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RUSSIA SURVIVES CRISIS



Two future bridge champions?

Today's quiz question: For which countries will they play?

Russia started the day with a dramatic loss to **San Marino** but the chasing teams were unable to take maximum advantage and they still top the table, albeit by a considerably reduced margin from **Greece**, who have moved into second place. Poland are third followed by Italy, who have moved back into a qualifying place. The chasing pack has closed in and **Norway, France, Belgium** and **Bulgaria** are all close enough to believe they still have a chance.

In the Ladies Series, **England** still leads from **Austria**, but **France** and **Spain** have exchanged places. Then come **Czech Republic, Italy, Israel, Netherlands** and **Germany**. Unless something dramatic happens the qualifiers will surely come from these nine teams.

In the Seniors, the holders **France 2** continue to dominate. They are followed by **France 1** and **Poland 1**.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 24 10.00

Belgium v France

OPEN ROUND 25 13.45

Norway v Italy

OPEN ROUND 26 17.30

Sweden v Israel

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 22

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | WALES | DENMARK | 43 - 61 | 11 - 19 |
| 2 | SCOTLAND | SPAIN | 33 - 39 | 14 - 16 |
| 3 | CZECH REP | AUSTRIA | 30 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 4 | TURKEY | SWEDEN | 24 - 34 | 13 - 17 |
| 5 | BULGARIA | CROATIA | 41 - 33 | 16 - 14 |
| 6 | LATVIA | ISRAEL | 61 - 48 | 18 - 12 |
| 7 | IRELAND | ITALY | 29 - 73 | 6 - 24 |
| 8 | LIECHTENSTEIN | PORTUGAL | 70 - 41 | 21 - 9 |
| 9 | RUSSIA | SAN MARINO | 44 - 94 | 5 - 25 |
| 10 | GREECE | POLAND | 36 - 40 | 14 - 16 |
| 11 | bye | SLOVENIA | 0 - 0 | 0 - 18 |
| 12 | ENGLAND | SWITZERLAND | 51 - 12 | 23 - 7 |
| 13 | NORWAY | LEBANON | 74 - 39 | 22 - 8 |
| 14 | FRANCE | LUXEMBOURG | 72 - 27 | 24 - 6 |
| 15 | ICELAND | ROMANIA | 51 - 25 | 20 - 10 |
| 16 | UKRAINE | FINLAND | 35 - 19 | 18 - 12 |
| 17 | GERMANY | HUNGARY | 32 - 18 | 18 - 12 |
| 18 | NETHERLANDS | BELGIUM | 32 - 72 | 7 - 23 |

ROUND 23

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | DENMARK | SPAIN | 57 - 18 | 23 - 7 |
| 2 | WALES | CZECH REP | 40 - 65 | 10 - 20 |
| 3 | SWEDEN | SCOTLAND | 38 - 32 | 16 - 14 |
| 4 | AUSTRIA | BULGARIA | 27 - 56 | 9 - 21 |
| 5 | ISRAEL | TURKEY | 16 - 16 | 15 - 15 |
| 6 | CROATIA | IRELAND | 30 - 57 | 9 - 21 |
| 7 | PORTUGAL | LATVIA | 24 - 16 | 16 - 14 |
| 8 | ITALY | SAN MARINO | 77 - 10 | 25 - 2 |
| 9 | LIECHTENSTEIN | GREECE | 19 - 60 | 7 - 23 |
| 10 | SLOVENIA | RUSSIA | 18 - 72 | 4 - 25 |
| 11 | POLAND | ENGLAND | 41 - 34 | 16 - 14 |
| 12 | NORWAY | bye | 0 - 0 | 18 - 0 |
| 13 | LUXEMBOURG | SWITZERLAND | 59 - 7 | 25 - 5 |
| 14 | LEBANON | ICELAND | 22 - 44 | 10 - 20 |
| 15 | UKRAINE | FRANCE | 31 - 50 | 11 - 19 |
| 16 | HUNGARY | ROMANIA | 22 - 52 | 9 - 21 |
| 17 | FINLAND | BELGIUM | 36 - 50 | 12 - 18 |
| 18 | GERMANY | NETHERLANDS | 33 - 70 | 7 - 23 |



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

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:

Wednesday 27th June (Seniors LineUp desk)

9.40 hrs Ireland Seniors
9.45 hrs Israel 1 Seniors
9.50 hrs Israel 2 Seniors

Aggelos Mallios
EBL Photographer

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 24

10.00

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

ROUND 25

13.45

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

ROUND 26

17.30

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

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 23 rounds

| | | |
|----|---------------|--------|
| 1 | RUSSIA | 427.50 |
| 2 | GREECE | 420.00 |
| 3 | POLAND | 415.00 |
| 4 | ITALY | 405.00 |
| 5 | NORWAY | 403.00 |
| 6 | France | 396.00 |
| 7 | Belgium | 395.50 |
| 8 | Bulgaria | 393.00 |
| 9 | Israel | 382.50 |
| 10 | Austria | 378.00 |
| 11 | Denmark | 377.00 |
| 12 | Sweden | 373.00 |
| 13 | Netherlands | 367.00 |
| 14 | Lebanon | 360.00 |
| 15 | Iceland | 359.00 |
| 16 | Turkey | 357.00 |
| 17 | Germany | 356.00 |
| 18 | Scotland | 351.00 |
| 19 | England | 351.00 |
| 20 | Hungary | 346.00 |
| 21 | Wales | 344.00 |
| 22 | Czech Rep | 337.00 |
| 23 | Portugal | 333.00 |
| 24 | Spain | 331.00 |
| 25 | Finland | 318.00 |
| 26 | Romania | 317.00 |
| 27 | Switzerland | 298.00 |
| 28 | Ukraine | 294.00 |
| 29 | Slovenia | 286.00 |
| 30 | Croatia | 284.00 |
| 31 | Ireland | 279.00 |
| 32 | Latvia | 268.50 |
| 33 | San Marino | 263.50 |
| 34 | Luxembourg | 260.00 |
| 35 | Liechtenstein | 217.00 |

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 12

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | NETHERLANDS | GERMANY | 33 - 33 | 15 - 15 |
| 22 | FRANCE | AUSTRIA | 36 - 45 | 13 - 17 |
| 23 | POLAND | SWEDEN | 54 - 59 | 14 - 16 |
| 24 | ENGLAND | SCOTLAND | 77 - 21 | 25 - 4 |
| 25 | FINLAND | ISRAEL | 45 - 49 | 14 - 16 |
| 26 | SPAIN | CZECH REP. | 39 - 65 | 10 - 20 |
| 27 | bye | GREECE | 0 - 0 | 0 - 18 |
| 28 | HUNGARY | RUSSIA | 46 - 68 | 10 - 20 |
| 29 | SAN MARINO | NORWAY | 56 - 58 | 15 - 15 |
| 30 | CROATIA | WALES | 33 - 49 | 12 - 18 |
| 31 | DENMARK | ITALY | 20 - 87 | 2 - 25 |

ROUND 13

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | RUSSIA | GERMANY | 19 - 33 | 12 - 18 |
| 22 | CZECH REP. | ENGLAND | 40 - 18 | 20 - 10 |
| 23 | CROATIA | SPAIN | 4 - 64 | 3 - 25 |
| 24 | NETHERLANDS | HUNGARY | 46 - 32 | 18 - 12 |
| 25 | SAN MARINO | SWEDEN | 30 - 73 | 6 - 24 |
| 26 | AUSTRIA | DENMARK | 28 - 11 | 19 - 11 |
| 27 | ISRAEL | bye | 0 - 0 | 18 - 0 |
| 28 | WALES | ITALY | 28 - 56 | 9 - 21 |
| 29 | GREECE | FINLAND | 37 - 41 | 14 - 16 |
| 30 | SCOTLAND | FRANCE | 19 - 62 | 6 - 24 |
| 31 | NORWAY | POLAND | 65 - 17 | 25 - 5 |

LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 14 13.45

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

ROUND 15 17.30

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

LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 13 rounds

| | | |
|----|-------------|--------|
| 1 | ENGLAND | 250.00 |
| 2 | AUSTRIA | 241.00 |
| 3 | FRANCE | 237.00 |
| 4 | SPAIN | 236.00 |
| 5 | CZECH REP. | 231.00 |
| 6 | Italy | 229.00 |
| 7 | Israel | 227.00 |
| 8 | Netherlands | 221.00 |
| 9 | Germany | 218.00 |
| 10 | Sweden | 210.00 |
| 11 | Hungary | 192.00 |
| 12 | Poland | 191.00 |
| 13 | Norway | 191.00 |
| 14 | Greece | 190.00 |
| 15 | Russia | 186.00 |
| 16 | Croatia | 170.00 |
| 17 | Finland | 163.00 |
| 18 | Wales | 147.50 |
| 19 | Denmark | 140.00 |
| 20 | San Marino | 123.00 |
| 21 | Scotland | 104.00 |

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 14 rounds

| | | |
|----|-------------|--------|
| 1 | FRANCE 2 | 268.00 |
| 2 | FRANCE 1 | 249.00 |
| 3 | POLAND 1 | 245.75 |
| 4 | Sweden | 243.00 |
| 5 | England 1 | 243.00 |
| 6 | Italy 1 | 241.00 |
| 7 | Italy 2 | 240.00 |
| 8 | England 2 | 238.00 |
| 9 | Netherlands | 238.00 |
| 10 | Germany 2 | 233.00 |
| 11 | Germany 1 | 223.00 |
| 12 | Scotland | 221.00 |
| 13 | Poland 2 | 218.00 |
| 14 | Ireland | 206.00 |
| 15 | Norway | 206.00 |
| 16 | Israel 2 | 200.00 |
| 17 | Belgium | 198.00 |
| 18 | Switzerland | 195.00 |
| 19 | Portugal | 189.00 |
| 20 | Czech Rep. | 188.00 |
| 21 | Wales 1 | 188.00 |
| 22 | Israel 1 | 186.75 |
| 23 | Croatia | 179.50 |
| 24 | Lebanon | 178.00 |
| 25 | Wales 2 | 154.00 |
| 26 | Spain 1 | 148.50 |
| 27 | Malta | 147.00 |

