his questions, rather than K's, as had actually been played, North replied that they were both honours after all. The interesting cards were the small ones and he had been very specific to East about those.

The Committee:

Considered that North had done a lot to get the information that he wanted. He had used proper English words, and it was East who had misunderstood the word return. It should have been clear to East that North was only interested in the Spade situation. East/West's actual agreement was as West had explained it after the hand, and corresponded to the real holding. On North's very careful questions, East should have actively explained their methods to North, in accordance with the principle of full disclosure. East had not done so, and the Committee concluded that North had been misinformed.

The Committee also believed there was resulting damage. However, it was not certain that North would always discard.

The Committee decided that, if North had received the correct answer to the question he had asked, as his alternative to make the contract by a different play was against the odds, North would discard two times out of three, and subsequently make his contract. The Committee decided to adjust the score on that basis.

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to

Both sides receive:

66.7% of 5♣X making by North (N/S +550) plus
33.3% of 5♣X-1 by North (N/S -100).

Deposit:

Returned.

Minutes of the EBL Seniors Congress

5.30 pm, 20th June 2001 in Tenerife

Chairman Nissan Rand first recognised the members of the EBL Seniors Committee present: From the EBL Executive: José Oliveira (Portugal)

Elected at an earlier Congress: Dr. Alfred Fleischman (Austria), Vice-Chairman; Patrick Jourdain (Wales), Secretary; and members Naki Bruni (Italy), Göran Mattsson (Ger), and Mario Dix (Malta). The Chairman called for representatives of Federations to make themselves known. These were:

Czech Republic: Marc Verdier; England: David Harris; France: Yves Aubry; Germany: Goran Mattsson; Ireland: Alex Montwill; Israel: Noah Tymianker; Lebanon: N. Fayad; Malta: Mario Dix; Netherlands: Hans Vergoed; Norway: Julius Moe; Poland: Włodzimierz Stobiecki; Portugal: José Oliveira; Sweden: Hans-Olof Hallen; Wales: Joe Patrick. Some 35 further persons were present.

The Chairman invited the EBL President, Mr. Gianarrigo Rona to address the meeting. Mr. Rona said that though there was one less team in Tenerife than at the previous event in Malta there were more countries (20). He congratulated the EBL Seniors Committee on their work, and gave a warm welcome to the forthcoming Seniors Congresses in Brighton, Prague and Warsaw.

The Chairman invited the WBF President, José Damiani, to address the Meeting. Mr. Damiani said he was impressed by the numbers present, and congratulated the EBL on its efforts for Seniors bridge. In Bali the WBF would hold the Seniors Bowl, and the Transnational Teams where, if 20 or more teams composed wholly of Seniors expressed a desire to play in an event of their own, the WBF would arrange this. Teams would be invited to express this preference on Registration. If the number was less than 20 then the Teams would play within the Transnational Teams, but a ranking list of Senior Teams would be shown. Mr. Damiani then left the meeting. Mr. Rona and Mr. Rand gave an undertaking that the prize for the leading Seniors Team in Bali would be substantially better than the prize in Bermuda.

The Tenerife Seniors Championship

The Chairman expressed condolence to the Wales "B" team on the recent loss of one of their members, which had reduced their team to four players.

The Captains Meeting would be held tomorrow at 8.45 a.m. at a place to be announced (later named by Ton Kooijman as the Gran Canarias Room in the Hotel Sir Anthony by the swimming pool, with the playing area as the Tenerife Room next to Yugraph where the Ladies Pairs had been held). Photos of teams would be organised. Matches would be of 14 boards to the schedule announced. The boards played would be the same as the Open and Ladies, the strong preference of Seniors expressed at previous meetings.

The Chairman welcomed the participation of the following countries for the first time: Norway, Croatia, Lebanon, Malta and, in place of Britain: England, Scotland and Wales. He was disappointed that there was no team from countries such as Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, and Turkey, all of which were known to have talented Seniors to field. The last four had actually registered but later withdrew.

The Chairman invited members present to comment on the arrangements for the Championships. Mr van Oppen of the Netherlands said it was wrong that Federations were permitted two teams, unlike the Open and Ladies. He also thought that playing only 14 of the 20 boards that the other events were playing meant that the breaks between matches were too long. Mr. Rand said he would later sound out the meeting on its preference for one or two teams per Federation, and length of matches.

Mr. Jourdain requested that the qualifications for the Seniors Bowl in Bali were published clearly at an early stage. These were:

1. The Senior Teams event in Tenerife would determine who qualified for Bali;
2. A multinational team could not earn this qualification.
3. Europe would receive at least one, and possibly two places in Bali.
4. The Federation of the leading team(s), not the players, would be invited to participate at Bali. The Federation could change its players.
5. If a Federation did not take up its invitation, it would pass to the next-placed team, until Europe had fulfilled its entitlement.

Mr. Rand reported that the EBL had decided to amend its format to hold Championships annually during the last two weeks of June, alternating between the National Championships with one team per Federation (Open, Ladies and Seniors) and, in the alternate years, a Championship not limited in representation with Pairs and Teams for Open, Ladies, Seniors and Mixed. It had yet to be decided whether this Championship was Transnational, or open to non-Europeans.

