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RUSSIA POWERS ON



The moment of truth

Russia are going to take some shifting from the top of the Open Series table as they now lead the two teams tied for second, **Poland** and **Greece**, by a significant margin. There is then an even bigger gap to **Norway**, who lead the chasing pack that contains **Bulgaria**, **Italy**, **Israel**, **Austria**, **Belgium** and **France**. Any team that hopes to join the race will have to play very well from here.

In the Ladies Series, **England** still leads from **Austria**, **Spain** and **France**. Then come **Israel**, **Czech Republic**, **Netherlands** and the pre-tournament favourites, **Germany**, who at last showed a glimpse of their true form when they drew with **Austria** and defeated **England**.

In the Seniors, the holders **France 2** are on course to retain their title, as they hold a twenty point lead over **Italy 1**.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 22 13.45
Greece v Poland

OPEN ROUND 23 17.30
Austria v Bulgaria

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	TURKEY	37 - 51	12 - 18
2	CROATIA	AUSTRIA	48 - 38	17 - 13
3	SCOTLAND	LATVIA	23 - 66	6 - 24
4	ITALY	WALES	17 - 53	8 - 22
5	SPAIN	LIECHTENSTEIN	60 - 28	22 - 8
6	RUSSIA	CZECH REP	62 - 15	24 - 6
7	SWEDEN	POLAND	40 - 19	19 - 11
8	bye	BULGARIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
9	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	37 - 33	16 - 14
10	IRELAND	LEBANON	42 - 45	14 - 16
11	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	45 - 61	12 - 18
12	SAN MARINO	ROMANIA	37 - 8	21 - 9
13	GREECE	FINLAND	29 - 17	17 - 13
14	GERMANY	SLOVENIA	98 - 19	25 - 1
15	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	37 - 56	11 - 19
16	NORWAY	BELGIUM	16 - 57	7 - 23
17	HUNGARY	LUXEMBOURG	51 - 52	15 - 15
18	UKRAINE	ICELAND	51 - 69	11 - 19

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	40 - 38	15 - 15
2	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	36 - 27	17 - 13
3	WALES	CROATIA	60 - 47	18 - 12
4	LATVIA	SPAIN	36 - 43	14 - 16
5	CZECH REP	ITALY	26 - 27	15 - 15
6	LIECHTENSTEIN	SWEDEN	11 - 92	0 - 25
7	BULGARIA	RUSSIA	63 - 56	16 - 14
8	POLAND	ISRAEL	37 - 68	9 - 21
9	bye	IRELAND	0 - 0	0 - 18
10	PORTUGAL	SWITZERLAND	70 - 18	25 - 5
11	LEBANON	SAN MARINO	76 - 30	24 - 6
12	GREECE	FRANCE	39 - 41	15 - 15
13	SLOVENIA	ROMANIA	34 - 98	3 - 25
14	FINLAND	ENGLAND	54 - 54	15 - 15
15	NORWAY	GERMANY	30 - 70	7 - 23
16	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	41 - 62	11 - 19
17	BELGIUM	ICELAND	36 - 64	9 - 21
18	HUNGARY	UKRAINE	90 - 21	25 - 2

ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	7 - 61	4 - 25
2	AUSTRIA	WALES	43 - 33	17 - 13
3	SPAIN	TURKEY	36 - 42	14 - 16
4	CROATIA	CZECH REP	28 - 59	9 - 21
5	SWEDEN	LATVIA	54 - 22	22 - 8
6	ITALY	BULGARIA	28 - 52	10 - 20
7	ISRAEL	LIECHTENSTEIN	68 - 20	25 - 5
8	RUSSIA	IRELAND	52 - 37	18 - 12
9	POLAND	PORTUGAL	52 - 19	22 - 8
10	SAN MARINO	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
11	SWITZERLAND	GREECE	36 - 50	12 - 18
12	SLOVENIA	LEBANON	14 - 76	3 - 25
13	ENGLAND	FRANCE	42 - 28	18 - 12
14	ROMANIA	NORWAY	7 - 49	6 - 24
15	LUXEMBOURG	FINLAND	11 - 67	4 - 25
16	ICELAND	GERMANY	27 - 29	15 - 15
17	NETHERLANDS	UKRAINE	58 - 28	21 - 9
18	BELGIUM	HUNGARY	60 - 30	21 - 9

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 22

13.45

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

ROUND 23

17.30

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

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 corresponding LineUp desk as follows:

**Monday 25th June
(Ladies LineUp Desk)**

17.00 hrs Croatia Ladies
17.05 hrs Scotland Ladies
17.10 hrs Spain Ladies
17.15 hrs Sweden Ladies
17:20 hrs Wales Ladies

**Tuesday 26th June
(Seniors LineUp Desk)**

9.40 hrs Belgium Seniors
9.45 hrs England 2 Seniors
9.50 hrs England 1 Seniors

Aggelos Mallios
EBL Photographer

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 21 rounds

1	RUSSIA	397.50
2	POLAND	383.00
3	GREECE	383.00
4	NORWAY	363.00
5	BULGARIA	356.00
6	Italy	356.00
7	Israel	356.00
8	Austria	355.00
9	Belgium	354.50
10	France	353.00
11	Lebanon	342.00
12	Sweden	340.00
13	Netherlands	337.00
14	Denmark	335.00
15	Germany	331.00
16	Turkey	329.00
17	Hungary	325.00
18	Scotland	323.00
19	Wales	323.00
20	Iceland	319.00
21	England	314.00
22	Spain	308.00
23	Portugal	308.00
24	Czech Rep.	301.00
25	Finland	294.00
26	Switzerland	286.00
27	Romania	286.00
28	Slovenia	265.00
29	Ukraine	265.00
30	Croatia	263.00
31	Ireland	252.00
32	Latvia	237.00
33	San Marino	237.00
34	Luxembourg	229.00
35	Liechtenstein	189.00

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	AUSTRIA	GERMANY	46 - 47	15 - 15
22	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	49 - 58	13 - 17
23	RUSSIA	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
24	SPAIN	POLAND	54 - 62	14 - 16
25	DENMARK	GREECE	33 - 75	6 - 24
26	ISRAEL	WALES	73 - 52	19 - 11
27	SAN MARINO	FINLAND	62 - 71	13 - 17
28	CROATIA	ENGLAND	32 - 59	9 - 21
29	NORWAY	CZECH REP.	33 - 49	12 - 18
30	ITALY	SCOTLAND	82 - 23	25 - 4
31	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	33 - 25	16 - 14

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	ENGLAND	45 - 28	19 - 11
22	WALES	SPAIN	27 - 78	5 - 25
23	ITALY	ISRAEL	36 - 41	14 - 16
24	AUSTRIA	CROATIA	69 - 13	25 - 4
25	NORWAY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
26	SWEDEN	FRANCE	25 - 56	9 - 21
27	GREECE	SAN MARINO	72 - 27	24 - 6
28	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	36 - 59	10 - 20
29	FINLAND	DENMARK	68 - 50	19 - 11
30	POLAND	HUNGARY	30 - 41	13 - 17
31	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA	58 - 31	21 - 9

LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 12 13.45

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

ROUND 13 17.30

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

LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 11 rounds

1	ENGLAND	215.00
2	AUSTRIA	205.00
3	SPAIN	201.00
4	FRANCE	200.00
5	ISRAEL	193.00
6	Czech Rep	191.00
7	Netherlands	188.00
8	Germany	185.00
9	Italy	183.00
10	Poland	172.00
11	Sweden	170.00
12	Hungary	170.00
13	Greece	158.00
14	Croatia	155.00
15	Russia	154.00
16	Norway	151.00
17	Finland	133.00
18	Denmark	127.00
19	Wales	120.50
20	San Marino	102.00
21	Scotland	94.00

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 12 rounds

1	FRANCE 2	236.00
2	ITALY 2	216.00
3	FRANCE 1	213.00
4	Netherlands	212.00
5	Germany 1	211.00
6	Germany 2	205.00
7	England 1	202.00
8	Poland 1	200.75
9	Scotland	199.00
10	Sweden	198.00
11	Italy 1	196.00
12	England 2	191.00
13	Poland 2	177.00
14	Ireland	175.00
15	Belgium	171.00
16	Czech Rep.	170.00
17	Switzerland	169.00
18	Israel 1	167.75
19	Israel 2	165.00
20	Norway	163.00
21	Wales 1	160.00
22	Portugal	155.00
23	Lebanon	155.00
24	Croatia	154.50
25	Wales 2	141.00
26	Spain 1	126.50
27	Malta	118.00