VIDEO NEWS

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SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 13

| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 41 | POLAND 2 | CROATIA | 25 - 2 21 - 9 |
| 42 | LEBANON | ITALY 1 | 32 - 63 7 - 23 |
| 43 | WALES 2 | NORWAY | 19 - 51 9 - 24 |
| 44 | GERMANY 1 | ENGLAND 2 | 8 - 63 2 - 25 |
| 45 | SPAIN 1 | PORTUGAL | 9 - 35 9 - 21 |
| 46 | MALTA | FRANCE 2 | 14 - 14 15 - 15 |
| 47 | NETHERLANDS | ENGLAND 1 | 28 - 36 13 - 17 |
| 48 | GERMANY 2 | bye | 0 - 0 18 - 0 |
| 49 | ISRAEL 1 | FRANCE 1 | 20 - 36 11 - 19 |
| 50 | ITALY 2 | SWEDEN | 19 - 65 4 - 25 |
| 51 | ISRAEL 2 | IRELAND | 37 - 44 14 - 16 |
| 52 | BELGIUM | WALES 1 | 37 - 15 20 - 10 |
| 53 | CZECH REP. | POLAND 1 | 4 - 44 5 - 25 |
| 54 | SWITZERLAND | SCOTLAND | 43 - 38 16 - 14 |

ROUND 14

| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 41 | CROATIA | BELGIUM | 39 - 7 23 - 7 |
| 42 | ITALY 2 | MALTA | 50 - 31 20 - 10 |
| 43 | NORWAY | GERMANY 2 | 48 - 28 20 - 10 |
| 44 | PORTUGAL | POLAND 2 | 24 - 30 14 - 16 |
| 45 | POLAND 1 | SWITZERLAND | 35 - 16 20 - 10 |
| 46 | IRELAND | LEBANON | 41 - 42 15 - 15 |
| 47 | SWEDEN | GERMANY 1 | 35 - 14 20 - 10 |
| 48 | ENGLAND 2 | ISRAEL 1 | 40 - 13 22 - 8 |
| 49 | ITALY 1 | SCOTLAND | 52 - 23 22 - 8 |
| 50 | FRANCE 1 | CZECH REP. | 34 - 26 17 - 13 |
| 51 | bye | WALES 1 | 0 - 0 0 - 18 |
| 52 | FRANCE 2 | NETHERLANDS | 22 - 14 17 - 13 |
| 53 | ENGLAND 1 | WALES 2 | 58 - 20 24 - 6 |
| 54 | SPAIN 1 | ISRAEL 2 | 20 - 28 13 - 17 |

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 15 10.00**

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

ROUND 16 17.30

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

ROUND 17 17.30

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

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**ONLINE MATCHES**

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The Polish Bridge Union would like to thank the **PBK - Powszechny Bank Kredytowy S.A** in **Warsaw** for its sponsorship of the Polish Open team at these 45th European Championships in Tenerife. The **PBK** is one of the largest Polish banks and is listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange.

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SESSION 20
OPEN TEAMS



Bulgaria v Russia



In the middle session on Sunday, the Rama match was Greece v. France. This was an important match for both teams, but at the same time the Bulgaria v. Russia match was scheduled, a match of particular importance to Bulgaria, even more so in view of their forthcoming encounter on Rama with Italy. As it turned out, the Eastern Europeans provided us with a highly entertaining and spectacular match, so will we concentrate on that one, but also have a few short looks at the Rama proceedings.

Boards 1 and 2 seemed routine games for N/S but in fact were not. On Rama both Greece and France went wrong on one of them so their score stood at 7-6 to Greece when board 3 hit the table and the wall:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

For systemic reasons, Gromov could not open INT but still became declarer in the normal contract of 3NT. When East led a heart, West won the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won the third round with his king and played ♦A. Next, he played a club to the ♣K and when this held, cashed the diamonds. When the queen appeared, he had nine tricks. Russia +400.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Here, INT was the (in)famous Bulgarian 9-12 NT and 2NT showed a minor. 3♦ accepted the transfer if for clubs and 3NT thus became the obvious final contract, this time played by South. However, West made the good lead of a spade which ran to the ten and jack, declarer ducking. The next spade went to dummy's king. Declarer then led the ♦A and continued the jack, covered

by East. After cashing all the diamonds, Karaivanov then led the ♣K, won by East with the ace. A spade came back to the ace. With seven tricks in the bag and the ♣Q still in dummy, declarer now had to establish just one heart trick for his contract. When he led a heart and put in dummy's jack, East could take the queen, cash the 13th spade and exit with a heart to partner's ace. One down. Russia +50 and the first 10 IMPs of the match.

In the Rama match, at both tables 3NT was played by North and made the same way as in the Open Room of this match on a heart lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Multi

On the ♠Q lead won by the ace and a spade back, declarer won the king and immediately took the diamond finesse. When this held, ten tricks were always there. Russia +620.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| 1♠ | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Dble | Pass |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

Here, there was a variation in the play. The lead of the ♠Q ran to declarer's king. Stamatov's next move now was to play a diamond to the ace, followed by the ♦Q. East could win the king and, with the communication lines with partner still open, returned a spade. West won the ace and continued spades, ruffed with dummy's jack. The ♥10 now went to Kholomeev's ace, and a fourth spade promoted Zlotov's ♥9 into the setting trick. Well defended, fully exploiting the chances given. Russia another +100 and 12 IMPs more.

In the Rama match, at both tables West opened 1♠ and North overcalled 2♥. Whether East doubled or not, South would bid 3♦



Kalin Karaivanov, Bulgaria

and there it rested. A missed chance (game) for both sides.

The Bulgarians opened their account with yet another double-figure swing on the very next board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

2♥ showed hearts and clubs, so 3♦ was in fact 4th suit. The play was interesting. The ♠J was led and won by the ace. Trumps were drawn, followed by the ♣10 to the king and ace. South now returned the ♥3, but Karaivanov won the ace and simply led a heart to the ten. When this held, there were 12 tricks and +980 to Bulgaria.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

Natural enough bidding to a sound contract. Twelve tricks, but only +480 to Russia and 11 IMPs back to Bulgaria.

On the next board to be shown, the play and defence were the only points of interest. 3NT will be reached by almost every pair in the world, and North will lead, let's say, a spade, as in fact happened at many tables. A few Norths led a club, which immediately led to the same situation.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

At both tables, South found the good return of the ♦J after winning his ♣K. This is the textbook situation and the jack is the textbook falsecard to play. On this layout, the defenders cannot cash their diamond tricks, but declarer has a nasty guess anyway. He might either cover with the king, hoping for the ♦AQ to be on his left, or he may duck, thus postponing the nasty guess to the next trick. At one table, the jack was allowed to hold, but then declarer went up with the king when South continued a low diamond. One down. At the other table, declarer covered the ♦J immediately, enabling the defenders to cash four tricks in the suit straight away. One down as well, no swing.

Of course, there will have been instances of declarers guessing right at the first or second diamond trick even after South has

led the ♠, but this situation will remain everybody's guess for many millennia of bridge to come.

After a series of rather quiet boards, on which Bulgaria did pick up 18 IMPs in fact to take the lead by 7 IMPs, it was action all over again when the match drew to its close:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| | 1♦ | Dble | Rdbl |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

This was a very safe contract, made with an overtrick. Russia +130. Please note that the hearts were lost as soon as South re-doubled.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

When East did not intervene, South could show his hearts. 2♠ was a splinter for hearts and 4♥ the logical conclusion. Even with the hearts 4-1 the play did not present any real problems. There are many ways to make the hand, but in yet another match Ophir Herbst for Israel, playing against Poland, showed his skill.

After two passes Ilan Herbst opened 1♦, Ophir responded 1♥ and Ilan raised to two. Now Ophir made a psychic trial bid of 2♠, asking for some help in that suit. Ilan signed off with 3♥, but Ophir still went on to game. There would have been no story had he been allowed to just play the contract, but East, no doubt expecting a few tricks in spades as well, doubled. He led a club, which gave declarer four tricks in the suit. The ten won, a club went to the king and next he took the diamond finesse, being convinced it would work. After the ♠A and a spade ruff Ophir led top clubs, throwing dummy's last spade on the first and over-ruffing East's ♥8 with the ten on the second. Next came a low heart from dummy to West's ace. West could give his partner a diamond ruff, but the ♥Q was still there to score the game-going trick. A nice variation in the play for a fully deserved +790.

On Rama, we saw a similar type of swing. At one table, North opened and the hearts were missed; at the other table North



Ivo Karaivanov, Bulgaria

passed, so East passed as well, after which South opened 1♦ and North responded 1♥. So 4♥ was duly reached and France had won 10 IMPs.

It was time for Russia to recoup some points: at this stage they were 21 down. The next two boards were helpful to them:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| | | | INT |
| 2♠ | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♣ |
| Dble | 5♦ | All Pass | |

INT was 12-14, 4♠ was a cuebid and 5♣ showed 1 keycard with diamond set as trumps earlier on. The play was easy enough, Russia +600.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Kholomeev</i> | <i>Stamatov</i> | <i>Zlotov</i> | <i>Karaivanov</i> |
| 2♠ | 3♣ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

After the seminatural 1♦ opening, Stamatov made a transfer raise first and upon hearing the spade cue simply bid six. This only goes down because of the unlucky trump break. Russia +100 and a lucky 12 IMPs back.

Compare these auctions to what happened on Rama: both N/S pairs playing quietly in 3NT for 10 tricks...

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Karaivanov</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Trendafilov</i> | <i>Petrinin</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 2♠ | 3♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♠ | 4♦ | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

As you can see, the Russians were carried to a game they might or might not have reached on their own. Apparently East thought he could defeat 4♠ nearly on his own, but as it happened there were not enough heart ruffs available. On a diamond lead, Gromov easily made an overtrick for a juicy +690 to Russia.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Kholomeev</i> | <i>Stamatov</i> | <i>Zlotov</i> | <i>Karaivanov</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 2♠ | 3♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♠ | All Pass | |

A nice little psychic by East did not at all deter North from introducing his best suit. It is difficult to understand that South did not go one to game after partner's 3♠, holding such a strong and well-fitting hand. Twelve tricks were made, +230 for Bulgaria but a loss of 10 IMPs. Had they reached game, the loss would still have been 5 or 6 IMPs. So the match was about level again, and there was more to come:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Karaivanov</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Trendafilov</i> | <i>Petrinin</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♦ | Dble |
| | 3♣ | All Pass | |

When Trendafilov did not repeat his seven-card suit, the final contract was one of the lowest over the playing rooms. Eleven tricks were made due to a few defensive mistakes: Russia +150.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Kholomeev</i> | <i>Stamatov</i> | <i>Zlotov</i> | <i>Karaivanov</i> |
| All Pass | 1♠ | 4♦ | Dble |



Dmitri Zlotov, Russia

A marked difference in approach this time between the two Easts. Stamatov might have bid 5♣ but that would not have been a success either. Even a trump lead will not beat 4♦ as declarer can take the heart finesse immediately and the king will drop under the ace in the next round of the suit. So Russia scored another +510 or 12 IMPs and were back in the lead.