Straw Poll

Before any poll was held Mr. Oliveira pointed out that the meeting had no formal voting power, and that the results would therefore be limited to an expression of opinion of the people present. The outcome of this "Straw Poll" was:

Length of match: A clear preference for 16 boards, when playing the same boards as the Open or Ladies sessions of 20 boards.

One team or two per Federation: An even split on the matter.

Multinational teams: A clear preference for this not to be allowed except where all players in the team were representing a Federation that otherwise would have no representation in the event.

Seniors Congresses in Europe sponsored by the EBL

Representatives of the organisers were invited to speak. These were David Harris on Brighton, 13-16th August 2001; Radek Kielbasinski on Warsaw 26-31st August 2001; and Marc Verdier on Prague, 16-20th November 2001. Brochures were tabled for Brighton and Prague. Mr. Rand added that there would be a Seniors Congress within the Tel Aviv Festival from February 4-7th 2002, and Mario Dix said there would be a Seniors Congress in Malta from 11-18th April, 2002. Discussions were in hand for a Seniors Congress in Italy in May 2002 and France in October 2002.

Appointment of EBL Seniors Committee

The EBL Executive had appointed Mr. Rand as Chairman, and José Oliveira and Jean-Claude Beineix as members. From the Chair, Mr. Rand proposed that the following be invited to continue: Alfred Fleischman (Austria) as Vice-Chairman, Patrick Jourdain (Wales) as Secretary, and Naki Bruni (Italy), Göran Mattsson (Germany), and Mario Dix (Malta). This was approved by acclaim. The Chairman then nominated two new members: Keith Stanley (England) and Włodzimierz Stobiecki (Poland) as members, accepted by acclaim. Mr. Rand invited nominations from the floor, and Marc Verdier (Czech Republic) was appointed.

Any other business

Mr. Mattsson suggested that a 28th team be invited to compete to avoid teams having a bye. The EBL Executive had already decided that a team ineligible under existing rules would not be permitted to play with standing, so Mr. Mattsson proposed that such a team play without standing. This proposal did not receive support, the people present expressing a clear preference that no ineligible team took part. Meeting closed 7pm. Signed:

Nissan Rand, *Chairman*

Patrick Jourdain, *Secretary*

SESSION 5
LADIES TEAMS



Hungary v Croatia



After two days play in the Ladies event, the surprise leaders were the team from Hungary. Friday's morning match saw them up against Croatia, an opportunity to see if their challenge was a serious one.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
		Pass	1♥
2♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
Dble	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Both North/South pairs overcame the spade intervention without too much difficulty. Nikica Sver's jump to 5♥ focused on her partner's trump holding and Marina Pilipovic was not hard pressed to bid the slam. Eszter Tichy preferred to ask for key cards and the response was sufficient to allow her too to bid the slam. Croatia picked up an overtrick IMP when Jacint Welker led a spade and Renata Mueller the ace of clubs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
		Dble	1♦
Pass	Pass		Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
			INT
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Ibolya Nyaradi's weak no trump and the 2♣ response shut the Croatsians out of the auction. Two Spades drifted a couple off for -100 but that would not matter if Welker could bring home 3NT at the other table.

Sver led the ten of spades, ducked to the king, and Welker crossed to the ace of hearts to lead the ♦10. That was covered by the jack and queen and declarer continued with a spade to the queen and ace. Pilipovic tried a low club at this point and Welker rose with the king and played a heart to dummy then the nine of diamonds. Pilipovic covered with the king, leaving declarer with a blockage. Welker seems to have lost track of the spot cards now because, rather than crossing to dummy's seven, she played the eight then four of diamonds. Pilipovic won her six and cashed the queen of hearts then tried another low club. Welker didn't like that very much but after a minute or so of thought she got it right, putting up the queen and claiming nine tricks; +600 and 11 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After a diamond lead to the queen and ace and a heart to the ten, Mueller had an easy time coming to ten tricks for +630 to Croatia.



Nikica Sver, Croatia

Sver led the ten of clubs against Welker, who therefore did not know that she had three diamond tricks. Declarer won the club in dummy and played ace and another heart to her queen. Sver won the king and had the chance to defeat the contract by cashing the ♠J then switching to a spade. She got half way there, finding the spade play immediately. Pilipovic won the queen of spades and switched to the seven of diamonds. Welker looked at that for a while and decided that the queen was likely to be off-side. She rose with the ace and cashed her club winners before exiting with a heart, hoping for an endplay. Of course, that did not materialise. Sver won the heart and played a spade and that was one down; -100 and 12 IMPs to Croatia.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 4 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A K 6 5 2 ♣ 10 8 5	<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		♠ Q J 8 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 9 ♣ J 9 6 3 2	
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ A ♥ A Q J 10 5 4 2 ♦ Q 7 3 ♣ A 4											
West	North	East	South									
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic									
INT ⁽¹⁾	Dble	Pass	1♣									
Pass	4♥	2♣ ⁽²⁾	2♥									
	All Pass											

⁽¹⁾ Odd two-suiter ⁽²⁾ Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisic	Nyaradi
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass		Pass	5♥