VIDEO NEWS

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SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 13 13.45

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

ROUND 14 17.30

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

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 NORWAY	CROATIA	35 - 61	9 - 21
42 POLAND 2	ISRAEL 2	25 - 37	12 - 18
43 SWITZERLAND	SPAIN 1	30 - 13	19 - 11
44 SWEDEN	WALES 2	10 - 30	10 - 20
45 GERMANY 1	CZECH REP.	23 - 23	15 - 15
46 bye	ENGLAND 2	0 - 0	0 - 18
47 MALTA	NETHERLANDS	11 - 61	3 - 25
48 POLAND 1	FRANCE 1	20 - 46	9 - 21
49 SCOTLAND	FRANCE 2	5 - 12	14 - 16
50 BELGIUM	IRELAND	19 - 25	14 - 16
51 ITALY 2	ISRAEL 1	30 - 18	18 - 12
52 GERMANY 2	ITALY 1	8 - 64	2 - 25
53 WALES 1	PORTUGAL	16 - 66	3 - 25
54 ENGLAND 1	LEBANON	34 - 19	19 - 11

ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 CROATIA	GERMANY 2	5 - 23	11 - 19
42 BELGIUM	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
43 SPAIN 1	POLAND 1	12 - 53	5 - 25
44 CZECH REP.	NORWAY	50 - 24	21 - 9
45 PORTUGAL	ENGLAND 1	34 - 36	15 - 15
46 ISRAEL 1	POLAND 2	30 - 13	19 - 11
47 IRELAND	SWEDEN	21 - 30	13 - 17
48 WALES 2	SCOTLAND	1 - 71	0 - 25
49 ISRAEL 2	LEBANON	18 - 15	16 - 14
50 FRANCE 2	WALES 1	32 - 8	21 - 9
51 FRANCE 1	ITALY 1	39 - 15	21 - 9
52 ENGLAND 2	MALTA	55 - 5	25 - 3
53 NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	35 - 40	14 - 16
54 GERMANY 1	ITALY 2	38 - 30	17 - 13

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 ENGLAND 2	CROATIA	26 - 20	16 - 14
42 FRANCE 2	ISRAEL 1	57 - 25	23 - 7
43 POLAND 1	WALES 2	52 - 6	25 - 4
44 ENGLAND 1	GERMANY 2	29 - 47	11 - 19
45 SWITZERLAND	GERMANY 1	23 - 29	14 - 16
46 ITALY 1	BELGIUM	25 - 41	11 - 19
47 WALES 1	CZECH REP.	31 - 23	17 - 13
48 NORWAY	ISRAEL 2	61 - 19	25 - 5
49 bye	ITALY 2	0 - 0	0 - 18
50 LEBANON	NETHERLANDS	11 - 23	12 - 18
51 SCOTLAND	MALTA	38 - 19	20 - 10
52 POLAND 2	IRELAND	77 - 2	25 - 0
53 SWEDEN	SPAIN 1	41 - 44	14 - 16
54 PORTUGAL	FRANCE 1	28 - 34	14 - 16



ONLINE MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 22 13.45

Greece v Poland

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Nothing To Be Proud Of!

In the seventh round of the Seniors event, one player was very proud of his play on the frequently fateful Board 13.

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West North East South
 I♦ Dble INT

All Pass

West led a club and East took the king and switched to a low spade. The declarer, European Senior Pairs Champion Göran Mattsson, gave the matter some thought and eventually arrived at the winning decision, putting up the queen. Now he could play on diamonds and emerge with seven tricks; +90.

When the time came to compare scores he was looking forward to describing the play when his teammates announced their result on the deal: +1520!

They had played in One Spade redoubled, making with two overtricks.

Overheard in the Senior Teams

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age.

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Crocodile Dundee on Play

by Ib Lundby

If you love bridge like I do, but realise that your skills at the table are gone with the wind, you have to find another way of enjoying your favourite sport. I have chosen to work as a bridge journalist and I can assure you that it is worth all the money (though the job is not very well paid).

Because of the lack of skills you have very often to rely on getting good hands from the top players. In this area I have experienced that top players can be divided in two typical groups, lucky and unlucky experts. When you ask a lucky expert for a good hand he or she will present you with something like a double entry shifting squeeze or whatever - a brilliancy of some kind. However, the so called unlucky experts always support you with hands where they failed, trying to do something clever.

Sabine Auken is a good example of a player from the second group. She gave me this hand from Germany's match versus Spain in Round 9 where she tried to make a brilliancy herself but ended up as the victim of a brilliancy made by Spains Matut.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 8 7 6 ♥ K Q 10 7 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 4 2 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A Q 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ K J 8 4 2 ♣ 10 8 3</p>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ K J 9 5</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Santos	Auken	Matut	von Arnim
	INT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♣	Pass	3NT!
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ 10-12 HCP

You and I can count eight tricks - Sabine counted nine but got only seven.

East led a diamond to ♦9, ♦Q was covered with ♦K and ducked, and ♦A won the third round of the suit - North discarding a spade. Because of West's double and East's diamond holding Sabine was sure that West had the royal families in both majors, and as such she had a nice plan ensuring the contract. She cashed four club tricks and noticed that West discarded two spades and a heart while East discarded a heart. Now, a low heart from dummy was won by West with the ♥Q, and this was the picture:

<p>♠ K 10 8 ♥ K 10 ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 4 ♥ J 4 ♦ - ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ Q 5 3 ♥ - ♦ J 8 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ - ♣ -</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West escaped with the ♠8 won with the ace, and on the last club East discarded a diamond, the ♠J disappeared from dummy and West unblocked the ♠K. Sabine got off with a low spade to fulfil her brilliancy as she "knew" that West would have to surrender. In practise she was in fact very close to the target in spite of the holding, but as you may have guessed: Mrs Matut was a fan of Mr Crocodile Dundee and very elegant she opened the crocodile's mouth and swallowed West's ♠10 with the ♠Q. Two off. Very nice play ladies!

Quiz



The quiz question about the number of boards duplicated brought in the largest response so far. The answer, as provided by Ton Kooijman, is 46,372. The winner was the Tournament Director Rui Marques whose answer was less than 5% away from the target. Today's quiz is a picture and the question is: what is it and where is it? Answers to the Bulletin Room and as usual a book prize will be awarded to the winner.

Nordic Junior Team Championships

This is the final table of the event played in Trelleborg, Sweden.

1	Iceland	188
2	Norway I	172
3	Denmark I	171
4	Norway II	161
5	Sweden I	138
6	Finland	121
7	Denmark II	100
8	Faeroe Is	91
9	Sweden II	84

Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

When the results of board 16 in round 17 of the Open Series and Round 8 of the Ladies Series were displayed in the YuGraph there was an almost infinite row of 620's and 650's for N-S, depending on the lead. When East led a low diamond North had 10 tricks. If East led something else North got 11 tricks.



Santos and Matut - Brilliant defenders

There were very few exceptions. In one match North fell from grace when she put up $\diamond K$ allowing herself to be forced out of trump control. But there was also a table from the ladies' match between Spain and Italy where East had led $\diamond Q$ offering declarer no chance at all to make her contract. Let's have a look at what happened in that room.

Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ A 10 8 ♦ A J 9 8 5 ♣ 10 7 6 2</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ 9 8 4 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8 3</p>
	N										
W		E									
	S										
<p>♠ 7 6 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ A K J 4</p>											
<p>West Pass Pass Dble All Pass</p>	<p>North 1♠ 4♣ Pass</p>	<p>East Pass Pass Pass</p>	<p>South 3NT 4♦ 4♠</p>								

4♣ and 4♦ are cue-bids, agreeing spades as trumps, and West, Mari Carmen Santos, gratefully seized the opportunity to ask for a diamond lead. With no entry Maria Luisa Matut in the East chair decided to lead her $\diamond Q$ and bingo! The contract could no longer be made, producing an 11 IMP swing for Spain as North at the other table made 11 tricks. The board contributed to the Spanish jump to 3rd on Saturday after wins of 21-9 against Italy and 19-11 against Germany.

Well done, and let us add a board featuring a really brave girl.