On the last board, once again the lead changed hands:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Karaivanov | Gromov | Trendafilov | Petrinin |
| Pass | 2♦ | 3♣ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Petrinin apparently thought that with his 20 hcp. he could defeat 3♣. He was quite right, even after the unlucky lead of the ♥K. Declarer wins the ace and what can he do? If he plays a heart, North wins and leads a trump. South takes his ♣AQ and exits with a spade. Declarer cannot come back to his hand and thus loses a heart, a diamond, a spade and two clubs.

If declarer plays a diamond immediately, North wins and plays a trump. After two rounds of trumps, South exits with a spade. Five tricks for the defence again.

When declarer played a heart after winning the ace and North led a diamond instead of a trump, that was the end of the defence. Now the communication back to declarer's hand is open and the defenders cannot remove dummy's trumps in time. Contract made, Bulgaria +670.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|
| Kholomeev | Stamatov | Zlotov | Karaivanov |
| Pass | 2♦ | 3♣ | 4♥ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Here, there was a misunderstanding. Stamatov first thought 4♥ was convertible, but when his partner bid 4NT realised he might have been wrong. If 4♥ shows hearts only, then 4NT is the only way out now away from an unwanted contract, so Stamatov hoped for the best. At the other end of the table, Karaivanov was simply asking for aces upon hearing his partner's conversion to spades, but the message did not quite get through.

When West led his partner's suit, clubs, instead of his own hearts, all was well in the end for the Bulgarians. Eleven tricks and +660, just not enough to beat their teammates' score at the other table. Bulgaria +16 IMPs to win the match 63-56 or 16-14 V.P. They would remain in the race, going into their match with Italy.

On Rama, this hand was a revenge for Greece, who had lost a slam swing on the hand before, getting to 6NT off the ♣AK (like so many other pairs did, in fact). After North opened 2♣, he finally became declarer in 5♠. Against this voluntarily bid contract East could lead his singleton diamond. As his partner happened to hold the ♠A, the ensuing ruff set the contract.

The Director should make the players feel well

by Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent



Kojac and his wife Bud collect an award at the recent Zone 4 Championship's in Bahrain.

When Kojac (Bill Schoder) found out that there was a female director in his arbiting staff at the Rhodes Olympiad in 1996 he stood behind a pillar and watched to make certain that she did the right thing.

She did - and there was never a problem.

Of course not! **Jeanne van de Meiracker** took the EBL directing course in 1993 and has been directing at some twenty odd international events since then. Olympiads, European Championships, Common Market Championships, you name them.

She is very popular among the players. One of them is missing a pen. She has seen it and offers him one. A player needs something to drink. She takes care of that, too.



Jeanne van de Meiracker
Dutch, kind... and tough!

Of course the most important thing is to rule but all the players in the room are my responsibility. I want them to feel comfortable and assist them as much as possible. The better they feel, the fewer mistakes they make, and the fewer rulings I will have to make.

I have to use my holidays for this. I am a chemical analyst and sometimes would wish that I could put a bridge player's mind in a machine, too, and get an analysis of his real points of view! Even if that is not the case, it is an advantage to have an analytical way of thinking when you direct.

There have been many amusing episodes. Just yesterday one player asked me where I come from. The Netherlands, I answered, and he was very surprised. I do not know why but his comment was: You are so kind - and tough!

Jeanne is a member of the Great Bridge Festivals Directing team. Editor

My Goofy Partner Forgot the Convention Once Again

Greek pair, Panagiotis Kannavos and Kostas Kapayannides, had a fun board during their Open Round 21 match against Switzerland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ A K Q 5 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 8 7</p> | <p>♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> | <p>♠ J 7 4 ♥ — ♦ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ Q 4</p> | <p>♠ 3 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ K J 10 6 2</p> |
|--|--|--|--|

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Kannavos | Pass | Kapayannides | Dble |
| 1♥ 4♦ | All Pass | 1♠ | |

Four Diamonds was explained on both sides of the screen as being a splinter with a spade fit.

North asked the meaning of 4♦ and was rather satisfied that Kapayannides passed. South also smiled happily after he heard the appropriate explanations from Kannavos and waited to collect the dollars from heaven.

Just this once, Kannavos waited for the dummy to appear before screaming, as he was ready to do after seeing his partner's pass.

After a heart lead, the contract was just one down. Needless to say that 4♠ doubled would have been a real bloodbath for East/West.

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Polish Team Profiles

CEZARY BALICKI



He was born in 1958, and like so many bridge stars was a talented chess player who has now become a professional bridge player. He was chief editor and publisher of the Polish bridge magazine "Forum" for a couple of years.

Balicki's list of international championship medals is impressive. He started with a bronze in the World Pairs Championship in Geneva in 1990. That was followed by silver in the 1991 Bermuda Bowl in Yokohama 1991, and again in the Rosenblum in Albuquerque in 1994. He finally got his hands on a World title by taking the Gold medal in the 2nd Transnational World Teams in Bermuda 2000. He is a regular on the North American scene and captured the 1997 Spingold and 2001 Vanderbilt trophies, while losing the 1998 Spingold final to Nick Nickell's team by only 1 IMP. He has been no less successful in Europe, with two gold medals in the European Teams Championships, in Turku in 1989 and Menton in 1993. His European set is completed by a silver medal in Montecatini in 1997 and a bronze in Killarney in 1991. He won the prestigious Macallan Pairs in London in 1994 and finished third in the same event a year later.

Cezary has a fine sense of humor and readily sees the funny side of the game. He likes to tell the story of when he was playing in the prestigious Dunhill Cup in Bonn. During a vital last round match with Finland he was declarer in 6NT, and after the opening lead he had eleven tricks and two possible chances for a twelfth. He could finesse in diamonds or play a club from two small towards the king, ten, small. He decided on the latter plan for two reasons: first, the club ace might be onside, but second, even if the king lost to the ace there was a chance that if the defender did not also hold the queen of clubs, he would switch, allowing Balicki the chance to take the diamond finesse anyway. Alas, the defender held .AQJ75 and the slam went four down. Needless to say, the diamond finesse was right!

MICHAL KWIECIEN



He was born on the first of March 1957, is an automotive engineer and businessman from Lublin. Married with two daughters, he plays for a bridge club in Leszno - Unia Winkhaus. He learned to play with friends at secondary school and considers the most compelling aspect of bridge to be the moment of victory. He regards defense as the most difficult part of the game, whilst looking for good play and calmness in the ideal partner. His hobbies are skiing and travel, and he sees bridge as

being an excellent way to pursue both.

Kwicien's biggest bridge successes include first place in the World Open Pairs Championship at Lille in 1998, second place in the European Open Teams Championship at Montecatini in 1997, third place in the World Transnational Open Teams at Hammamet in 1997, all of them with Jacek Pszczola. He also won gold in the European Junior Teams Championship at Salsomaggiore in 1982 with his former partner Marek Wojcicki. He has been playing with Jacek Pszczola since 1993, and just before this book went to press the pair finished at the top of a world-class field in the 2001 Cavendish Calcutta in Las Vegas.

In Maastricht in 2000 Michal was chosen by random selection for a doping test. He says he was so anxious that he was not able to provide a sample for four hours, despite drinking several liters of water. He described it as the most stressful moment of the Olympiad for him. However, to illustrate how demanding bridge at the highest levels can be at the table, he cites the following hand from the recent trials to select the Polish team for the 2001 European Championships in Tenerife. After a few hours of tough play he was really tired when he picked up this hand:

♠AQJ74 ♥AJ9 ♦KJ108 ♣83

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Kwicien | Martens | Pszczola | Lesniewski |
| 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ | 1♥ | Dble | 2♥ |
| 4♠ ⁽²⁾ | All Pass | | |

⁽¹⁾ Denies four spades

⁽²⁾ Forgetting he had opened 1♣ and thinking the double promised spades!

MARCIN LESNIEWSKI



He was born on the third of July 1948. His elder brother taught him how to play bridge in high school, and after an early career as a mathematician he eventually became a professional player. He enjoys all kinds of sport, films and music. He considers bridge to be the only element in life where there is some justice, and for him, declarer play is the hardest skill to master. The perfect partner instils confidence by constant good play. One of his favorite partners is his wife, Ewa Harasimowicz.

Marcin collected two medals at Albuquerque in 1994, gold in the World Pairs Championship and silver in the World Mixed Pairs Championship. He won the European Pairs Championship in 1989, the European Mixed Pairs Championship in 1992 and the European Teams Championship in 1993, and was a gold medalist at the 1st World Transnational Teams Championship in 1997.

He has also distinguished himself as the captain of several Polish teams but prefers playing. Most recently, he finished fourth in the 2001 European Pairs Championship in Sorrento, and was on the winning team in the 2001 version of the prestigious British Spring Foursomes.

KRZYSZTOF MARTENS

He was born on the twenty fourth of May 1952. A member of a bridge-playing family, he was taught to play the game at home by his parents. Another chemical engineer and businessman, he is also a professional bridge player and coach, having regular assignments with the national teams of several countries. His most recent engagement was as coach of

the German Women's team which took the bronze medals at the Maastricht Olympiad in 2000. After each victory his simple advice to the team was, 'Next opponents please!' He enjoys the psychological elements of the game and considers the auction to be the most difficult area to master. He believes that knowledge and the ability to keep calm and concentrate are essential requirements for the perfect partner. His interests outside the game are journalism and politics.