The two strong club auctions were actually almost identical in effect - as far as 4♥. Now, however, Nyaradi judged to go on while Pilipovic did not. With the defence playing three rounds of diamonds at both tables, that meant +420 for Pilipovic but -50 for Nyaradi; 10 IMPs to Croatia.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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	S											
♠ K J 7 5 ♥ K J 8 ♦ K 10 8 4 ♣ 6 3	♠ Q 9 3 2 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ Q 10	♠ A 8 6 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 9 8 7										
	♠ 10 4 ♥ 10 9 6 5 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K J 5 4 2											
West	North	East	South									
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic									
Dble	INT	Dble	2♣									
All Pass												
West	North	East	South									
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisic	Nyaradi									
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass									
2NT	Pass	INT	Pass									
		3NT	All Pass									

East/West may have a combined 25-count, but the cards lie very badly for them and it was no surprise when Iva Jurisic went two down in her no trump game; -200. When Sver's weak no trump got doubled it looked as though Croatia could be in line for a big loss on the board. Pilipovic ran to 2♣ and Welker doubled for take-out, left in by Katalin Mezey.

Welker led a club and Mezey won and returned the suit. Pilipovic won on table and led a low diamond. Mezey went in with the ace and switched to a low spade. Welker won the king and switched to the jack of hearts. Pilipovic put in the queen and, when that held, could have got out for one off by playing two more rounds of hearts. Of course, that relies on hearts being 3-3, and Pilipovic preferred a less committal approach. She played a diamond, which ran to the eight. Welker returned the ♦10 to the jack and queen, and Pilipovic ruffed. She drew the trumps, throwing a spade and a diamond from dummy as Welker pitched two spades. Now Pilipovic led the ten of hearts, hoping to pin a doubleton nine. That did not happen, of course, but something just as good happened when Welker decided not to cover the ten in case declarer had started with ♥109xx. Having won the ten, Pilipovic cashed the ace of hearts then played the ♠Q, pinning the jack. At trick 13, Mezey had to lead the eight of spades to dummy's nine; just made for +180, holding the Croatian loss to just a single IMP.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
		All Pass	

Welker wasted no time in getting her revenge on Pilipovic. The Hungarian North/South pair stopped off in 2♠, scoring +140. As the cards lie, 3NT looks to be unbeatable, but Welker found a clever play to give declarer a losing option. She started with an uninspired low spade, won in dummy. Back came a second spade honour, which was allowed to hold, then a third spade, declarer throwing two clubs from hand. Welker won the third spade and could see that she had no legitimate line of defence. However, declarer did not know that the clubs were dividing evenly. Welker found the excellent switch to her low club. Dummy won the queen and Pilipovic had a problem. On the actual lay-out, simply conceding a spade would see the contract home, but if Welker had a fourth club, then that would lead to defeat. Pilipovic thought for a long time then ran the ten of hearts - the correct choice if the finesse was working and clubs 4-2.

Welker's fine defence had beaten a cold contract; -100 and 6 IMPs to Hungary instead of 10 to Croatia.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
2♦	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♦	5♣	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Welker showed her two-suiter with a jump to 3♦ at her second turn but was then content to defend 3NT. Mezey led a diamond but Sver had ten on top for +630.

Mueller only rebid a quite 2♦ but was then not willing to defend, suspecting that her opponents were about to run a lot of club tricks against her. Whether or not 4♦ is a sound call, it was a very successful one. In fact, it could have been even more successful had Jurisc not had an obvious save over 5♣. Five Diamonds doubled lost the four obvious tricks for -300 and 8 IMPs to Croatia. Of course, 5♣ could have been defeated by leading three rounds of hearts for a ruff, but how could Jurisc know that?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Welker	Sver	Mezey	Pilipovic
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Mueller	Tichy	Jurisc	Nyaradi
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Nyaradi led a spade against Jurisc. Declarer ducked that to the jack and Tichy switched to the nine of hearts, which ran to the queen. Jurisc passed the queen of clubs, ducked, and continued with ace and another club to the king. Back came a spade. Jurisc finessed the queen then cashed the two club winners. On the clubs, South threw a diamond and a heart. Now Jurisc led a low heart off the dummy and ducked it to South's bare ace. Jurisc had the rest now for an excellent +630.

Pilipovic also led a spade and Mezey also ducked to the jack. Sver, however, returned a spade, declarer winning the ten. Mezey played a low club to the queen, then a club to the ace and a third club. Pilipovic won the third club and led a spade. Mezey finessed and cashed the club winners, but the defence was in control, both throwing their diamonds away. Mezey cashed the ace of spades then played a heart to the king and ace. Pilipovic cashed her long spade then played a heart and Sver's jack was the setting trick; one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Croatia. Nicely defended.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Welker</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Mezey</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
		Pass	Pass
5♦	Dble	Pass	5♥
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Mueller</i>	<i>Tichy</i>	<i>Jurisic</i>	<i>Nyaradi</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♦
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Having put her opponents under pressure with the 5♦ opening, Welker then made an undisciplined second bid and went for 500 against a 5♥ contract that rated to fail. Double dummy, on the likely defence of two top diamonds, East has to ruff because he cannot afford to throw a black card - in practice, of course, declarer would not be likely to find the play of the jack of spades from hand after a spade pitch. On more normal play, 5♥ is likely to fail because the 5-0 club break leaves declarer a trick short. In the other room, Mueller preferred to start with a one-level opening then pre-empted on finding that her partner was weak. That made it easy for North/South to settle for the penalty, but -300 was worth 5 IMPs to Croatia.