They say that play is more aggressive in the Open Series but even there no player dared what Jessica Larsson of Sweden did, sitting South on board 13 of the same round:



Jessica Larsson - a bold bid!

Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 6 4 ♥ K Q ♦ A K 6 ♣ J 8 5</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ 8 2 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A K Q 10 9 6 2</p>
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	<p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ A 9 8 4 2 ♦ J 9 8 5 4 ♣ -</p>										
<p>West Pass Pass Dble</p>	<p>North Pass 4♥ All Pass</p>	<p>East 3♣ Pass</p>	<p>South 4♣!! Pass</p>								

4♣ shows a two-suiter, usually the majors(!), but luckily North, Pia Andersson, had a natural heart preference. East led a top club ruffed, and North played ace and another heart. A spade switch at this point is necessary but very difficult, and when it did not materialise North made her doubled contract for +790. Not only that. At the other table the Swedish pair had the standard result of 3NT with 10 tricks for another 630. 17 IMPs to Sweden. Caused by a brave (when it succeeds it is not foolhardy!) bid!

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SESSION 17
OPEN TEAMS



Russia v Austria



At a certain moment on Friday afternoon, Austria all of a sudden were enjoying 3rd place in the standings. In the last match of the day, they suffered a temporary setback, losing to Lebanon 24-6. Was that some sort of omen for them with regard to their two matches on Saturday? And look at their task: playing Russia and Italy in successive matches, the latter match being displayed live on Rama as well. Thus, it was only proper they should start the Saturday with a bye.

They would not be left in peace for a single moment, however, in their first match. The action started right on the very first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Martin Schifko, Austria

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrunin
	Pass	INT	Dble
2♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The off-shape notrump opening did not work out very well. Petrunin could double for penalties and show a very good spade suit when 2♣, which promised nothing but only denied any willingness to play INT, ran round to him. Gromov's values were more than enough to make 3NT a fair bet, and so it proved. Two aces and seven spades were all that was needed. When the defenders played for the only possibility to set the contract, throwing their hearts, two overtricks were made. Russia +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
	Pass	2♣	4♠
All Pass			

After the natural, Precision style 2♣-opening from Zlotov, Schifko simply did not have enough room to find out what might be the best contract, so he settled for 4♠ immediately. This proved the wrong option, but the defence had to be careful. Kholomeev led the ♥Q, won in dummy with the ace, declarer playing the seven when the six appeared from East. Then came a string of trumps before finally reverting to another heart, the nine this time, from his hand. When Kholomeev played low from

his remaining J102, the contract was one down. Russia another +50 and the first 11 IMPs.

They lost the whole of their lead on the next board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrunin
		INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

3♥ showed the 5-5 and 4♠ denied any diamond strength, so West jumped straight to slam. Even without the ♥10 in the combined E/W hands, the slam is just odds-on and was duly made. Austria +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
		INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Dble	4♠	All Pass

4♦ showed shortness, so when it was doubled Zlotov, holding a not very good-looking ♦Kxx, decided to call it a day. Russia +450 when declarer played safely. The match was level again.

Two boards later it was slam time again.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

On the lead of the ♥K, there would have been 12 tricks had East held ♥Jxxx and West ♥KQx. As it was, Petrunin had to settle for 11 tricks, Russia +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

When North managed to conjure up an opening bid on this collection, the pattern changed completely. In fact, add the ♥J to the North hand and the slam is pretty good. On a heart lead, the suit might have been distributed favourably as we pointed out just now, but East led the ♣Q ending declarer's aspirations. One down, Russia +100 and back in the lead with this 13-IMP swing. Please note that West followed suit with a low card when hearts were led from dummy for the first time: he knew what he was doing!

The Austrians drew the match exactly level for the second time on this one:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
			2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2♠ showed a weak twosuit, but North was not interested. South led the ♠J, which ran round to declarer's queen when North played low! After that, Lindermann could establish his diamonds and come to eight tricks. Austria +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
			2♦
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Here, 2♦ was either a weak two in hearts or a weak twosuit with spades. When East overcalled 3♦ only, North ventured 3♠ and was raised by opener. East led the ♥A, not the happiest choice, and switched to the ♦K. When both black suits behaved declarer did not have too much trouble to come to 10 tricks. Austria another +620 and 13 IMPs.

On the next board, the issue was how specific the partnership agreements on the meaning of Double after a strong club and an overcall are:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♣
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

With the trumps 5-0, this contract could not be made as declarer could not come to his hand in time to take the diamond finesse for his 10th trick. Russia +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♣
Dble	3♣	3♦	4♣
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Here, Zlotov could correct 4♥ to 4♠, and this contract easily made when the hearts, and not the spades, were 5-0. Fortunately, but controlled bidding as well, it seems. Russia +450 and 11 IMPs to take the lead for the third time in the match.

On board 11 the Russians in the Open Room overbid to a slam on a reasonable trump break, a good guess and a finesse. Justice was done when this was asking just too much...Austria +50 to add to +420 from the other table. The Russian lead had shrunk to the odd imp now.

The next board was another slam, this time an easy 6♣ or 6NT bid at both tables, and then came:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The old-fashioned gambling 3NT effectively shut out everyone; Austria +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
	Pass	3♣	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	3NT	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Much more action in the Closed Room, where 3NT was not available to start proceedings. After 3♣, Schifko found a double and Kholomeev had an easy redouble. Schifko then ran to 3♦ and Gloyer introduced his hearts. Zlotov's 3NT now very much suggested a solid suit after all, so why should Kholomeev double 4♥? Opposite a solid suit there are 10 easy tricks. As it happened, 4♥ was just one off, so the Austrians had picked up another 10 IMPs and thus took the lead for the first and only time in the match.

A few boards later, both teams reached the proper contract, but the play made the difference when Gromov took a precaution missed at the other table:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Dble	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Guided by partner's double, Lindermann made the good lead of the ♦Q, covered by king and ace. The ♦J followed and a third diamond was ruffed by declarer with the seven after a long huddle. Of course, Gromov could by no means be sure that East would follow suit a third time. His next move was to draw trumps in such a way that the risk of a lethal uppercut would be minimised. His solution was as simple as it was effective: he crossed to dummy's ♠A and led a low trump from the board. As it was East who held the ♥A as well as the third trump, Gromov's problems were soon over when the ♥A won the second round of the trump suit and the ♠J was continued. Well played for a well-deserved +420 to Russia.

Please note that 4♠ will go down on the same lead of the ♦Q as declarer will be fatally shortened immediately. Interesting to see that once again it was all about choosing the correct major suit in which to bid game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Proper contract at the other table as well, and an even better lead by Zlotov who found the same ♦Q lead without a dou-

ble to help him. Same play, but declarer ruffed the third round of diamonds with the nine. This would not have caused him a problem, but when his next move was to play the ♠J from hand he found himself in trouble when West won the ace and led another diamond. Ruffing with the seven now would have seen the contract home after all, but when declarer discarded a spade, East could insert the ♠6 to force dummy's queen and to promote West's ♠108 to a second trump trick and thus defeat the contract. Russia +50 and 10 IMPs back to take the lead yet again.

On board 17, Austria scored two IMPs to level the match for a third time, but then came:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 4 ♥ A Q J 9 7 5 ♦ 10 7 4 ♣ 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 5 2 ♥ K 8 6 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ 10 6 3 2	♠ A J 9 8 7 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 9 4
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Gromov	Lindermann	Petrinin
		2♦	4NT
5♥	Dble	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

When Gromov doubled 5♥ to show where his values lay and thus discourage his partner, Petrinin was quick to realise that he had better bury his aspirations. As a consequence, he quickly doubled 5♠ which went two off, Russia +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Gloyer	Zlotov	Schifko
		2♦	4NT
5♥	Pass	5♠	6♣
All Pass			

Look at the difference it made when Gloyer refrained from doubling 5♥! Now, his partner was really tempted to go to six and that was one too many. Russia another +100 and 9 IMPs, back in the lead for a fifth time.


And there it rested, the final result being 56-46 or 17-13 VPs to Russia. Austria had done well enough to go into the encounter against Italy with confidence.


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SESSION 19
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v Belgium



At about the halfway stage of the Open event, Norway were among the leading five, whereas Belgium were lying 10th, already 20 V.P. behind 5th placed Italy. So the Belgians had to do well if they were to continue their chances of earning a trip to Bali later this year, whereas for Norway, consolidating their position would be all that was required. Belgium, a team that proved to be one of the revelations in Maastricht at the recent Olympiad, had lost some of its momentum during the past days, but so had Norway. Still, an interesting match could be expected, and so it turned out.