He is the author of the book *Szkola Wistu* (The School of Defense), and co author of the book *The Bidding System of Martens-Przybora*. He has been a member of the European Bridge League Systems Committee since 1996, and was a member of the Board of the Polish Bridge Union between 1980 and 1984. He was placed tenth on the list of the top Polish sportsmen of 1991. His gold medals have come in the 1984 Olympiad, the 1st Transnational World Teams Championship in 1997, and at the European Teams Championships of 1981, 1989, and 1993 - each time with a different partner! He took silver in the 1991 Bermuda Bowl and bronze in 1989. He was also a bronze medalist at the European Teams Championship in 1991.

He is now a globetrotter, moving swiftly from one country to another in search of victories. His most recent successes were fourth place in the 2001 European Pairs Championship in Sorrento, and a win in the 2001 British Spring Foursomes, both with Marcin Lesniewski.

JACEK PSZCZOLA

He is sometimes referred to by Western journalists as 'Pepsi Cola' is one of the younger generation of Polish bridge wizards, having been born on the tenth of January, 1967. Married with one son and living in Lublin, he graduated as a mining machine engineer, and now works in the oil industry. He represents the Unia Winkhaus Bridge club in Leszno. He learned to play bridge with a couple of friends whilst on a school vacation. He enjoys the competitive ele-



ment of bridge and considers the opening lead to be the most difficult area of the game to master. He believes that it is impossible to find the ideal

partner; the most important skill being the ability to get your partner to play at their best.

When he is not playing bridge you will find him on the basketball court.

A former Polish Junior Champion, he won the World Open Pairs Championship at Lille in 1998, finished second in the European Open Teams Championship at Montecatini in 1997, and took third place in the World Transnational Open Teams at Hammamet in the same year. He also won the prestigious Polish bridge event, Festival Solidarnosci, in Slupsk, 1995. He made a successful debut in America in 1999 at the North American Bridge Championships in Boston, taking sixth place in the prestigious Reisinger Teams.

Jacek has partnered Michal Kwiecen for seven years and together they topped a star-studded field in Las Vegas in the 2001 Cavendish Calcutta.

ADAM ZMUDZINSKI

He is the regular partner of the player we featured first, Czeray Balicki. Born in 1956, he comes from a musical family. His father was a famous Polish composer and conductor. Adam is himself a talented pianist and lists classical music as his hobby, alongside motor sports. His grandfather taught him to play bridge when he was five years old. He is attracted by the dynamic possibilities within the game and considers the most difficult aspect to be making good decisions. His partner must have

excellent technical skills and good manners.

Zmudzinski's list of bridge medals is impressive. He started with a bronze medal in the World Pairs Championship in Geneva in 1990. That was followed by silver in the 1991 Bermuda Bowl in Yokohama 1991 and silver again in the Rosenblum in Albuquerque in 1994. He finally got his hands on a World title by taking the gold medal; in the 2nd Transnational World Teams in Bermuda 2000.

Like Balicki he frequently travels to America and has won both the Spingold and the Vanderbilt. He has been no less successful in Europe, with two gold medals in the European Bridge Teams Championships, in Turku in 1989 and Menton in 1993. His set is completed by a silver medal in Montecatini in 1997 and a bronze in Killarney in 1991.

He won the Macallan in London in 1994.

SESSION 7
LADIES TEAMS



Israel v Germany

by Tony Gordon



Israel's 24-6 VPs win in this match probably caused a few raised eyebrows. This is what happened.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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



| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|
| Levit-Portat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| 2♦ | Dble | 2♠ | 1♥ |
| 3♦ | 4♥ | All Pass | 2NT ⁽¹⁾ |

⁽¹⁾ 5+ hearts and 4+ clubs



Andrea Rauscheid, Germany

The Israeli pair did not cause too many problems in the auction and Ruth Levit-Portat led the ♦A against Daniela von Arnim's 4♥. If the defence cash their three top tricks, declarer will have to drop the ♣Q to make the contract, but at trick two Levit-Portat switched to her spade. Migri Zur-Campanila took her ace and continued the suit, but declarer was home now when she ruffed high, drew trumps and discarded her second diamond on a spade. When she continued by cashing her top clubs, she had an overtrick and Germany scored +450.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| 2♦ | 3♦ | 4♠ | 1♥ |
| All Pass | | | 5♥ |

The German pair were more aggressive at this table and Hanita Melech pushed on to 5♥. That should have been at least one level too high, but when Andrea Rauscheid led the ♦K (king from AK with an outside singleton), Pony Nehmert ruffed and switched to a club and declarer had a chance to make the contract. She won and drew two rounds of trumps, finding that West had started with three trumps. She now played a spade and Nehmert took the ace and continued the suit, but declarer erred by discarding her diamond on this trick. Rauscheid ruffed and when Melech subsequently took the club finesse she was two down. The bidding and opening lead marked West with a singleton spade, so declarer should have ruffed high, drawn the last trump and discarded her diamond on dummy's remaining spade. If she now divines the club position she can bring home the contract, as it was, she was two down for +100 and 11 IMPs to Germany.

However, Germany gave those IMPs back when they missed the good slam on board 5, and they fell behind two boards later.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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



| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| Levit-Portat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | Rdble |
| 3♥ | Dble | All Pass | |

With diamonds 3-3 and the ace onside it looks like 3♥ will make, but the contract can be defeated. Von Arnim led a spade and declarer ruffed North's ace and played a club. Auken won her queen and played a trump and declarer won and played a second club. This time von Arnim rose with the king and continued with a second trump. Now declarer ruffed a club and played a diamond to her king. When this held she played a second round of diamonds. When von Arnim won the queen and played her last trump, declarer simply conceded a diamond and was home and dry. However, if Auken had won the second round of diamonds



Pony Nehmert, Germany

and played a club or a spade, declarer would not have been able to enjoy the diamonds and would have ended up a trick short.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| Pass | 1♣ | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♥ | All Pass | | Pass |

The 1♣ opening produced a different auction at this table and although Rauscheid also made nine tricks, that was 11 IMPs to Israel.

On board 9 both Souths declared 4♥ and needed to find the ♦Q to make the contract. Von Arnim received a trump lead and misguessed diamonds. At the other table Rauscheid led a diamond, so Israel gained 10 IMPs and now led 33-12.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

| ♠ K J 8 7 | ♠ A 9 6 | ♠ Q 10 4 3 | |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| ♥ K 7 4 | ♥ A 6 | ♥ J 10 9 5 3 | |
| ♦ 10 9 5 2 | ♦ K Q | ♦ 4 3 | |
| ♣ 7 4 | ♣ A K J 10 6 3 | ♣ 9 5 | |
| | ♠ 5 2 | | |
| | ♥ Q 8 2 | | |
| | ♦ A J 8 7 6 | | |
| | ♣ Q 8 2 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Levit-Porat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 6♣ | All Pass | 2♠ |

The 2♠ response to the strong club opening showed a balanced positive with a 5 or 6-card minor. Armed with this information, Auken lept to 6♣. There were no problems in making all thirteen tricks, of course, but could Israel do better at the other table?

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 2♥ |
| All Pass | | Pass | 3NT |

2♦ was a Multi and Nurit Naveh's 2NT rebid showed a balanced 20-22. 3NT was the obvious continuation, so Israel did not even reach a small slam and lost 12 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

In both rooms, East played in 4♠ doubled after North had opened 1♥. Von Arnim led a diamond against Zur-Campanila and declarer won dummy's ace and played a heart to the king and ace. Von Arnim continued diamonds and Auken won, perforce, and exited with a heart. Declarer carefully cashed her third heart before leading a spade and misguessing by playing dummy's nine. However, when Auken won her queen she was endplayed and the defence's club trick disappeared. So declarer was only one down for +200 to Germany.

In the other room Melech found the inspired lead of the ♣7. Now the defence could take all their outside tricks, so that when Nehmert misguessed trumps here as well she was two down for -500 and Israel gained 7 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



Ruth Levit-Porat, Israel

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

3NT is where you would want to play with the North/South cards, and the Israeli pair had no problems in making nine tricks on a club lead. +400 to Israel.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| Levit-Porat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

Von Arnim's 2NT showed a balanced 12-13, so Auken elected to play in 4♠. Zur-Campanila led a heart and Auken played three rounds of the suit and discarded her club as Levit-Porat ruffed the third round. Three rounds of diamonds followed and Zur-Campanila ruffed the third round and underled her ♣A. The unexpected dummy entry meant declarer could now take the losing spade finesse and, uncharacteristically, she took the bait. That meant she was two down and the 11-IMP swing meant Israel led 55-29.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| 1♠ | 4♥ | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| 6♠ | All Pass | 5♥ | Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| Levit-Porat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| 1♠ | 2♣ | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 4♠ | 5♥ |
| | | Dble | All Pass |

Germany seemed to misjudge this hand in both rooms. Israel took the obvious four tricks against 5♥ doubled, so Germany were two down for - 500.

6♠ was mercifully undoubled, but went four down, so Germany lost another 200 and Israel gained 12 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|--------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| | ♠ A 8 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ A J 9 8 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ K 9 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ 10 4 | <table border="1" style="width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | ♠ K Q 5 3 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ K 7 2 | | ♥ Q 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ J 10 7 5 | | ♦ A 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ A J 5 4 | | ♣ K 10 9 7 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ J 9 6 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ 10 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ Q 8 6 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ Q 8 3 | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Levit-Porat | Auken | Zur-Campanila | von Arnim |
| Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

The Israeli pair bid aggressively to 3NT and Auken led a heart won by dummy's queen. Declarer cashed the ♠K and played a second club. After a lot of thought she successfully finessed the jack and was soon able to claim nine trick by way of five clubs, two spades, a diamond and a heart; +400 to Israel.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Rauscheid | Naveh | Nehmert | Melech |
| Pass | 1♥ | Dble | Pass |
| 1NT | All Pass | | |

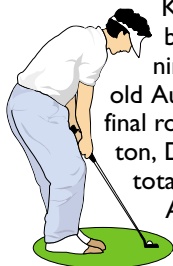
The German pair were not so aggressive and settled in 1NT. (In fact, only one other Ladies pair bid to 3NT and they went one down.) Rauscheid also took the club finesse and made nine tricks, but that was still another 10 IMPs to Israel who had won the match by 81-35 IMPs, 24-6 VPs.