The final score was a 57-31 IMP win for Croatia, converting to 20-10 VPs.

Quote of a Lifetime

'I will never play in the Seniors, even if I am dead!'
John Collings, currently playing for England 2 in guess
which event.

Looking for Mr SMUG

From time to time it is more comfortable to have Mr Smug at your disposal, the famous practical and ignorant character described by S.J. Simon (*Why You Lose At Bridge*), rather than an expert who would look for an endplay Mr Smug would never be able to think of.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Carcassonne</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	Pass	4♣	Dble
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All pass		

To our dear Mr Smug, at the helm in this slam, it would never have occurred to go for a line of play other than first try the spade finesse and than play a diamond to the queen. These two simple maneuvers, the only ones at Mr Smug's disposal, would have brought declarer's tally to 12 tricks: two spades, two diamonds and eight trumps, including two ruffs in dummy. As it happened, the East seat was occupied by Lauria who had far better weapons at his disposal than Mr Smug and thus was able to look more deeply into the position. South led the ♣A and: "You can also make the hand with the ♦K in South - that's what Lauria said to himself - if you can reach this finale!"

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

"Yes, I really think I'm, going to play for it. After all, North has suggested to defend by bidding 5♣. He need not hold any defensive tricks. What is more, it's an elegant line of play (this was not Lauria's thought, but just an interpretation by the writer of this story)...". As you can see, in real life the ♦K had crossed from South to North, so the more elegant line quickly changed into the losing one...

SESSION 12
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v Sweden



The VuGraph match selected by Jean-Paul Meyer for Round 12 featured two of the powerful Scandinavian countries. Apart from the fact that any local derby is usually worth watching, there was the prospect of enjoying the traditional noisy support that the Norwegian team attracts.

Before we get down to the serious business, one player missed a chance for immortality on this deal:



Tor Helness, Norway

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
Pass	3♦	INT	2♣*
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the jack of clubs and East took the ace and switched to a spade. Declarer took the ace, cashed the king of clubs and set about the diamonds. The defenders discarded lots of hearts so declarer came to twelve tricks, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
2♠	3♦	1♠	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

This time the opening lead was a spade and when declarer did not risk the heart finesse he collected nine tricks to lose 3 IMPs.

So where was the chance for immortality?

Everyone knows that a jump cuebid shows a solid suit somewhere and asks if partner has a stopper. Less well known is the possibility that South missed here, to jump to Three Clubs saying 'I have a club stopper, do you have a solid suit?'

Okay, enough of this frivolity.

The first significant swing went to Norway.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1♥	INT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

East led the five of spades and declarer simply claimed ten tricks, allowing the defence one spade, one heart and the ace of diamonds, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
Pass	Pass	1♥	INT
Dble	2♣	All Pass	

Was North hoping to be doubled in Two Clubs and then retreat to Two Diamonds? Anyway, East led a trump to the eight, queen and king, and declarer played the eight of hearts. West won with the ten and switched to spades. Declarer could make only one spade, one diamond and four clubs, down two, -200 and a loss of 8 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

It is not clear from the Convention card if West knew precisely which suits East had. Whatever West was hoping East had it did not materialise. Five Clubs was far too high and was down two, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
Pass	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

By stopping in Three Clubs, Norway scored +100 and picked up 7 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
2NT	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Lars Andersson, Sweden

East led the jack of clubs, sealing declarer's fate at once. He had to lose a club, two diamonds and a spade, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
1♦	1♥	2♦	2♠
4♣	Pass	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

Same contract, but this time the opening lead was a diamond. West took two rounds and switched to a club. Declarer put up the queen and was in a position to make the contract by playing on spades. However, he innocently played a club to the ace followed by a heart to the ace. When the 4-0 break came to light declarer played a spade but East put up the ace and returned the jack of spades. Declarer was locked in dummy. If he drew trumps he would lose a club. If he came to hand with a trump to ruff a club he would set up a trump promotion for East.

A missed opportunity.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

♠ A J 5 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ K J 10 7 6 ♣ J 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

The Convention card of the Swedish Pair says an overcall is 7-17 and a jump overcall is 3-9. When East decided his hand did not fit into either category North/South had the field to themselves. Three Clubs quickly made the obvious overtrick - with so many deals where declarer was able to claim after a few cards, the Open Room was racing ahead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Three Hearts was equally straightforward, +140 and another 7IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
	2♣*	Pass	2♥
INT	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass			
All Pass			

North showed the majors and then came again. Right he was, as the position in both majors meant eleven tricks were trivial; +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
	2♦*	Pass	2♥
INT	Pass	2NT	3♥
Pass			
All Pass			

There was a significant difference of opinion this time as North did not make any move, even when South showed a real preference for Hearts. The same eleven tricks, but a loss of 6 IMPs.