On board 1, a well-timed lead-directing double steered Norway away from a slam they were well on their way to:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middeltem	Helgemo
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Would you bid slam when the opponents are kind enough to inform you that the ♠A is likely to be wrong? Played from the North seat, it certainly does not look an attractive proposition any more. Norway +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Dble	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Brogeland doubled spades at an earlier stage, and their opponents quietened down too. No swing, but interesting to reconsider.

The lead-directing double made its reappearance shortly afterwards:



Boye Brogeland, Norway

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middeltem	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

With nothing to guide them, Helness-Helgemo were committed to a slam once Helness supported his partner's principal suit holding Jxx. As you can see, the slam is not odds-on. Would the Belgians be able to avoid it?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

In the Belgian auction, South started a cuebid sequence instead of asking for aces. This worked out well when East could double the only possible cuebid North could make. When 5♣ doubled came back to North, she knew that an ace was missing and she herself had nothing more to say. Labaere respected her decision in full confidence, not having very much to add to this himself either.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 8 5 ♥ A J 2 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ A 7 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ 10 8 6 3 ♣ Q 6
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middeltem	Helgemo
1♣	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Upon hearing the invitational 2♥, Helness made one more positive move where his Belgian counterpart at the other table passed. The play hinged upon a good guess in hearts. The ♠J was led by Guy Van Middeltem, Zvi Engel winning the king and returning the suit to dummy's ace. The ♣8 from dummy then went to East's queen, and a low diamond came back to the jack and king.



Erik Saelensminde, Norway

Helness then led the ♣K from hand, which Engel took with the ace to return another club on which East shed a low heart., declarer's ♠10 winning. A heart then went to the king and ace, and a spade came back. All declarer had to do now was to cross to the ♦Q, cash the last club and play a heart to the nine. When this held, Norway had chalked up +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
1♣	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

No further action, Belgium +110 but 10 IMPs to Norway.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middeltem	Helgemo
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When Zvi Engel heard his partner's cuebid after showing his four-card support by jumping to 4♠, he had no good cuebid available. He knew that partner would have to sign-off in 5♠ without a heart control, so he might as well jump so slam immediately. When the spades behaved, all was well; Belgium +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The disadvantage of 4NT was that from the reply, Sælensminde knew that an ace as well as the trump queen were missing. So he had to settle for the lower level, a statistically correct-looking decision that cost his side 11 IMPs, however.

Belgium were leading by 10 IMPs now, when two successive boards sealed their victory at an early stage of the match:



Alain Labaere, Belgium

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middellem	Helgemo
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

With both majors not breaking favourably for the declaring side, eight tricks was the maximum Helness could scramble here. Belgium +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
		1♣	1♥
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

At the other table, Sælensminde found an opening bid where Van Middellem had passed, so the momentum of the auction turned from N/S to E/W. Brogeland, thinking the hand belonged

to E/W, quite rightly doubled 3NT, but much depended on the lead and subsequent defence now. A spade lead by East works, the lead of the ♦K stands out, but who can find that? On a club lead, Carcassonne won her queen and led a heart to the ten in dummy. When this held, she had five hearts, two clubs and two aces for another +750 to Belgium or 14 IMPs.

And the next board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Helness	Van Middellem	Helgemo
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Helness, by not supporting partner's hearts, took a bit of a gamble by passing 3NT, and he would have got away with it had not Van Middellem led a club, the second suit bid on his right. Suddenly, declarer could not come to nine tricks in time any longer, because the defence had three clubs and two aces ready for the taking. Belgium +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Carcassonne	Sælensminde	Labaere
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2NT showed heart support and the contract was very, very straightforward. With only a club, a spade and a diamond to lose as the cards lay, the outcome of it all was very, very satisfactory. In fact, an overtrick was made when the defence did not cash their established club trick first, but instead underled the ♦A hoping to give declarer a nasty guess. Belgium another +450 and 11 IMPs.

The final score was 57-16 or 23-7 VPs to Belgium. They had managed to stay on course.

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Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Pass	INT

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

⁽¹⁾ Invitational with the minors

Rauscheid led the nine of spades against INT, treating her holding as a sort of interior sequence. That worked beautifully as it made it easy for Nehmert to preserve her honours, playing an encouraging two. Smederevac won and played a diamond to dummy then a club to the king and ace. Rauscheid continued with a low spade and again Nehmert could duck. Smederevac just cashed out now before playing a club towards the jack so the defence had the rest; +90.

The Germans reached the thin game contract but here Weigkricht led her smallest spade and Fischer put in the ten. Von Arnim crossed to a diamond to play a club up and Weigkricht won and played a second low spade. When Fischer put up the jack, the suit was blocked. Von Arnim cashed the diamonds then played a club up with no great enthusiasm and suddenly found that she had made her contract; +400 and 7 IMPs to Germany.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Sabine Auken, Germany

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
INT	Dble	2♠	3♣
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

It was the table at which West passed as dealer where her side bought the contract, while the table at which Rauscheid dredged up an 11-13 no trump opening saw the opponents win the declaration. Neither declarer was under any great pressure; +110 for Smederevac and +140 for Fischer - 6 IMPs to Austria.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ A 7		
	♥ A J		
	♦ 10 9 7 6 5 2		
	♣ 9 5 3		
♠ 6 3	N	♠ Q J 9 5 2	
♥ Q 10 9 7 4	W	♥ 6	
♦ A Q	E	♦ J 4	
♣ K 10 7 6	S	♣ A Q 8 4 2	
	♠ K 10 8 4		
	♥ K 8 5 3 2		
	♦ K 8 3		
	♣ J		
West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
2♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	3♣	Pass
	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
		2♠	All Pass

Fischer's two-way 2♦ opening - hearts, or spades and a minor, stole the pot when Auken was unwilling to balance at the three level with a ten-high suit. Two Spades made exactly for +110 to Austria. Nehmert opened at the one level and the Germans had a free run to 3♣. Now, however, Erhart balanced with 3♦ and bought the contract. Nehmert led her singleton heart and later got her ruff to hold the contract to nine; another +110 and 6 IMPs to Austria.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 4 ♥ A K J 3 2 ♦ 10 9 6 5 ♣ 10 6		♠ A K Q 7 6 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ K 2	
♠ 10 9 8 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A Q 4 3	N W E S	♠ J 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K Q 2 ♣ J 9 8 7 5	
West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Identical auctions to the same final contract but very different results. Nehmert cashed the ace and king of spades and Rauscheid followed with the ten, discouraging, followed by the two. Nehmert clearly read the two as remainder count, showing an original three-card holding, because she continued with a third spade. Erhart ruffed on table and threw a club from hand. She drew the trumps and cashed five heart tricks to score +130.

Fischer also began with two top spades but she found the killing switch to king and another club. Weigkricht won and played a third club and Fischer could over-ruff with her jack for one down; -100 and 6 IMPs to Austria.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ A K J 8 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 ♣ 9 8		♠ Q 7 ♥ Q 6 4 3 ♦ J 9 8 3 ♣ 7 5 2	
♠ K 9 6 4 3 2 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ - ♣ A 10 4 3	N W E S	♠ A J 10 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ K Q J 6	
West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3NT

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♣

I'm not going to translate all the German bids on this one. Suffice it to say that they comprehensively outbid their opponents, only to fall foul of the wicked trump situation, having to go one down for -100 and lose 12 IMPs against the 630 in the other room.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K 10 7 5 3 ♥ K 8 ♦ 7 ♣ A 6 5 3 2		♠ J ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ Q J 10 6 5 3 2 ♣ K	
♠ 9 8 6 4 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q J 9	N W E S	♠ A Q ♥ 10 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ 10 8 7 4	
West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Erhart	Nehmert	Smederevac
Pass	2♠	3♦	3♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Auken	Fischer	Von Arnim
Rdbl	1♠	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠
	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Erhart's 2♠ opening showed 5-5 in spades and a minor. Smederevac's competitive 3♠ bid was a bit pushy on a doubleton spade, and whether Erhart was supposed to go on to game I cannot say - Maria is a law unto herself anyway, whatever the system says. Rauscheid could see that 4♠ was going to be hard work with a bad trump split and her almost certain club stopper. She doubled and there the matter rested. Nehmert led the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace. Erhart led the eight of clubs to the nine and ace then a spade to the jack and ace. That jack looked ominous. Erhart gave up a club and back came a diamond, which she ruffed. She cleared the clubs and Rauscheid, who was out of diamonds, switched to a low heart for the king and ace. Nehmert forced declarer once again with a diamond and Erhart could make only her trumps and the two aces already in the bag; three down for -500.