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SPORTS NEWS

Golf



Karrie Webb has completed a record-breaking women's golf Grand Slam by winning the LPGA Championship. The 26-year-old Australian fired a two-under par 69 in the final round at DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware. It gave her a 14-under par 270 total and a two-shot winning margin over American Laura Diaz for her fifth major title and a piece of LPGA history.

Scotland's Andrew Coltart survived a mid-round slump on Sunday to pick up his second European Tour title in the Great North Open. A disappointing final round of 72 for an 11 under par total was enough to give the 31-year-old a one-shot victory over fellow Scot Stephen Gallacher and Surrey's Paul Casey.

Superbikes

Troy Bayliss extended his lead in the World Superbike Championship after sharing the spoils with Ben Bostrom in San Marino. Australian Bayliss secured a win and a second place to move 47 points clear of defending champion Colin Edwards of the United States.

Cycling



Sergei Ivanov sprinted to victory to claim the fifth stage of the Tour de Suisse on Sunday and Stefano Garzelli claimed an impressive victory of the sixth on Monday. Italy's Wladimir Belli was able to cling on to the race's overall lead for the third successive day, just one second clear of Giro d'Italia champion

Gilberto Simoni.

Wimbledon Tennis



The shock of Day 1 was the 6-4, 6-2 elimination of Ladies No. 1 seed, Martina Hingis. Her conqueror was Spain's Virginia Ruana Pascal. Jennifer Capriati, Serena Williams and Justine Henin all won in straight sets, while 10th seed, Elena Dementieva was

taken to a decider by American Allison Bradshaw before going through.

The highest ranked Men's seed to go out was Jan-Michael Gambill of USA. The 12th seed lost to fellow-American Chris Woodruff in five sets. Pete Sampras, Juan Carlos Ferrera, Roger Federer and Tim Henman won in straight sets while it took Marat Safin four to get through, and Thomas Johansson five.

Football



Former Arsenal midfielder, Emmanuel Petit of Barcelona is returning to London, having signed for Chelsea, though his club still claim that Manchester United are favourites to sign the player.

Strange But True

In one of Monday's matches the following bidding sequence occurred on the same deal at both tables.

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |

Remarkably at both tables the player in the West seat called for a Director and asked for permission to replace his Pass with a different call.

At one table this request was refused but at the other it was granted.

Do you know why?



Sanda Enciu, Tournament Director

At one table West had failed to notice his partner's opening bid, so he was passing because he did not have the values to open the bidding. Applying Law 25(a) the Pass was not inadvertent, so West was not allowed to change his call.

At the other table West did see the opening bid, which was a Strong Club. He had been thinking about how the auction might develop and forgot to respond. As his partner had not yet bid again, Law 25(b) could be applied and he could change his call.

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A Survey of Selection Methods for Tenerife

It is interesting to have a look at the various ways each participating country selects its teams for these European Championships. Below you will find the result of an investigation among about half the countries that sent teams to Tenerife.

AUSTRIA

Open: Selection on a team basis, but the winning team is not here because it did not consist fully of Austrians.

Ladies: no selection, but a little friendly battle between the players who are always afraid there will not be six who have enough time to play here.

BELGIUM

Open: Selection on a pairs basis. The two leading pairs are chosen automatically. They then choose a third pair, but their choice has to be sanctioned by the Selection committee. One third of the Federation's overall budget is spent on international bridge.

Ladies: No Selection, because there is no money to send six players.

BULGARIA

Open: No Selection but the winners of the national championship earn the right to represent the country for one year.

Ladies: Our women have such qualities that we keep them at home...

CROATIA

Open: Selection on team basis. Seven teams competed.

Ladies: No Selection because only one team wanted to play. The 18 players are fully paid by their Federation, though it has only 400 members!

DENMARK

Open: They used to have just one selector. Nowadays, they have a Selection committee.

ENGLAND

Open: The final Selection consists of eight teams. The winning team will go. But two years ago, the winning team did not leave because there was a sponsor playing in it. Since then, the regulations have been changed.

Ladies: Two teams meet, each consisting of four players. The team that and chose a third pair from the losing team. This way, for certain players it makes no difference if they are losing or winning; the important thing is to register.

FRANCE

Open and Ladies: Selection on team basis.

GREECE

Open: Mixed selection, first on pairs basis, later on teams basis. The winning pair will be sent. The six next pairs team up into three teams who play each other. The winning team then joins the winning pair.

ICELAND

Open: The Federation announces a captain who chooses a team taking into account the results of the past season.

Ladies: No ladies.

ISRAEL

Open: Selection on a pairs basis, starting with eight pairs. The first three pairs will be sent.

Ladies: Four pairs compete and the first three will go.

ITALY

Open and Ladies: A Selection committee chooses the three pairs to be sent. This works quite well for the men, as the three pairs chosen are clearly superior to the other ones but, in the Ladies, there were a few problems. As the level is more homogenous, the choice is more delicate and can lead to long arguments.

LATVIA

Open: No Selection. The winners of the national championship are sent. As they did not all have time to go, the team had to find some replacements.

Ladies: no Ladies because there is no money to send them.

LEBANON

Open: Selection on a team basis.

LUXEMBOURG

Very folkloristic: No Selection but any candidate can register freely. There is only one criterion: you have to be able to prove that you are a good player!

NORWAY

Open: A captain chooses the three pairs. His choice then has to be approved of by the national Selection committee.

Ladies: Idem.

POLAND

The only country (with Sweden) in which Selection takes place on an exchange basis. In the first stage, the 10 best pairs of both countries played each other.

Open: Pairs selection, type two plus one.

Ladies: Pairs Selection as well, type two plus one.

PORTUGAL

Open: Selection on a team basis.

Ladies: The few participating women play in the Open selection. The Federation does not have enough money to send two teams.

RUSSIA

Open: Selection on a pairs basis. The two winning pairs choose the third.

SPAIN

Open: Selection on a team basis.

Ladies: Selection on a team basis.

The players have to pay their own costs here on Tenerife and get a reimbursement of about USD 250, for their 15-day stay here.

SAN MARINO

Open: Difficult to get an answer; there seems to be a difference between the official reply and reality.

Ladies: The (very sympathetic) team is based on friendship between the players...and that is a very good thing!

TURKEY

Open: Selection on a pairs basis. The first pair will qualify automatically. The runners-up join a group of nine players, from which one pair is drawn. The third pair is chosen by a Selection committee.

Ladies: The playing level of the ladies has not yet reached export quality at the moment. We are working on it.

UKRAINE

Open: Selection on a team basis. The players travel at their own expense because the Federation's overall annual budget is about USD 1000.

What they think about it

SVEND NOVRUP (DENMARK)

It is more important to have a team founded on good relations between the three pairs than to have the three best pairs on paper. Take for example the Danish team that won the silver medal in Menton, 1993: technically speaking, they were weaker than a few other teams, but their team spirit and their desire to win was such that nothing could stop them.

One only selector is a bad approach because he will have a tendency to always select the same people. On the other hand, he will feel more responsible than a Selection committee.

ERIC KOKISH

I am against Selection committees. For me, only selections at the table make sense, provided that the winning pairs (or teams) are sent.

Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

A stepping stone squeeze endplay

Rarely did a Danish team in the Open Series experience such a black Sunday. In three matches they achieved only 31 VPs. Taking a look at the standings they realised that with 22 VPs more they would have been fifth and maybe on their way to Bali.

One of the players, however, had a hand which could keep him warm on a cold day. He would forget all the calamities and think about Board 17 from the match against Turkey in Round 19 (12-18):

Dealer North. None Vul.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | ♠ 8 | | |
| | ♥ K J 6 5 2 | | |
| | ♦ J 6 3 2 | | |
| | ♣ J 9 5 | | |
| ♠ Q 9 7 | | ♠ K J 10 6 5 3 | |
| ♥ Q 9 7 3 | | ♥ 10 8 | |
| ♦ A Q 7 4 | | ♦ K 9 | |
| ♣ 7 3 | | ♣ K 10 6 | |
| | ♠ A 4 2 | | |
| | ♥ A 4 | | |
| | ♦ 10 8 5 | | |
| | ♣ A Q 8 4 2 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ |
| Dble | 3♣ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♠ | All Pass | | |



Henrik Caspersen realised that the stepping stone squeeze endplay was on

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

Henrik Caspersen/Tom Noergaard of Denmark East/West. The double was negative.

South cashed ♥A and continued the suit to the queen and king. A club switch would have been deadly but even if North played a third heart you would have difficulty in finding a way to nine tricks. Caspersen ruffed with ♠10, and South discarded ♦8 - a card which Caspersen would take care to remember well.

He played trumps, South won the second with the ace to play a third round, taken in hand with ♠K. Caspersen now ran his remaining trumps, and the position ahead of the last one was:

The ♠3 squeezed North out of his life-saving line, the club. The lay-out was an open book to Caspersen, who just had to hope that South had one more diamond higher than the six. He cashed ♦K and ♦A, noting with pleasure the fall of the ten. Then he used North as a stepping stone, playing ♥9 to North's king, and North was left to lead away from ♦J6 into dummy's ♦Q7!

A brilliant piece of declarer play which may well be considered to be one of the best of the championships. It was only fair that the same contract failed by one trick at the other table for a Danish win of 5 IMPs.

SESSION 12
LADIES TEAMS



England v Scotland



As we moved into the second half of the Women's Championship, England were leading while Scotland were last. Perhaps that sounds like the recipe for a massacre but local rivalry often produces upsets - would this be another example of that phenomenon?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Dhondy | Outred | Smith | Alexander |
| 2♦ | 3♣ | 3♠ | 4♣ |
| Pass | 5♣ | All Pass | |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| McGowan | Brunner | McQuaker | Goldenfield |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Heather Dhondy's 2♦ opening was weak with at least 5-4 in the majors. Nicola Smith competed in spades, making it almost inevitable that the Scots would play the club game. Smith led the king of spades and Vi Outred ruffed and, remembering the opening bid, tried the effect of cashing one top trump then playing three rounds of diamonds to pitch a heart from dummy. That was not a success, as Dhondy could ruff the third round and exit with

a low spade. Outred drew the remaining trump then led a heart for the king and ace. With only one trump in dummy, she had to lose two more tricks for down two; -200.

Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield had a free run at the other table and got to 3NT. Not altogether surprisingly on the auction, the lead was a low heart. Goldenfield grabbed her king and cashed nine minor-suit winners for +630 and 13 IMPs to England.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Dhondy | Outred | Smith | Alexander |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| McGowan | Brunner | McQuaker | Goldenfield |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5♠ |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

Both North/South pairs bid smoothly to the top spot for a push at +1370. Nicely bid.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Fiona McQuaker, Scotland

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| West Dhondy | North Outred | East Smith | South Alexander |
| | | Pass | 2♠ |
| Dble | 4♠ | 5♥ | All Pass |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| West McGowan | North Brunner | East McQuaker | South Goldenfield |
| | | Pass | 2♠ |
| Dble | 3♠ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| Dble | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | All Pass | |

The North/South pre-emption made it difficult for East/West. Of course, 4♠ was going to go down, while East/West could make nothing at the five level, but East's shapely hand suggested bidding on, and that is what happened at both tables.

Margaret Alexander led the queen of spades against 5♥ and Outred won the ace and switched to ace and another diamond to give her partner a ruff. But now the defensive trumps were dividing evenly and Smith could win the club switch and play ace then queen of hearts for down two; -200.

Brunner's more gentle spade raise gave Fiona McQuaker the opportunity to show both of her suits at the other table - much to her regret. Brunner doubled 5♦ and here too the lead was a spade to the ace. Brunner looked for a forcing game, returning a second spade to McQuaker's king. Declarer ruffed her last spade then led a diamond to the queen - ouch! McQuaker took the heart finesse and back came another heart, picking up the jack for her. But there were still three trump tricks to be lost and that meant three down for -800 and 12 IMPs to England.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| West Dhondy | North Outred | East Smith | South Alexander |
| | 1♦ | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| West McGowan | North Brunner | East McQuaker | South Goldenfield |
| | INT | 2♣ | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

A club lead leaves declarer without recourse, but Dhondy cashed the ace of hearts and then switched to a club. Alexander won in hand and played a heart and Dhondy sleepily played low, forcing Smith to win the trick. What had been a simple defence

suddenly became more difficult - indeed, if declarer plays correctly she can no longer be defeated. Smith switched to the ten of spades and Alexander won on table and played a club towards her hand, hoping to ruff her last heart. Smith ruffed in and exited with her last trump and that was down one for -50.

At the other table, Liz McGowan led a diamond. Goldenfield went up with the ace and played a second diamond to the king. McQuaker cashed the king then jack of hearts before playing a high diamond through. Goldenfield could ruff high and take her heart ruff, unblock the spades and come back to hand with a club to draw the last trump: +420 and 10 IMPs to England - not much sign of an upset here.

In the Women's match between Israel and Finland, Ritva Niemisto for Finland led the ace of hearts against Ruth Levit-Porat's 4♠ contract. Niemisto found the club switch at trick two and now the contract must go down if the defence is accurate. Levit-Porat won the club on table and now had an opportunity to make life difficult for her opponents. Had she played a heart now, Birgit Barlund would have had to duck her king, queen, jack, playing partner for the ten. A similar situation arose when Levit-Porat tried a low diamond off the table. Barlund went in with her king and, after a little thought, came up with the fine play of underleading her heart honours to put partner in to give the ruff. Niemisto duly did so for a very well-played and defended one down; -50 and 10 IMPs to Finland as the same contract was allowed to make in the other room.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| West Dhondy | North Outred | East Smith | South Alexander |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♠ | Dble | 4♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| West McGowan | North Brunner | East McQuaker | South Goldenfield |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | All Pass |

Outed's thin double tempted Smith to pre-empt perhaps one level higher than her hand really justified - no doubt fearful of her heart shortage. Alexander had an automatic double and there was no way for Dhondy to avoid a loser in each suit after the lead of a low diamond to the ace and a club switch; -200.

In the other room, Brunner neither doubled 1♠ nor balanced when 2♠ came round to her. Two Spades was a comfortable make for +140 and 8 IMPs to Scotland, who needed them.



Heather Dhondy, England

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Dhondy | Outred | Smith | Alexander |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 5♣ | All Pass | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| McGowan | Brunner | McQuaker | Goldenfield |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 6♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Smith led the jack of hearts against Outred's game. That got covered all round and Outred continued by leading a diamond to the ace and a club back to her ace. She cashed the diamond now to throw a heart from dummy, then gave up a heart. Dhondy won and played another heart, forcing dummy to ruff as Smith divested herself of a spade. Outred played three rounds of spades, ruffing the third one low, and was over-ruffed. When Smith returned the queen of clubs, Outred was left with a losing diamond at the end for down one; -100.

What a difference a lead makes! Against 6♣, McQuaker led a diamond to dummy's ace and Brunner played three rounds of spades, ruffing, cashed a top club then led a low club towards the jack. When the queen appeared, she could use the ♣J as an entry to cash the long spades while drawing the last trump and had twelve tricks; +1370 and 16 IMPs to England.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Dhondy | Outred | Smith | Alexander |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| 2♦ | 2♥ | Dble | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 5♦ | All Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
| McGowan | Brunner | McQuaker | Goldenfield |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

The match ended with a little good news for Scotland. Alexander led the king of hearts against Smith's 5♦. Declarer won and cashed one top trump before leading the queen of spades from hand. Alexander went up with her ace, as she needed to do, and switched to a club. Smith ducked that to the queen and Outred returned a heart. There was no way to avoid a second club loser at the end so Smith was one down; -100.

Three No Trump could also have gone down, of course, but Brunner led the king of clubs. McGowan could win and play three rounds of diamonds to get to hand. She led a spade to the king and ace and Goldenfield switched to a low heart to dummy's bare ace. McGowan could cross to hand and lead up towards the jack of clubs and that was her ninth trick; +600 and 12 IMPs to the Scots.

England's 77-21 IMP, 25-4 VP victory confirmed their position at the top and also the Scots' position at the bottom.