The small swings were adding up and Norway did it again on the next deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Third in hand, Two Diamonds was 11-16 with at least five diamonds. South led the ace of hearts and switched to a spade. North took the ace and returned the suit and declarer won and went after the clubs, soon claiming eleven tricks. They were still bidding in the other room - would Norway bid yet another thin game?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♥	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♦	3♥	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

No trouble at all and play followed similar lines to that in the other room, +400 and 6 IMPs. The score was 37-5 and every swing was greeted with loud cheers by the Norwegian contingent. They were about to be silenced.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
	1♦	1♥	1♠
4♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led a diamond and when dummy played the queen North won with the ace, cashed the jack and switched to the four of spades for a fast one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

The play record is undoubtedly faulty at some point, but it looks as if West led a heart, ruffed by declarer who played a diamond to the jack and ran the ten of spades. That looks like ten tricks and that is what declarer made; +620 and 11 badly needed IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	Helness	Gullberg	Helgemo
		2♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

This time Two Diamonds was 8-11 and if I interpret the Swedish hieroglyphics correctly the response was invitational with a six-card suit.

North led the king of clubs and continued with the jack. South won with the ace and switched to the queen of spades. Declarer tried the king but North produced the ace, returned the suit and got a club ruff; down two, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Sylvan	Saelensminde	Sundelin
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble	2♥
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East led the ace of diamonds and switched to a trump, covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer ducked a heart, won the trump return in dummy and ran the queen of diamonds, discarding a losing heart. He could ruff one heart and dispose of the other on the jack of diamonds. A very useful +790 and the 12 IMPs it earned meant Sweden had reduced their margin of defeat, Norway winning 37-28, 17-13 VP.

SPORTS NEWS

Golf



Wendy Ward shot a 6-under-par 65 to take the lead at the LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club course. She finished with a one-stroke lead over Becky Iverson and Akiko Fukushima, with Karrie Webb and Laura Davies among those at 67. Another stroke back was Annika Sorenstam, whose lone bogey was courtesy of a sudden blast of wind from ap-

proaching thunderstorms.

Scott Hoch took the early lead at the Buick ClassicTwo where rain delays meant that only 37 players in the 156-strong field finished their first rounds. Hoch, who won the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic earlier this year, had five birdies and one bogey through 16 holes.

Tiger Woods managed only one stroke before play was called off for the day.

Formula One



Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard have dominated for McLaren in Friday's free practice sessions ahead of the European Grand Prix at Nurburgring. Hakkinen swapped top spot throughout the two sessions with his team-mate before the Finn came out ahead by just under 0.2 seconds. Ralf Schumacher was third, just ahead of brother Michael.

Athletics

World record holder Maurice Greene ran the fastest 100 metres in the world this year, 9.90 seconds, in the first round of the US Championships, but the American then pulled out of the championships in protest. The Olympic gold medallist is upset at an American rule that requires world champions to participate in the US event in order to receive a bye for the World Championships in Edmonton from 3-12 August.

Drugs

A German scientist has found evidence of a link between the anabolic steroid nandrolone and common dietary supplements. The study, by Dr Wilhelm Schänzer at the German Sports University in Cologne, could explain the recent spate of positive tests for the steroid in athletes and footballers.

Cycling

Italian Gianluca Bortolami won the second stage of the Tour de Suisse on Thursday, edging Austria's Peter Wrolich in a two-man fight for the finish. Bortolami, who rides for Tacconi, finished almost three minutes ahead of the main pack. Leading the main bunch, Australian Robbie McEwen of Domo Farm Frites crossed the line third, ahead of Lithuania's Saulius Ruskys.

Bortolami's win vaulted him to the top of the overall rankings, with Wrolich in second. Lance Armstrong, who won the prologue, surrendered the yellow jersey, slipping from first to third.

Water Polo

**European Championships in Budapest
Men's Quarter-finals**

Croatia 7 - 6 Spain, Hungary 10 - 9 Russia, Yugoslavia 8 - 7 Slovakia, Italy 7 - 6 Greece