The Austrians had the opportunity to defend against only 3♠ at the other table. Fischer preferred to compete to 4♦. Which it looks as though she might have made, but the actual result was down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to Germany.

The final result of the match was 47-46 to Germany, a 15-15 VP draw.



Appeal No.7

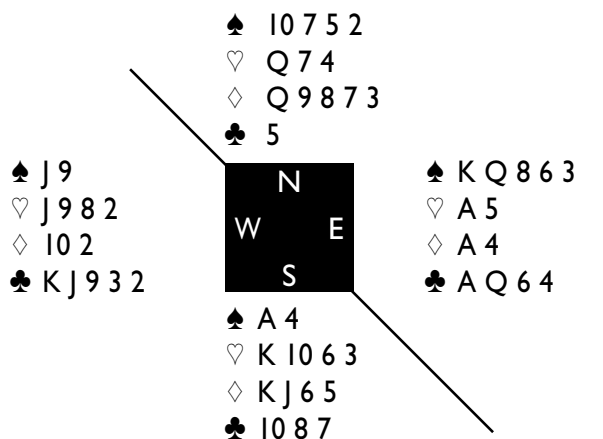


Austria v Belgium

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Grattan Endicott (Scribe, England), Naki Bruni (Italy).

Open Teams Round 12
Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Kaplan	Gloyer	Polet	Schifko
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦ ⁽³⁾	Dble
Pass ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	Rdbl ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Comments:

- ⁽¹⁾ Forcing
⁽²⁾ Game-forcing
⁽³⁾ Cue-bid
⁽⁴⁾ no 1st or 2nd control
⁽⁵⁾ 1st control

Contract:

Five Clubs, played by East.

Lead:

Three of Hearts.

Result:

11 tricks, N/S -600.

The Facts:

The Director was called to the table before the opening lead. South drew attention to the 'long' delay in returning the tray after the 4NT bid. West disputed this. South also complained that he had failed to obtain a clear explanation of the 5 Clubs bid, West had taken time to make this bid and stated that he was unsure what was the agreed trump suit. After the play was completed the Director was recalled and North/South protested the failure to show the King of Clubs, the 4NT being RKCB, or to bid 6 Clubs.

The Director:

Could not establish how long had been the delay in returning the tray after the 4NT bid, and made a Law 85B ruling, advising the N/S players of their right to appeal.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 16.
Law 85B.

North/South appealed.

Present:

All players, both Captains, and the Austrian scorer.

The Players:

North/South wished to stress that they suggested no ethical fault on the part of their opponents but they felt that the failure to admit possession of the King of Clubs could have been influenced by the long delay in passing the tray and should be considered a use of unauthorized information. There was in their opinion illicit information and their opponents had gained from it.

East/West confirmed to the Committee that 4♠ was bid to suggest a possible contract and denied a Heart control, West being limited to a doubleton in Spades at this stage. East confirmed that the 3♣ bid would normally show at least four cards in the suit. Whilst East had deemed Clubs to be the trump suit when he had bid 4NT, if partner had responded 5♦ he could sign off in 5 Spades. West said he had chosen not to show the key card because he thought he had a bad hand. Both sides expressed opinions as to whether 5♠/5♣ should be made. South said the delay had been at least one-and-a-half minutes before the tray came back with the 4NT bid, but East said that the tempo was normal - about 15 seconds.

The Committee:

The Committee held that the circumstance in which 4NT was bid following a long and complicated auction was one where East had some entitlement to consider his bid whatever the nature of his problems. It is not the case that West can tell from a delayed return of the tray in such a position what East has needed to think about. The Code of Practice states: "Attention is drawn to the distinction to be made in the tempo expected when players encounter highly unusual situations. Directors and Appeals Committees should be sympathetic." Furthermore the Committee was of a mind that the delay was not anywhere near one-and-a-half minutes.

The Committee's decision:

There was no unauthorized information. Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit:

Returned.

Greek Gift

When two of Europe's top lady players met in the Round 7 match between Germany and Israel, one accepted a gift from the other and was left with egg on her face. It was only for a second undertrick, but no less satisfying for the winner of this little duel.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A 9 6 3 ♣ 7 6 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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		<p>♠ K 6 ♥ 10 8 5 4 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ A J 8 4</p>
N											
W		E									
	S										
	<p>♠ J 8 ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ K Q 9 5</p>										

Sabine Auken was declarer in 4♠ from the North seat and Migri Zur-Campanila led a heart, won by the queen. Auken continued with two more rounds of hearts, throwing her club loser. Ruth Levit-Porat ruffed the third heart and switched to a low diamond to her partner's king. Back came a diamond to the ace and a third diamond gave Zur-Campanila a ruff. With no entry to dummy, declarer was destined to drop the now bare king of spades and escape for one down. Zur-Campanila had other ideas, however, and switched to a low club, dummy's king winning. Declarer fell from grace and took the opportunity to take the trump finesse; two down for -100.

Overheard on the EBL delegates outing

Woman in shop, looking at linen tablecloth "This is a beautiful cloth"

Nissan Rand "Are you a seller or a buyer?"

Quote of the Night

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

I have a theory that if a team of six share rooms it is better that partnerships do not so as to avoid further discussion about the day's play.

When I saw the Scottish Ladies dining together in an open-air restaurant I joined them and to try to establish if my theory had anything to do with their poor start innocently asked them, 'Would you girls mind telling me what your sleeping arrangements are here in Tenerife?'

For a moment there was stunned silence. Then the table erupted with laughter.

Perhaps I could have put it better.

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Italian Team Profiles



Noberto Bocchi

Norberto Bocchi

This 39-year-old from Parma is a World Master and European Grand Master and has been playing bridge since he was 17. He is now a professional bridgeplayer. Norberto has won the Italian Team Championships six times and for a record nine years has been first in the Italian ranking. With his partner, Giorgio Duboin, in addition to many other competitions, he has won two European Team Championships, in 1997 and 1999, silver medal in the European Pairs

Championships and gold at the Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000.

Man: temperamental - sensitive - good-natured

Bridgeplayer: cunning - careful - great stamina



Dano De Falco

Dano De Falco

A 57-year-old Milanese now living in Padova, Dano is a World Master and European Grand Master. He played with the legendary Blue Team with which he won one gold and two silver medals in World Championships and two silvers in the European Championships. He won his third European gold medal in 1999. In 1987, in Hammamet, he won the first World Transnational Teams Championship and gold medal in 2000 at the Olympiad in Maastricht.

Man: lazy - friendly - gentleman

Bridgeplayer: aggressive - pensive - solid



Giorgio Duboin

Giorgio Duboin

This 41-year-old professional bridgeplayer from Turin is a World Master and European Grand Master. Giorgio started playing bridge when he was 13 and soon became one of the world's best juniors. With Guido Ferraro he won the European Junior Pairs and two MEC Championships. Playing with Bocchi he has won two European titles, in 1997 and 1999, as well as gold medal at the Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000, and silver at the European Pairs

Championship in 1999. Playing for the Lavazza team he has won seven Italian team titles.

Man: good-natured - nervy - modest

Bridgeplayer: technical - solid - constant



Guido Ferraro

Guido Ferraro

This 41-year-old professional bridgeplayer from Turin currently plays with De Falco and during the '80s was one of the best European Juniors. The victory at the European Championships in Malta in 1999, playing with De Falco, was the first prestigious and important result in his career and this was then followed by gold medal at the Maastricht Olympiad. Playing for the Lavazza team Guido has won three Italian team titles.

Man: friendly - irritating - lazy

Bridgeplayer: unreachable (interpret as you wish!) - inconstant - faulty as an old domestic appliance



Lorenzo Lauria

Lorenzo Lauria

This 54-year-old professional bridgeplayer from Rome is a World Life Master and European Grand Master. He is currently the Italian player with most titles. In 1979 he won gold medal in the European team Championship and silver in the Bermuda Bowl. For seven years he has played in a very successful partnership with Alfredo Versace. Together they have won two consecutive European Team Championships, in 1995 and 1997, the IOC Grand Prix in 1999, the

Cavendish team event in 1996 and 1997, the World Team Championship in 1998, the Olympiad in 2000, as well as six Italian titles.