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 23

| Player | avg. IMPs | Boards | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 Multon F | FRA | 0.79 | 340 | Kaplan A | BEL | 0.15 | 280 | Ucar A | TUR | -0.12 | 239 |
| Quantin J | FRA | 0.79 | 340 | Polet G | BEL | 0.15 | 280 | 55 Cuthbertson | SCO | -0.13 | 320 |
| 2 Bocchi N | ITA | 0.73 | 360 | Abecassis M | FRA | 0.15 | 280 | Matheson J | SCO | -0.13 | 320 |
| Duboin G | ITA | 0.73 | 360 | Soulet P | FRA | 0.15 | 280 | 56 Mihov V | BUL | -0.14 | 280 |
| 3 Karaivanov K | BUL | 0.72 | 300 | Eliasson PG | LAT | 0.15 | 359 | Nanev I | BUL | -0.14 | 280 |
| Trendafilov | BUL | 0.72 | 300 | Magnusson T | LAT | 0.15 | 359 | 57 Senk M | SLO | -0.17 | 440 |
| 4 Helgemo G | NOR | 0.71 | 340 | Steel L | SCO | 0.15 | 320 | Kranjc G | SLO | -0.17 | 440 |
| Helness T | NOR | 0.71 | 340 | 32 Barbosa J | POR | 0.14 | 300 | 58 Jansa Z | CZE | -0.18 | 300 |
| 5 Carcassonne | BEL | 0.64 | 300 | Pinto R | POR | 0.14 | 300 | Svoboda O | CZE | -0.18 | 300 |
| Labaere A | BEL | 0.64 | 300 | 33 Kurka J | CZE | 0.13 | 300 | Maas A | NET | -0.18 | 340 |
| 6 Eidi M | LEB | 0.63 | 400 | 34 Mraz T | CZE | 0.12 | 260 | Ramondt V | NET | -0.18 | 340 |
| Harfouche G | LEB | 0.63 | 400 | Kirchhoff E | NET | 0.12 | 200 | 59 Matei C | ROM | -0.19 | 340 |
| 7 Balicki C | POL | 0.62 | 300 | Paulissen G | NET | 0.12 | 200 | Savin D | ROM | -0.19 | 320 |
| Zmudzinski A | POL | 0.62 | 300 | Gloyer A | AUS | 0.12 | 319 | 60 Capucho M | POR | -0.22 | 280 |
| 8 Skoularikis F | GRE | 0.60 | 320 | Schifko M | AUS | 0.12 | 319 | Lara M | POR | -0.22 | 280 |
| Zotos L | GRE | 0.60 | 320 | 35 Rees T | WAL | 0.11 | 280 | 61 Nikolayenko | UKR | -0.25 | 300 |
| 9 Honti L | HUN | 0.59 | 280 | Nystrom F | SWE | 0.11 | 300 | Rybnikov G | UKR | -0.25 | 300 |
| Kwiecien M | POL | 0.59 | 380 | Bertheau P | SWE | 0.11 | 300 | Juuri-Oja J | FIN | -0.25 | 239 |
| Pszczola J | POL | 0.59 | 380 | 36 Hopfenheit G | GER | 0.09 | 280 | Utter L | FIN | -0.25 | 239 |
| Gromov A | RUS | 0.59 | 340 | Retzlaff R | GER | 0.09 | 280 | Rotaru I | ROM | -0.25 | 300 |
| Kholomeev V | RUS | 0.59 | 280 | 37 Hallberg G | ENG | 0.08 | 260 | 62 Micescu V | ROM | -0.26 | 280 |
| Petrulin A | RUS | 0.59 | 340 | Simpson C | ENG | 0.08 | 260 | 63 Debonnaire J | POR | -0.27 | 300 |
| Zlotov D | RUS | 0.59 | 280 | 38 Caspersen H | DEN | 0.07 | 240 | Teixeira A | POR | -0.27 | 300 |
| 10 Brogeland B | NOR | 0.57 | 280 | Norgaard T | DEN | 0.07 | 240 | Briolini G | SMR | -0.27 | 300 |
| Saelensminde | NOR | 0.57 | 280 | 39 Winkler G | HUN | 0.06 | 419 | Fiorini F | SMR | -0.27 | 300 |
| 11 Dubinin A | RUS | 0.49 | 260 | 40 Frances A | SPA | 0.05 | 280 | Tesla M | CRO | -0.27 | 360 |
| Krasnosselsk | RUS | 0.49 | 260 | Torres J | SPA | 0.05 | 280 | Borevkovic G | CRO | -0.27 | 360 |
| 12 Ingimarsson | ICE | 0.45 | 320 | 41 AA T | NOR | 0.04 | 260 | 64 Lamza V | CRO | -0.30 | 280 |
| Magnusson M | ICE | 0.45 | 320 | Groethem G | NOR | 0.04 | 260 | Tomic T | CRO | -0.30 | 280 |
| 13 Karaivanov I | BUL | 0.43 | 300 | Allegrini P | FRA | 0.04 | 300 | 65 Szilagyi L | HUN | -0.32 | 260 |
| Stamatov J | BUL | 0.43 | 300 | Palau Jj | FRA | 0.04 | 300 | 66 Dousse J | SWI | -0.39 | 260 |
| 14 Kapayannides A | GRE | 0.41 | 300 | Murdoch J | SCO | 0.04 | 280 | Stoekli F | SWI | -0.39 | 260 |
| Liarakos S | GRE | 0.41 | 300 | Walker D | SCO | 0.04 | 280 | 67 Goded F | SPA | -0.40 | 339 |
| 15 Jansma J | NET | 0.39 | 380 | 42 Aviram Y | ISR | 0.02 | 219 | Lantarou L | SPA | -0.40 | 339 |
| Verhees L | NET | 0.39 | 380 | Barel M | ISR | 0.02 | 219 | Soroldoni M | SMR | -0.40 | 280 |
| 16 Sundelin P | SWE | 0.37 | 320 | Kiema O | FIN | 0.02 | 459 | Zaccaria D | SMR | -0.40 | 280 |
| Sylvan J | SWE | 0.37 | 320 | Koistinen K | FIN | 0.02 | 459 | 68 Kloppenborg | LUX | -0.45 | 300 |
| 17 Blakset L | DEN | 0.36 | 320 | 43 Pownall M | WAL | 0.00 | 320 | Schaaper M | LUX | -0.45 | 300 |
| Bruun M | DEN | 0.36 | 320 | Knap A | SPA | 0.00 | 298 | Levy R | SWI | -0.45 | 340 |
| 18 Herbst I | ISR | 0.35 | 339 | Wasik A | SPA | 0.00 | 298 | Teyluoni F | SWI | -0.45 | 340 |
| Herbst O | ISR | 0.35 | 339 | Ludewig B | GER | 0.00 | 320 | 69 Fornaro P | LIE | -0.52 | 300 |
| 19 Engel Z | BEL | 0.32 | 300 | Reps K | GER | 0.00 | 320 | Zucchini G | LIE | -0.52 | 300 |
| Van Middeltem | BEL | 0.32 | 300 | 44 Hanlon T | IRE | -0.02 | 340 | 70 Ananijev B | CRO | -0.55 | 240 |
| Kannavos P | GRE | 0.32 | 260 | McGann H | IRE | -0.02 | 340 | Sasek T | CRO | -0.55 | 240 |
| Kapayannides K | GRE | 0.32 | 260 | Rometi F | ROM | -0.02 | 260 | 71 Pesonen J | FIN | -0.56 | 220 |
| 20 Hegedus G | HUN | 0.31 | 300 | Valeanu V | ROM | -0.02 | 260 | Stubb S | FIN | -0.56 | 220 |
| 21 Zorlu N | TUR | 0.30 | 420 | 45 Gal P | HUN | -0.03 | 279 | 72 Novak M | SLO | -0.57 | 440 |
| Assael S | TUR | 0.30 | 420 | 46 Vozabal D | CZE | -0.04 | 300 | Lipuzic D | SLO | -0.57 | 440 |
| 22 Hausler H | GER | 0.28 | 280 | Zadrzil M | CZE | -0.04 | 300 | Helling S | LUX | -0.57 | 260 |
| Spletstosse | GER | 0.28 | 280 | Mykhaylenko | UKR | -0.04 | 280 | Renno I | LUX | -0.57 | 260 |
| Simon J | AUS | 0.28 | 299 | Nemtsev O | UKR | -0.04 | 280 | 73 Fahs B | LEB | -0.65 | 200 |
| Terraneo C | AUS | 0.28 | 299 | 47 Kurbalija F | WAL | -0.05 | 300 | Hamdan F | LEB | -0.65 | 200 |
| 23 Andersson L | SWE | 0.25 | 260 | Jonsson Th | ICE | -0.05 | 300 | 74 O'Briain P | IRE | -0.67 | 280 |
| Gullberg T | SWE | 0.25 | 260 | Thorvaldsson | ICE | -0.05 | 300 | Roche T | IRE | -0.67 | 280 |
| 24 Lauria L | ITA | 0.23 | 320 | 48 Fawcett J | ENG | -0.06 | 320 | 75 MacDonagh M | IRE | -0.73 | 260 |
| Versace A | ITA | 0.23 | 320 | Liggins G | ENG | -0.06 | 320 | O'Brien B | IRE | -0.73 | 260 |
| 25 Yadlin D | ISR | 0.22 | 280 | 49 Burn D | ENG | -0.07 | 300 | Arnaboldi S | LIE | -0.73 | 300 |
| Yadlin I | ISR | 0.22 | 280 | Callaghan B | ENG | -0.07 | 300 | Turletti G | LIE | -0.73 | 300 |
| 26 Schaltz D | DEN | 0.21 | 320 | 50 Denning P | WAL | -0.08 | 280 | 76 Dietrich A | LUX | -0.74 | 320 |
| Schaltz P | DEN | 0.21 | 320 | Thomas A | WAL | -0.08 | 280 | Richter C | LUX | -0.74 | 320 |
| 27 Lindermann A | AUS | 0.20 | 260 | Baroudi N | LEB | -0.08 | 240 | 77 Alfejeva E | LAT | -0.78 | 280 |
| Saurer B | AUS | 0.20 | 260 | Nasr C | LEB | -0.08 | 240 | Gonca V | LAT | -0.78 | 280 |
| 28 De Falco D | ITA | 0.19 | 200 | 51 Szalay G | HUN | -0.09 | 300 | 78 Rapoport O | UKR | -0.80 | 300 |
| Ferraro G | ITA | 0.19 | 200 | 52 Cuhadar E | TUR | -0.10 | 260 | Volkov O | UKR | -0.80 | 300 |
| 29 Lesniewski M | POL | 0.17 | 240 | Arigun C | TUR | -0.10 | 260 | 79 Filippi F | SMR | -0.85 | 300 |
| Martens K | POL | 0.17 | 240 | 53 Baldursson J | ICE | -0.11 | 300 | Pizza E | SMR | -0.85 | 300 |
| 30 Goodman P | WAL | 0.16 | 300 | Sigurhjartar | ICE | -0.11 | 300 | 80 Purgajlis M | LAT | -0.86 | 280 |
| 31 Whittaker W | SCO | 0.15 | 320 | 54 Duong H | SWI | -0.12 | 320 | Romanovskis | LAT | -0.86 | 280 |
| | | | | Yalcin T | SWI | -0.12 | 320 | 81 Goffarelli V | LIE | -1.05 | 320 |
| | | | | Koksoy E | TUR | -0.12 | 239 | Palmieri C | LIE | -1.05 | 320 |

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SENIOR TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 14