Women's Semi-finals

Italy 7 - 1 Greece, Hungary 7 - 6 Russia

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 15

Player		avg.	Boards									
		IMPs										
1 Helgemo G	NOR	1.08	240	69 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.22	180	139 Stoekli F	SWI	-0.14	159	
2 Helness T	NOR	1.08	240	70 Liarakos S	GRE	0.22	180	140 Matheson J	SCO	-0.16	200	
3 Kwiecien M	POL	0.94	240	71 Hanlon T	IRE	0.14	220	141 Szilagyi L	HUN	-0.18	200	
4 Pszczola J	POL	0.94	240	72 McGann H	IRE	0.14	220	142 Ludewig B	GER	-0.18	200	
5 Carcassonne	BEL	0.91	180	73 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.14	240	143 Repts K	GER	-0.18	200	
6 Labaere A	BEL	0.91	180	74 Magnusson T	LAT	0.14	240	144 Ananijev B	CRO	-0.19	160	
7 Honti L	HUN	0.87	160	75 Abecassis M	FRA	0.13	180	145 Sasek T	CRO	-0.19	160	
8 De Falco D	ITA	0.84	120	76 Soulet P	FRA	0.13	180	146 Levy R	SWI	-0.21	240	
9 Ferraro G	ITA	0.84	120	77 Lesniewski M	POL	0.13	160	147 Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.21	240	
10 Multon F	FRA	0.77	220	78 Martens K	POL	0.13	160	148 Lamza V	CRO	-0.22	180	
11 Quantin J	FRA	0.77	220	79 Aviram Y	ISR	0.12	139	149 Matei C	ROM	-0.25	220	
12 Gromov A	RUS	0.71	220	80 Barel M	ISR	0.12	139	150 Savin D	ROM	-0.25	220	
13 Petrunin A	RUS	0.71	220	81 Kaplan A	BEL	0.12	180	151 Walker D	SCO	-0.25	200	
14 Bocchi N	ITA	0.71	220	82 Polet G	BEL	0.12	180	152 Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.27	200	
15 Duboin G	ITA	0.71	220	83 Zorlu N	TUR	0.12	280	153 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.28	200	
16 Skoularikis	GRE	0.70	200	84 Assael S	TUR	0.12	280	154 Micescu V	ROM	-0.28	180	
17 Zotos L	GRE	0.70	200	85 Whittaker W	SCO	0.11	200	155 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.28	180	
18 Balicki C	POL	0.69	200	86 Steel L	SCO	0.11	200	156 Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.30	200	
19 Zmudzinski A	POL	0.69	200	87 Senk M	SLO	0.10	300	157 Capucho M	POR	-0.31	180	
20 Dubinin A	RUS	0.68	160	88 Kranjc G	SLO	0.10	300	158 Lara M	POR	-0.31	180	
21 Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.68	160	89 Cuthbertson	SCO	0.10	200	159 Maas A	NET	-0.32	200	
22 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.60	220	90 Fawcett J	ENG	0.09	200	160 Ramondt V	NET	-0.32	200	
23 Magnusson M	ICE	0.60	220	91 Liggins G	ENG	0.09	200	161 Helling S	LUX	-0.35	160	
24 Eidi M	LEB	0.59	240	92 Sundelin P	SWE	0.08	180	162 Renno I	LUX	-0.35	160	
25 Harfouche G	LEB	0.59	240	93 Sylan J	SWE	0.08	180	163 Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.37	280	
26 Brogeland B	NOR	0.52	180	94 Winkler G	HUN	0.08	280	164 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.40	200	
27 Saelensminde	NOR	0.52	180	95 Szalay G	HUN	0.07	220	165 Zucchini G	LIE	-0.40	200	
28 Andersson L	SWE	0.47	200	96 Kiema O	FIN	0.07	299	166 Baroudi N	LEB	-0.42	160	
29 Gullberg T	SWE	0.47	200	97 Koistinen K	FIN	0.07	299	167 Nasr C	LEB	-0.42	160	
30 Hegedus G	HUN	0.46	160	98 Hopfenheit G	GER	0.06	180	168 Nystrom F	SWE	-0.45	180	
31 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.46	180	99 Retzlaff R	GER	0.06	180	169 Bertheau P	SWE	-0.45	180	
32 Zlotov D	RUS	0.46	180	100 Kurka J	CZE	0.05	200	170 Novak M	SLO	-0.47	300	
33 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.45	200	101 Allegrini P	FRA	0.05	200	171 Svoboda O	CZE	-0.47	200	