Man: non-conformist - humorous - courageous

Bridgeplayer: aggressive - successful - patient



Alfredo Versace

Alfredo Versace

This 31-year-old professional bridgeplayer from Turin is a World Life Master and European Grand Master. Alfredo started playing bridge at age 12 and soon became (together with Helgemo) the strongest junior in the world. In 1990 he won the European Junior Team title. Playing with Lauria he has won two consecutive European Team Championships, in 1995 and 1997, the IOC Grand Prix in 1999, the Cavendish team event in 1996 and 1997, the World Team Championship in

1998, the Olympiad in 2000, as well as six Italian titles.

Man: jokey - affectionate - calm

Bridgeplayer: relaxed - impatient with slow players - willing to play and adaptable with any partner.

SPORTS NEWS

Boxing

American Oscar de la Hoya beat Spain's Javier Castillejo by unanimous decision to capture the World Boxing Council Super-welterweight crown. In the process, the American matched compatriots "Sugar" Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns as the only world champions of five different weight classes.

Water Polo

At the European Championships in Budapest: Women's Final: Hungary 10 - 8 Italy, Third-place match: Russia 8 - 5 Greece. Men's Final: Yugoslavia 8 - 5 Italy, Third-place match: Hungary 12 - 9 Croatia.

Formula One

Michael Schumacher produced yet another faultless display to drive to victory in the European Grand Prix.



The Ferrari driver finished 4.2 seconds ahead of Juan Pablo Montoya. But the race could have ended differently had Ralf Schumacher not been handed a 10-second stop-go penalty, when challenging his brother, for a pit-stop violation.

- 1 Michael Schumacher, 2 Juan Pablo Montoya,
- 3 David Coulthard, 4 Ralf Schumacher,
- 5 Rubens Barrichello, 6 Mika Hakkinen

Tennis



Top seed Lleyton Hewitt completed his Wimbledon warm-up by beating Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Heineken Trophy.

Rugby Union



South Africa leveled the Test series against France with an unconvincing 20-15 victory.

Fiji recorded their first win in Samoa for a decade with a hard fought 22-19 victory over their Pacific Island neighbours.

Cycling

Russia's Dimitri Konyshov finished a 195km breakaway the strongest to take the fourth stage of the Tour de Suisse on Saturday. Italy's Vladimir Belli finished third to snatch the yellow jersey.



Giro d'Italia winner Gilberto Simoni crossed the line just ahead of Belli and now lies second overall, one second behind his compatriot.

Lance Armstrong moved into third after taking seventh place in the stage.

Athletics - European Cup

Final Men's Standings		Final women's standings	
1 Poland	107	1 Russia	126.5
2 France	97	2 Germany	117
3 Russia	95	3 France	86
4 Italy	92	4 Britain	82
5 Britain	91	5 Romania	78
Germany	91	6 Belarus	70
7 Spain	76	7 Italy	72.5
8 Greece	67	8 Czech Republic	47

Limericks

The response to the limerick competition has, so far, been underwhelming. It has been proposed that the cause of the dearth of entries is in part due to the poor scanning of the first line and also that its rhyming potential is not great, as epitomised by the following response from Grat-tan Endicott.

*In limericks, to rhyme 'Tenerife'
Is in brife a source of much grife,
Solutions sublime,
Need patience and time,
Or such is my current belife.*

Though to be fair we have had one excellent attempt by Florence Whittaker from Scotland

*There was a young lady from Tenerife,
Whose Grand was doubled by Omar Sharif,
He laid down his ace,
With a smile on his face,
But she trumped, so his joy turned to grief.*

After long and hard deliberations with the editor over several glasses of refreshing liquid we have decided to allow a second possible first line, viz.

'There was a young lady from Arona'

So please bring your entries to the Bulletin Room or send them via email to 'tenlim@hotmail.com'.

It has been further suggested by several members of the Bulletin staff that the criteria for future venues include the suitability of its name for the limerick competition.

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OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 21

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards							
1 Multon F	FRA	0.73	300						
Quantin J	FRA	0.73	300						
2 Helgemo G	NOR	0.72	320						
Helness T	NOR	0.72	320						
Dubinin A	RUS	0.72	240						
Krasnoselsk	RUS	0.72	240						
3 Honti L	HUN	0.70	260						
4 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.69	280						
Trendafilov	BUL	0.69	280						
Carcassonne	BEL	0.69	280						
Labaere A	BEL	0.69	280						
Skoularikis F	GRE	0.69	280						
Zotos L	GRE	0.69	280						
5 Eidi M	LEB	0.68	360						
Harfouche G	LEB	0.68	360						
6 Kwiecien M	POL	0.66	340						
Pszczola J	POL	0.66	340						
Bocchi N	ITA	0.66	320						
Duboin G	ITA	0.66	320						
7 Balicki C	POL	0.63	280						
Zmudzinski A	POL	0.63	280						
8 Gromov A	RUS	0.59	300						
Petrinin A	RUS	0.59	300						
9 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.55	260						
Zlotov D	RUS	0.55	260						
10 Jansma J	NET	0.53	340						
Verhees L	NET	0.53	340						
11 Brogeland B	NOR	0.50	260						
Saelensminde	NOR	0.50	260						
Hausler H	GER	0.50	260						
Splettstosse	GER	0.50	260						
12 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.46	260						
Stamatov J	BUL	0.46	260						
13 Hegedus G	HUN	0.45	260						
14 Yadlin D	ISR	0.42	260						
Yadlin I	ISR	0.42	260						
15 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.36	300						
Magnusson M	ICE	0.36	300						
16 Herbst I	ISR	0.34	299						
Herbst O	ISR	0.34	299						
17 Andersson L	SWE	0.33	240						
Gullberg T	SWE	0.33	240						
Simon J	AUS	0.33	279						
Terraneo C	AUS	0.33	279						
18 Sundelin P	SWE	0.32	280						
Sylvan J	SWE	0.32	280						
Kannavos P	GRE	0.32	260						
Kapayannides K	GRE	0.32	260						
19 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.31	260						
Liarakos S	GRE	0.31	260						
Lindermann A	AUS	0.31	240						
Saurer B	AUS	0.31	240						
20 Engel Z	BEL	0.28	280						
Van Middeltem	BEL	0.28	280						
21 Zorlu N	TUR	0.27	380						
Assael S	TUR	0.27	380						
22 Whittaker W	SCO	0.19	300						
Blakset L	DEN	0.19	280						
Bruun M	DEN	0.19	280						
De Falco D	ITA	0.19	200						
Ferraro G	ITA	0.19	200						
Steel L	SCO	0.19	300						
23 Goodman P	WAL	0.18	280						
Schaltz D	DEN	0.18	280						
Schaltz P	DEN	0.18	280						
24 Gloyer A	AUS	0.15	279						
Schifko M	AUS	0.15	279						
25 Lesniewski M	POL	0.14	220						
Martens K	POL	0.14	220						
26 Rees T	WAL	0.13	260						
Pownall M	WAL	0.13	280						
Nystrom F	SWE	0.13	280						
Bertheau P	SWE	0.13	280						
Abecassis M	FRA	0.13	260						
Soulet P	FRA	0.13	260						
27 Frances A	SPA	0.12	260						
Torres J	SPA	0.12	260						
Kurka J	CZE	0.12	260						
Kirchhoff E	NET	0.12	200						
Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200						
28 Barbosa J	POR	0.11	280						
Pinto R	POR	0.11	280						
29 Mráz T	CZE	0.10	220						
Winkler G	HUN	0.10	379						
30 Kurbalija F	WAL	0.08	260						
31 Hopfenheit G	GER	0.07	260						
Retzlaff R	GER	0.07	260						
Caspersen H	DEN	0.07	240						
Norgaard T	DEN	0.07	240						
Duong H	SWI	0.07	280						
Yalcin T	SWI	0.07	280						
32 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.05	319						
Magnusson T	LAT	0.05	319						
33 AAT	NOR	0.04	260						
Groethem G	NOR	0.04	260						
Hanlon T	IRE	0.04	300						
McGann H	IRE	0.04	300						
34 Kiema O	FIN	0.03	419						
Koistinen K	FIN	0.03	419						
Baroudi N	LEB	0.03	220						
Nasr C	LEB	0.03	220						
35 Kaplan A	BEL	0.01	240						
Polet G	BEL	0.01	240						
36 Hallberg G	ENG	0.00	240						
Simpson C	ENG	0.00	240						
Gal P	HUN	0.00	259						
Rometi F	ROM	0.00	240						
Valeanu V	ROM	0.00	240						
Allegri P	FRA	0.00	280						
Palau JJ	FRA	0.00	280						
37 Knap A	SPA	-0.01	258						
Wasik A	SPA	-0.01	258						
Jonsson Th	ICE	-0.01	260						
Thorvaldsson	ICE	-0.01	260						
Murdoch J	SCO	-0.01	260						
Walker D	SCO	-0.01	260						
38 Aviram Y	ISR	-0.03	199						
Barel M	ISR	-0.03	199						
Lauria L	ITA	-0.03	280						
Versace A	ITA	-0.03	280						
39 Denning P	WAL	-0.04	260						
Thomas A	WAL	-0.04	260						
Vozabal D	CZE	-0.04	300						
Zadrazil M	CZE	-0.04	300						
Koksoy E	TUR	-0.04	219						
Ucar A	TUR	-0.04	219						
40 Burn D	ENG	-0.05	280						
Callaghan B	ENG	-0.05	280						
Ludewig B	GER	-0.05	280						
Reps K	GER	-0.05	280						
41 Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.06	240						
Arigun C	TUR	-0.06	240						
42 Szalay G	HUN	-0.08	280						
43 Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.09	280						
Matheson J	SCO	-0.09	280						
44 Senk M	SLO	-0.10	420						
Kranjc G	SLO	-0.10	420						
Fawcett J	ENG	-0.10	280						
Liggins G	ENG	-0.10	280						
Mihov V	BUL	-0.10	260						
Nanev I	BUL	-0.10	260						
Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.10	260						
Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.10	260						
45 Briolini G	SMR	-0.15	280						
Fiorini F	SMR	-0.15	280						
46 Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.19	219						
Utter L	FIN	-0.19	219						
47 Baldursson J	ICE	-0.20	280						
Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.20	280						
Capucho M	POR	-0.20	260						
Lara M	POR	-0.20	260						
48 Debonnaire J	POR	-0.22	260						
Teixeira A	POR	-0.22	260						
49 Matei C	ROM	-0.23	320						
50 Savin D	ROM	-0.24	300						
51 Nikolayenko	UKR	-0.26	280						
Rybnikov G	UKR	-0.26	280						
Rotaru I	ROM	-0.26	260						
52 Micescu V	ROM	-0.28	240						
53 Goded F	SPA	-0.29	319						
Lantaron L	SPA	-0.29	319						
54 Lamza V	CRO	-0.30	260						
Tomic T	CRO	-0.30	260						
55 Jansa Z	CZE	-0.31	260						
Maas A	NET	-0.31	300						
Ramondt V	NET	-0.31							