34 Trendafilov	BUL	0.45	200	102 Palau Jj	FRA	0.05	200	172 Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.47	159	
35 Gloyer A	AUS	0.44	199	103 Knap A	SPA	0.04	199	173 Utter L	FIN	-0.47	159	
36 Schifko M	AUS	0.44	199	104 Wasik A	SPA	0.04	199	174 Briolini G	SMR	-0.51	200	
37 Lindermann A	AUS	0.41	180	105 Blakset L	DEN	0.04	200	175 Fiorini F	SMR	-0.51	200	
38 Saurer B	AUS	0.41	180	106 Bruun M	DEN	0.04	200	176 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.53	200	
39 Jansma J	NET	0.38	220	107 Mraz T	CZE	0.03	180	177 Richter C	LUX	-0.53	200	
40 Verhees L	NET	0.38	220	108 Pownall M	WAL	0.00	220	178 Jansa Z	CZE	-0.55	180	
41 Duong H	SWI	0.37	200	109 Murdoch J	SCO	0.00	200	179 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.55	140	
42 Yalcin T	SWI	0.37	200	110 AA T	NOR	-0.02	180	180 Ucar A	TUR	-0.55	140	
43 Kannavos P	GRE	0.32	180	111 Groetheim G	NOR	-0.02	180	181 Goded F	SPA	-0.56	219	
44 Kapayannides K	GRE	0.32	180	112 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.03	180	182 Lantaron L	SPA	-0.56	219	
45 Schaltz P	DEN	0.31	200	113 Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.03	180	183 Baldursson J	ICE	-0.62	200	
46 Schaltz D	DEN	0.31	200	114 Frances A	SPA	-0.05	180	184 Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.62	200	
47 Simon J	AUS	0.31	219	115 Torres J	SPA	-0.05	180	185 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.62	200	
48 Terraneo C	AUS	0.31	219	116 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.06	200	186 Turletti G	LIE	-0.62	200	
49 Goodman P	WAL	0.30	220	117 Mihov V	BUL	-0.07	200	187 Debonnaire J	POR	-0.65	160	
50 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.29	200	118 Nanev I	BUL	-0.07	200	188 Teixeira A	POR	-0.65	160	
51 Stamatov J	BUL	0.29	200	119 Tomic T	CRO	-0.07	200	189 Rapoport O	UKR	-0.74	180	
52 Engel Z	BEL	0.29	200	120 Jonsson Th	ICE	-0.08	180	190 Volkov O	UKR	-0.74	180	
53 Van Middeltem	BEL	0.29	200	121 Thorvaldsson	ICE	-0.08	180	191 Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.76	200	
54 Herbst I	ISR	0.28	199	122 Nikolayenko	UKR	-0.08	200	192 Schaaper M	LUX	-0.76	200	
55 Herbst O	ISR	0.28	199	123 Rybnikov G	UKR	-0.08	200	193 Pesonen J	FIN	-0.79	140	
56 Caspersen H	DEN	0.27	160	124 Lauria L	ITA	-0.08	220	194 Stubb S	FIN	-0.79	140	
57 Norgaard T	DEN	0.27	160	125 Versace A	ITA	-0.08	220	195 O'Briain P	IRE	-0.84	200	
58 Rees T	WAL	0.26	200	126 Hallberg G	ENG	-0.09	180	196 Roche T	IRE	-0.84	200	
59 Hausler H	GER	0.26	180	127 Simpson C	ENG	-0.09	180	197 Filippi F	SMR	-0.88	200	
60 Spletstosse	GER	0.26	180	128 Gal P	HUN	-0.09	180	198 Pizza E	SMR	-0.90	200	
61 Cuhadar E	TUR	0.26	180	129 Denning P	WAL	-0.10	180	199 Fahs B	LEB	-0.92	120	
62 Arigun C	TUR	0.26	180	130 Thomas A	WAL	-0.10	180	200 Hamdan F	LEB	-0.92	120	
63 Vozabal D	CZE	0.25	220	131 Rometi F	ROM	-0.10	160	201 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.96	180	
64 Zadrazil M	CZE	0.25	220	132 Valeanu V	ROM	-0.10	160	202 O'Brien B	IRE	-0.96	180	
65 Yadlin D	ISR	0.25	180	133 Burn D	ENG	-0.11	180	203 Alfejeva E	LAT	-1.00	180	
66 Yadlin I	ISR	0.25	180	134 Callaghan B	ENG	-0.11	180	204 Gonca V	LAT	-1.00	180	
67 Kirchhoff E	NET	0.25	179	135 Tesla M	CRO	-0.13	220	205 Golfarelli V	LIE	-1.01	200	
68 Paulissen G	NET	0.25	179	136 Barbosa J	POR	-0.14	220	206 Palmieri C	LIE	-1.01	200	
				137 Pinto R	POR	-0.14	220	207 Purgajlis M	LAT	-1.05	180	
				138 Dousse J	SWI	-0.14	159	208 Romanovskis	LAT	-1.05	180	