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SENIOR TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 12

Player		avg. Boards											
		IMPs											
1 Berglund SE	SWE	1.64	56	25 Filip A	CZE	0.29	112	48 Montwill A	IRE	-0.27	140		
Flodqvist S.	SWE	1.64	56	Jires P	CZE	0.29	112	49 Collings J	EN2	-0.30	112		
2 Diamond D	SCO	1.32	112	Mari C	FR2	0.29	112	Jones D	EN2	-0.30	112		
3 Adad P	FR2	1.28	112	Leenhardt F	FR2	0.29	112	MacHale J	IRE	-0.30	140		
Aujaleu M	FR2	1.28	112	26 Gomes DaCost	POR	0.26	84	50 Arachnsi	LEB	-0.32	84		
4 Hackett P	ENI	1.19	98	Oliveira J	POR	0.26	84	51 Parente M	POR	-0.33	168		
Harper R	ENI	1.19	98	27 Gleis M	BEL	0.24	154	Ribeiro G	POR	-0.33	168		
5 Baxter K	SCO	0.98	112	Henry J	BEL	0.24	154	52 Mykietyn K	PO2	-0.39	112		
6 Baroni F	IT2	0.88	112	28 Schroeder D	GE1	0.23	112	53 Peri S	ISI	-0.44	84		
Ricciarelli	IT2	0.88	112	Schwenkreis	GE1	0.23	112	Shachar L	ISI	-0.44	84		
7 DeVrij H	NET	0.82	28	Gromoeller W	GE2	0.23	168	54 Manglano J	SPI	-0.45	112		
Polle W	NET	0.82	28	Schneider W	GE2	0.23	168	Molero E	SPI	-0.45	112		
8 Maci G	IT1	0.81	112	29 Bardin A	IT1	0.22	98	Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.45	98		
Mismetti C	IT1	0.81	112	Bettoni T	IT1	0.22	98	55 Goldenfield	ENI	-0.46	112		
9 Delmouly C	FR2	0.72	112	30 Stanley K	EN2	0.16	98	Hirst B	ENI	-0.46	112		
Roudinesco J	FR2	0.72	112	Townsend B	EN2	0.16	98	56 Eidi G	LEB	-0.49	28		
Reurer JM	FR1	0.72	112	31 Jezioro A	PO2	0.15	168	Merhy G	LEB	-0.49	140		
Coppolani M	FR1	0.72	112	Zaremba J	PO2	0.15	168	57 Alcaez R	SPI	-0.50	84		
10 Hugonet T	FR1	0.71	112	32 Backstrom L	SWE	0.14	140	DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.50	84		
Peyronnie C	FR1	0.71	112	Hallen H.O	SWE	0.14	140	58 Sveindal J	NOR	-0.51	112		
11 Chmelik N	GE1	0.69	98	Battistone G	IT2	0.14	98	59 Debbane J	LEB	-0.52	126		
Hoger W	GE1	0.69	98	Bertolucci E	IT2	0.14	98	60 Parry E	WA2	-0.54	154		
Rue D	EN2	0.69	98	33 Frew D	SCO	0.10	112	Powell A	WA2	-0.54	154		
Sowter T	EN2	0.69	98	Barry P	IRE	0.10	126	61 Greenstein M	ISI	-0.58	112		
12 Wala W	POI	0.64	126	34 As I	IS2	0.09	70	Harduf M	ISI	-0.58	112		
Wilkosz A	POI	0.64	126	Levit Y	IS2	0.09	140	62 Krizek F	CZE	-0.60	98		
13 Brkljadic M	CRO	0.60	112	Megged A	IS2	0.09	70	Subrt J	CZE	-0.60	98		
14 Hirst M	WAI	0.58	112	Sagiv Y	IS2	0.09	140	63 Perasic D	CRO	-0.61	126		
15 Rebattu M	NET	0.51	140	35 Luck J	WAI	0.08	140	64 Badir F	BEL	-0.63	154		
Van Oppel C	NET	0.51	140	36 Hellemann H	NOR	0.06	98	Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.63	154		
16 Klappet W	POI	0.50	154	37 Jackson D.A	IRE	0.05	140	65 Fayad G	LEB	-0.67	98		
Russyan J	POI	0.50	154	38 Jourdain P	WAI	0.00	98	66 Caric J	CRO	-0.70	112		
17 Piekenbrock	GE2	0.49	168	39 Knutsen K	NOR	-0.02	126	67 Reddy T	WAI	-0.72	154		
Uhlmann HD	GE2	0.49	168	40 Alfredsson L	SWE	-0.03	140	68 Gagne P	WAI	-0.73	168		
18 Protega B	CRO	0.46	126	Ekberg S	SWE	-0.03	140	69 Almeida E	POR	-0.74	84		
19 Bettinetti G	IT2	0.45	98	Goldberg V	SCO	-0.03	112	Ferreira H	POR	-0.74	84		
Marino L	IT2	0.45	98	Gordon I	SCO	-0.03	112	70 Moe J	NOR	-0.75	42		
20 Panto J	ENI	0.44	126	MacKenzie G	IRE	-0.03	126	71 Mannor M	IS2	-0.80	98		
Waterlow T	ENI	0.44	126	41 Imhof H	SWI	-0.04	168	Sharon A	IS2	-0.80	98		
Beineix JC	FR1	0.44	84	Frei J	SWI	-0.04	168	72 Patrick D	WA2	-0.91	154		
Stoppa JL	FR1	0.44	84	42 Nordby H	NOR	-0.07	140	Patrick J	WA2	-0.91	154		
21 Humburg H	GE1	0.40	126	43 Boesiger H	SWI	-0.16	168	73 Sver B	CRO	-0.96	112		
Mattsson G	GE1	0.40	126	Splengler W	SWI	-0.16	168	74 Dix M	MAL	-1.00	154		
22 Klukowski J	PO2	0.38	112	44 Boyadji E	LEB	-0.20	84	ParnisEnglan	MAL	-1.00	154		
23 Bomhof J.W	NET	0.34	140	45 Nosek J	CZE	-0.21	98	75 Leighton C	MAL	-1.04	154		
Englander N	NET	0.34	140	Hebak P	CZE	-0.21	98	Leighton M	MAL	-1.04	154		
24 Brav B	ISI	0.31	140	Longinotti E	IT1	-0.21	98	76 Tedeschi E	CRO	-1.19	84		
Zilberbush S	ISI	0.31	140	Resta G	IT1	-0.21	98	77 Isla J	SPI	-1.24	112		
				46 MacLaren J	SCO	-0.23	112	JimenezHuert	SPI	-1.24	112		
				47 Marcowicz V	PO2	-0.26	112	78 Milde A	POI	-1.49	56		
								Stobiecki W	POI	-1.49	56		