LADIES TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 7

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Avon D	FRA	1.30	80	42 Perlini MC	RSM	0.28	60	85 Gothe E	SWE	-0.15	100
2 Lustin C	FRA	1.30	80	43 Stacchini LM	RSM	0.28	60	86 Midskog C	SWE	-0.15	100
3 Pascual M	SPA	1.11	80	44 Mueller R	CRO	0.23	80	87 Njaradi I	HUN	-0.24	60
4 Viola C	SPA	1.11	80	45 Jurisic I	CRO	0.23	80	88 Baldini P	RSM	-0.27	120
5 Auken S	GER	1.06	100	46 Casey J	WAL	0.23	100	89 Tantini R	RSM	-0.27	120
6 Von Arnim D	GER	1.06	100	47 Kurbalija D	WAL	0.23	100	90 Hoogweg F	NET	-0.27	60
7 Dhondy H	ENG	1.06	120	48 Pilipovic M	CRO	0.21	120	91 Van Zwol W	NET	-0.27	60
8 Smith N	ENG	1.06	120	49 Sver N	CRO	0.21	120	92 Barlund B	FIN	-0.28	100
9 Macieszczak	POL	0.94	80	50 Pasman J	NET	0.20	80	93 Niemisto R	FIN	-0.28	100
10 Siwek M	POL	0.94	80	51 Simons A	NET	0.20	80	94 Topolyi M	HUN	-0.37	40
11 Redermeir A	AUS	0.83	100	52 Lancova M	CZE	0.18	40	95 Backstrom S	FIN	-0.45	120
12 Terraneo S	AUS	0.83	100	53 Tomcikova Z	CZE	0.18	40	96 Koistinen R	FIN	-0.45	120
13 Hegedus O	HUN	0.78	60	54 Tomaszewska	POL	0.17	100	97 Heitmann E	NOR	-0.55	100
14 Evelius-Nohr	SWE	0.68	60	55 Wojtyra A	POL	0.17	100	98 Langeland A	NOR	-0.55	100
15 Karlsson-Uis	SWE	0.68	60	56 Clench G	WAL	0.14	80	99 Birklyacic T	CRO	-0.64	80
16 Farwig K	GER	0.67	60	57 Harris D	WAL	0.14	80	100 Petrovic I	CRO	-0.64	80
17 Stawowy B	GER	0.67	60	58 Tichy E	HUN	0.11	140	101 Alexander M	SCO	-0.65	100
18 Erhardt M	AUS	0.64	100	59 Svobodova P	CZE	0.10	100	102 Outred V	SCO	-0.65	100
19 Smederevac J	AUS	0.64	100	60 Pokorna J	CZE	0.10	100	103 Nehmert P	GER	-0.69	80
20 Melech H	ISR	0.56	80	61 Welker J	HUN	0.06	140	104 Rauscheid A	GER	-0.69	80
21 Naveh N	ISR	0.56	80	62 Mezey K	HUN	0.05	120	105 Kulmala S	FIN	-0.69	60
22 DeLucchi F	ITA	0.56	100	63 Birman D	ISR	0.01	80	106 Savolainen P	FIN	-0.69	60
23 Rosetta A	ITA	0.56	100	64 Liberman R	ISR	0.01	80	107 McGowan L	SCO	-0.71	100
24 Andersson P	SWE	0.55	120	65 Hugon E	FRA	0.00	80	108 McQuaker F	SCO	-0.71	100
25 Larsson J	SWE	0.55	120	66 Fishpool C	FRA	0.00	80	109 Erdeova J	CZE	-0.78	100
26 Matut M	SPA	0.55	80	67 Farholt S	DEN	0.00	80	110 Hnatova D	CZE	-0.78	100
27 Santos C	SPA	0.55	80	68 Rahelt M	DEN	0.00	80	111 Hellmann A	NOR	-0.78	100
28 Fisher D	AUS	0.48	80	69 Kailiakmani	GRE	-0.02	120	112 Malinowski A	NOR	-0.78	100
29 Weigkricht T	AUS	0.48	80	70 Mamidaki L	GRE	-0.02	120	113 Greenland L	WAL	-0.79	100
30 Brunner M	ENG	0.45	60	71 Dumont S	FRA	-0.04	80	114 Hirst A	WAL	-0.79	100
31 Goldenfield	ENG	0.45	60	72 Clement M	FRA	-0.04	80	115 Babot M	SPA	-0.79	80
32 Brock S	ENG	0.43	60	73 Bilde L	DEN	-0.05	100	116 Sanchiz N	SPA	-0.79	80
33 Courtney M	ENG	0.43	60	74 Henriksen C	DEN	-0.05	100	117 Gerrard C	SCO	-0.80	80
34 Sarniak A	POL	0.36	100	75 Steenlybaek	NOR	-0.08	80	118 McGeagh A	SCO	-0.80	80
35 Grunt A	POL	0.36	100	76 Wennevold I	NOR	-0.08	80	119 Kyriakidou A	GRE	-1.03	100
36 Levit-Porat	ISR	0.35	120	77 Gromova V	RUS	-0.09	100	120 Lambrinou S	GRE	-1.03	100
37 Zur-Campanil	ISR	0.35	120	78 Kulichkova O	RUS	-0.09	100	121 Kanellopoulo	GRE	-1.11	60
38 Ferlazzo C	ITA	0.35	60	79 Khonicheva E	RUS	-0.09	100	122 Oikonomou L	GRE	-1.11	60
39 Manara G	ITA	0.35	60	80 Ponomareva T	RUS	-0.09	100	123 Kirstan M	DEN	-1.13	100
40 Van der Pas	NET	0.32	100	81 Arrigoni G	ITA	-0.10	80	124 Krefeld C	DEN	-1.13	100
41 Vriend B	NET	0.32	100	82 Olivieri G	ITA	-0.10	80	125 Filippi M	RSM	-1.23	100
				83 Romanowska M	RUS	-0.12	80	126 Urbani AM	RSM	-1.23	100
				84 Volina V	RUS	-0.12	80				

Championship Diary

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

Friday 22 June 2001

Sweden's Micke Melander was elected to the EBL Executive. In Sorrento he was a member of the Daily Bulletin team. Is he setting a trend?

The trouble with being a VuGraph commentator is that it is so easy to get egg on your face. Today one of the team - who are generally doing an outstanding job - is unwise enough to state that 'there is no possible way to go down from here.' We suggest he avoids a certain member of the Norwegian team for a day or so.

As our pesetas are about to run out Justin Hackett - his new feature Hackett's Horses appears from tomorrow - comes in to tell us he has a dead cert in the Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot at 16.20. The name of this equine star is Seven No Trumps. With some misgivings we hand over our last 5,000 pesetas. It fails to win - but finishes third and we collect a small dividend as we have cunningly backed it each way.

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Championships Book

Brian Senior is producing a book with news, results and action from all of this year's Zonal Championships, including a full list of the qualifiers for Bali.

Available in early August, the book will be approximately 120 A4 pages.

See Brian in the Daily Bulletin Office to order your copy. The price here in Tenerife is Ten Pounds Sterling or the equivalent in any major currency, post free.

Lost

On Thursday a plastic bag containing a number of swimming costumes was left in the Closed Room. If you find it could you please hand it in to the Hospitality Desk.