LADIES TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 11

Player		avg.	Boards											
		IMPs												
1	Redermeir A	AUS	0.88	120	20	Brunner M	ENG	0.29	80		SteenLybaek	NOR	-0.20	100
	Terraneo S	AUS	0.88	120		Goldenfield	ENG	0.29	80		Wennevold I	NOR	-0.20	100
2	Matut M	SPA	0.85	100	21	Clench G	WAL	0.26	100	38	Backstrom S	FIN	-0.22	160
	Santos C	SPA	0.85	100		Harris D	WAL	0.26	100		Koistinen R	FIN	-0.22	160
3	Dhondy H	ENG	0.84	160	22	Tomaszewska	POL	0.23	120	39	Njaradi I	HUN	-0.24	60
	Smith N	ENG	0.84	160		Wojtyra A	POL	0.23	120	40	Topolyi M	HUN	-0.26	60
4	Pascual M	SPA	0.80	120	23	Sarniak A	POL	0.19	120	41	Nehmert P	GER	-0.34	120
	Viola C	SPA	0.80	120		Grunt A	POL	0.19	120		Rauscheid A	GER	-0.34	120
5	Auken S	GER	0.79	140	24	Hugon E	FRA	0.11	100	42	Hoogweg F	NET	-0.35	80
	Von Arnim D	GER	0.79	140		Fishpool C	FRA	0.11	100		Van Zwol W	NET	-0.35	80
6	Hegedus O	HUN	0.75	80	25	Van der Pas	NET	0.10	140	43	Romanowska M	RUS	-0.38	100
	Avon D	FRA	0.74	120		Vriend B	NET	0.10	140		Volina V	RUS	-0.38	100
	Lustin C	FRA	0.74	120	26	Tichy E	HUN	0.07	180	44	Casey J	WAL	-0.39	140
	Ferlazzo C	ITA	0.74	80		Evelius-Nohr	SWE	0.06	80		Kurbalija D	WAL	-0.39	140
	Manara G	ITA	0.74	80	27	Karlsson-Uis	SWE	0.06	80	45	Baldini P	RSM	-0.50	140
8	Fisher D	AUS	0.73	120		Welker J	HUN	0.05	180		Tantini R	RSM	-0.50	140
	Weigkricht T	AUS	0.73	120	28	Svobodova P	CZE	0.05	120	46	Heitmann E	NOR	-0.57	120
9	Farwig K	GER	0.67	60		Pokorna J	CZE	0.05	120		Langeland A	NOR	-0.57	120
	Stawowy B	GER	0.67	60	29	Bilde L	DEN	0.00	120	47	Kulmala S	FIN	-0.58	80
10	Macieszczak	POL	0.66	120		Henriksen C	DEN	0.00	120		Savolainen P	FIN	-0.58	80
	Siwek M	POL	0.66	120		Birman D	ISR	0.00	100	48	McGowan L	SCO	-0.59	140
11	DeLucchi F	ITA	0.65	140		Liberman R	ISR	0.00	100		McQuaker F	SCO	-0.59	140
	Rosetta A	ITA	0.65	140	30	Gothe E	SWE	0.00	140	49	Kanellopoulou D	GRE	-0.63	80
12	Pasman J	NET	0.60	100		Midskog C	SWE	0.00	140		Ekonomou L	GRE	-0.63	80
	Simons A	NET	0.60	100		Mezey K	HUN	-0.04	160	50	Kyriakidou A	GRE	-0.66	120
13	Levit-Porat	ISR	0.56	160		Kulichkova O	RUS	-0.04	120		Lambrinou S	GRE	-0.66	120
	Zur-Campanil	ISR	0.56	160	31	Ponomareva T	RUS	-0.04	120	51	Birklyacic T	CRO	-0.73	100
14	Andersson P	SWE	0.48	140		Barlund B	FIN	-0.07	120		Petrovic I	CRO	-0.73	100
	Larsson J	SWE	0.48	140		Niemisto R	FIN	-0.07	120		Babot M	SPA	-0.73	100
15	Brock S	ENG	0.46	80	32	Mueller R	CRO	-0.08	100		Sanchiz N	SPA	-0.73	100
	Courtney M	ENG	0.46	80		Jurisic I	CRO	-0.08	100	52	Greenland L	WAL	-0.77	120
16	Erhardt M	AUS	0.45	120	33	Gromova V	RUS	-0.09	100		Hirst A	WAL	-0.77	120
	Smederevac J	AUS	0.45	120		Khonicheva E	RUS	-0.09	100	53	Hellmann A	NOR	-0.78	100
17	Lancova M	CZE	0.35	60	34	Pilipovic M	CRO	-0.11	160		Malinowski A	NOR	-0.78	100
	Tomcikova Z	CZE	0.35	60		Sver N	CRO	-0.11	160	54	Alexander M	SCO	-0.91	120
	Kailiakmani A	GRE	0.35	160	35	Erdeova J	CZE	-0.17	140		Outred V	SCO	-0.91	120
	Mamidaki L	GRE	0.35	160		Hnatova D	CZE	-0.17	140	55	Filippi M	RSM	-0.94	120
18	Dumont S	FRA	0.32	100		Arrigoni G	ITA	-0.17	100		Urbani AM	RSM	-0.94	120
	Clement M	FRA	0.32	100	36	Olivieri G	ITA	-0.17	100	56	Gerrard C	SCO	-1.02	100
19	Melech H	ISR	0.30	100		Perlini MC	RSM	-0.18	100		McGeagh A	SCO	-1.02	100
	Naveh N	ISR	0.30	100		Stacchini LM	RSM	-0.18	100	57	Kirstan M	DEN	-1.18	140
					37	Farholt S	DEN	-0.20	100		Krefeld C	DEN	-1.18	140
						Rahelt M	DEN	-0.20	100					

Championship Diary

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

Sunday 24 June 2001

The players in the Ladies Transnational Team Cup were delighted to receive tickets to Saturday night's Flamenco show, compliments of the EBL.

Hackett's Horses for yesterday were *Grand Slam* in the 17.05 at Perth - possibly doubled with *King of Trumps* in the 14.25 at Lingfield. In view of the results this feature is withdrawn for the time being.

As we go into the second week some of the players are beginning to show signs of the inevitable strain imposed by having to concentrate so hard for so long and we received our first report of a player falling asleep at the table. So far the only players we have seen when we go for breakfast at 08.00 are those from Poland - and they look as if they could play for another month, let alone a week.

Yesterday's bulletin featured an excellent interview with Maria-Teresa Lavazza, but for the record Sandra Landy was Captain of the Great Britain team that won the Generali Open European Championship in Killarney in 1991.

Ron Tacchi celebrated his twenty-ninth wedding anniversary yesterday, and in accordance with local custom the tradition of taking one drink for each year of marital bliss was upheld, so don't expect too many photographs today!

Ron sent his wife, who is at home in France, flowers, forgetting she would be out when they arrived.