| Player | | avg. Boards | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------|-------------|------|-----|----|--------------|-----|-------|-----|----|--------------|-----|-------|-----|
| | | IMPs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Flodqvist S. | SWE | 1.64 | 56 | 24 | Knutsen K | NOR | 0.28 | 138 | 49 | Wenneroed K | NOR | -0.27 | 112 |
| 2 | Berglund SE | SWE | 1.49 | 70 | 25 | Bomhof J.W | NET | 0.27 | 154 | 50 | Parente M | POR | -0.29 | 182 |
| 3 | Hackett P | ENI | 1.26 | 112 | | Englander N | NET | 0.27 | 154 | | Ribeiro G | POR | -0.29 | 182 |
| | Harper R | ENI | 1.26 | 112 | 26 | Nordby H | NOR | 0.25 | 166 | | Boyadji E | LEB | -0.29 | 98 |
| 4 | Adad P | FR2 | 1.09 | 126 | 27 | Brav B | ISI | 0.23 | 154 | | MacHale J | IRE | -0.29 | 154 |
| | Aujaleu M | FR2 | 1.09 | 126 | | Zilberbush S | ISI | 0.23 | 154 | 51 | Boesiger H | SWI | -0.30 | 196 |
| 5 | Rue D | EN2 | 1.00 | 126 | 28 | As I | IS2 | 0.22 | 98 | | Splengler W | SWI | -0.30 | 196 |
| | Sowter T | EN2 | 1.00 | 126 | | Megged A | IS2 | 0.22 | 98 | 52 | Montwill A | IRE | -0.31 | 168 |
| 6 | Maci G | IT1 | 0.96 | 140 | 29 | Filip A | CZE | 0.20 | 126 | 53 | Badir F | BEL | -0.33 | 182 |
| | Mismetti C | IT1 | 0.96 | 140 | | Jires P | CZE | 0.20 | 126 | | Hendrickx J | BEL | -0.33 | 182 |
| 7 | Diamond D | SCO | 0.95 | 126 | 30 | Barry P | IRE | 0.19 | 154 | 54 | Almeida E | POR | -0.37 | 112 |
| 8 | Brkljadic M | CRO | 0.87 | 126 | 31 | Humburg H | GE1 | 0.15 | 140 | | Ferreira H | POR | -0.37 | 112 |
| 9 | Wala W | POI | 0.79 | 154 | | Mattsson G | GE1 | 0.15 | 140 | | Sveindal J | NOR | -0.37 | 138 |
| | Wilkosz A | POI | 0.79 | 154 | 32 | Gomes DaCost | POR | 0.13 | 98 | 55 | Mykietyn K | PO2 | -0.39 | 112 |
| | Baroni F | IT2 | 0.79 | 126 | | Oliveira J | POR | 0.13 | 98 | | Arachtinsi | LEB | -0.39 | 98 |
| | Ricciarelli | IT2 | 0.79 | 126 | | Gromoeller W | GE2 | 0.13 | 182 | 56 | Goldenfield | ENI | -0.44 | 126 |
| 10 | Protega B | CRO | 0.72 | 140 | | Schneider W | GE2 | 0.13 | 182 | | Hirst B | ENI | -0.44 | 126 |
| 11 | Reurer JM | FR1 | 0.71 | 126 | 33 | Jackson D.A | IRE | 0.12 | 154 | | Merhy G | LEB | -0.44 | 168 |
| | Coppolani M | FR1 | 0.71 | 126 | 34 | Bettinetti G | IT2 | 0.10 | 126 | 57 | MacLaren J | SCO | -0.45 | 126 |
| 12 | Baxter K | SCO | 0.65 | 126 | | Marino L | IT2 | 0.10 | 126 | 58 | Alcaraz R | SPI | -0.49 | 112 |
| 13 | DeVrij H | NET | 0.64 | 42 | | Levit Y | IS2 | 0.10 | 154 | | DiazRevenga | SPI | -0.49 | 112 |
| | Polle W | NET | 0.64 | 42 | 35 | Sagiv Y | IS2 | 0.10 | 154 | 59 | Eidi G | LEB | -0.56 | 56 |
| 14 | Panto J | ENI | 0.56 | 154 | | Goldberg V | SCO | 0.09 | 140 | 60 | Manglano J | SPI | -0.58 | 126 |
| | Waterlow T | ENI | 0.56 | 154 | | Gordon I | SCO | 0.09 | 140 | | Molero E | SPI | -0.58 | 126 |
| | Hugonet T | FR1 | 0.56 | 140 | 36 | Ekberg S | SWE | 0.07 | 168 | | Debbane J | LEB | -0.58 | 140 |
| | Peyronnie C | FR1 | 0.56 | 140 | 37 | Imhof H | SWI | 0.06 | 196 | 61 | Krizek F | CZE | -0.64 | 126 |
| 15 | Chmelik N | GE1 | 0.55 | 112 | | Frei J | SWI | 0.06 | 196 | | Subrt J | CZE | -0.64 | 126 |
| | Hoger W | GE1 | 0.55 | 112 | | Hellemann H | NOR | 0.06 | 124 | 62 | Perasic D | CRO | -0.68 | 154 |
| 16 | Klappet W | POI | 0.51 | 182 | 38 | Luck J | WAI | 0.05 | 154 | 63 | Dix M | MAL | -0.69 | 182 |
| | Russyan J | POI | 0.51 | 182 | 39 | Stanley K | EN2 | 0.04 | 112 | | ParnisEnglan | MAL | -0.69 | 182 |
| | Mari C | FR2 | 0.51 | 126 | | Townsend B | EN2 | 0.04 | 112 | 64 | Greenstein M | ISI | -0.73 | 140 |
| | Leenhardt F | FR2 | 0.51 | 126 | 40 | Battistoni G | IT2 | 0.02 | 112 | | Harduf M | ISI | -0.73 | 140 |
| 17 | Hirst M | WAI | 0.49 | 126 | | Bertolucci E | IT2 | 0.02 | 112 | 65 | Moe J | NOR | -0.75 | 42 |
| 18 | Klukowski J | PO2 | 0.46 | 140 | 41 | Jourdain P | WAI | 0.00 | 98 | 66 | Caric J | CRO | -0.76 | 126 |
| | Hallen H.O | SWE | 0.45 | 168 | | Alfredsson L | SWE | 0.00 | 154 | 67 | Mannor M | IS2 | -0.78 | 112 |
| | Beineix JC | FR1 | 0.45 | 98 | | Collings J | EN2 | 0.00 | 126 | | Sharon A | IS2 | -0.78 | 112 |
| | Stoppa JL | FR1 | 0.45 | 98 | 42 | Jones D | EN2 | 0.00 | 126 | 68 | Gagne P | WAI | -0.82 | 182 |
| | Bardin A | IT1 | 0.45 | 126 | | Gleis M | BEL | -0.01 | 182 | | Reddy T | WAI | -0.82 | 168 |
| | Bettoni T | IT1 | 0.45 | 126 | | Henry J | BEL | -0.01 | 182 | 69 | Parry E | WA2 | -0.83 | 180 |
| 20 | Delmouly C | FR2 | 0.42 | 140 | 43 | Marcowicz V | PO2 | -0.05 | 140 | | Powell A | WA2 | -0.83 | 180 |
| | Roudinesco J | FR2 | 0.42 | 140 | | MacKenzie G | IRE | -0.05 | 154 | 70 | Patrick D | WA2 | -0.84 | 180 |
| 21 | Piekenbrock | GE2 | 0.41 | 182 | 44 | Frew D | SCO | -0.15 | 126 | | Patrick J | WA2 | -0.84 | 180 |
| | Uhlmann HD | GE2 | 0.41 | 182 | 45 | Schroeder D | GE1 | -0.19 | 140 | 71 | Fayad G | LEB | -0.85 | 112 |
| 22 | Rebattu M | NET | 0.39 | 168 | | Schwenkreis | GE1 | -0.19 | 140 | 72 | Leighton C | MAL | -1.09 | 182 |
| | Van Oppen C | NET | 0.39 | 168 | 46 | Longinotti E | IT1 | -0.21 | 98 | | Leighton M | MAL | -1.09 | 182 |
| 23 | Jeziro A | PO2 | 0.38 | 196 | | Resta G | IT1 | -0.21 | 98 | 73 | Sver B | CRO | -1.12 | 140 |
| | Zaremba J | PO2 | 0.38 | 196 | 47 | Nosek J | CZE | -0.24 | 112 | | Isla J | SPI | -1.12 | 126 |
| | | | | | | Hebak P | CZE | -0.24 | 112 | | JimenezHuert | SPI | -1.12 | 126 |
| | | | | | 48 | Peri S | ISI | -0.26 | 98 | 74 | Tedeschi E | CRO | -1.42 | 98 |
| | | | | | | Shachar L | ISI | -0.26 | 98 | 75 | Milde A | POI | -1.49 | 56 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Stobiecki W | POI | -1.49 | 56 |

LADIES TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 13

| Player | avg. IMPs | Boards | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| 1 Brunner M | ENG | 1.03 | 120 | 22 Hugon E | FRA | 0.23 | 140 | 37 Kulichkova O | RUS | -0.22 | 160 |
| Goldenfield | ENG | 1.03 | 120 | Fishpool C | FRA | 0.23 | 140 | Ponomareva T | RUS | -0.22 | 160 |
| 2 Pascual M | SPA | 0.93 | 160 | Kailiakmani A | GRE | 0.23 | 200 | 38 Barlund B | FIN | -0.25 | 160 |
| Viola C | SPA | 0.93 | 160 | Mamidaki L | GRE | 0.23 | 200 | Niemisto R | FIN | -0.25 | 160 |
| 3 Dhondy H | ENG | 0.90 | 240 | Brock S | ENG | 0.23 | 120 | 39 Romanowska M | RUS | -0.29 | 160 |
| Smith N | ENG | 0.90 | 240 | Courtney M | ENG | 0.23 | 120 | Volina V | RUS | -0.29 | 160 |
| 4 Avon D | FRA | 0.82 | 200 | 23 Dumont S | FRA | 0.20 | 140 | 40 Heitmann E | NOR | -0.30 | 160 |
| Lustin C | FRA | 0.82 | 200 | Clement M | FRA | 0.20 | 140 | Langeland A | NOR | -0.30 | 160 |
| 5 Lancova M | CZE | 0.75 | 100 | 24 Macieszczak | POL | 0.17 | 160 | 41 Kyriakidou A | GRE | -0.31 | 160 |
| Tomcikova Z | CZE | 0.75 | 100 | Siwek M | POL | 0.17 | 160 | Lambrinou S | GRE | -0.31 | 160 |
| 6 Matut M | SPA | 0.72 | 180 | Van der Pas | NET | 0.17 | 180 | 42 Bilde L | DEN | -0.35 | 180 |
| Santos C | SPA | 0.72 | 180 | Vriend B | NET | 0.17 | 180 | Henriksen C | DEN | -0.35 | 180 |
| 7 Levit-Porat | ISR | 0.70 | 220 | 25 Hellmann A | NOR | 0.12 | 180 | 43 Kanellopoulou D | GRE | -0.36 | 120 |
| Zur-Campanil | ISR | 0.70 | 220 | Malinowski A | NOR | 0.12 | 180 | Ekonomou L | GRE | -0.36 | 120 |
| 8 DeLucchi F | ITA | 0.69 | 220 | 26 Hoogweg F | NET | 0.11 | 160 | 44 Mezey K | HUN | -0.38 | 220 |
| Rosetta A | ITA | 0.69 | 220 | Van Zwol W | NET | 0.11 | 160 | 45 Perlini MC | RSM | -0.40 | 140 |
| 9 Hegedus O | HUN | 0.62 | 120 | 27 Arrigoni G | ITA | 0.09 | 140 | Stacchini LM | RSM | -0.40 | 140 |
| 10 Redermeir A | AUS | 0.61 | 160 | 28 Birman D | ISR | 0.06 | 120 | 46 Clench G | WAL | -0.42 | 160 |
| Terraneo S | AUS | 0.61 | 160 | Liberman R | ISR | 0.06 | 120 | Harris D | WAL | -0.42 | 160 |
| 11 Andersson P | SWE | 0.60 | 200 | Gromova V | RUS | 0.06 | 160 | 47 Casey J | WAL | -0.57 | 180 |
| Larsson J | SWE | 0.60 | 200 | Khonicheva E | RUS | 0.06 | 160 | Kurbalija D | WAL | -0.57 | 180 |
| 12 Auken S | GER | 0.56 | 220 | 29 Gothe E | SWE | 0.03 | 200 | 48 Greenland L | WAL | -0.70 | 180 |
| Von Arnim D | GER | 0.56 | 220 | Midskog C | SWE | 0.03 | 200 | Hirst A | WAL | -0.70 | 180 |
| 13 Svobodova P | CZE | 0.51 | 200 | 30 Sarniak A | POL | 0.00 | 200 | Babot M | SPA | -0.70 | 140 |
| Pokorna J | CZE | 0.51 | 200 | Tichy E | HUN | 0.00 | 240 | Sanchiz N | SPA | -0.70 | 140 |
| 14 Pasman J | NET | 0.46 | 140 | Grunt A | POL | 0.00 | 200 | 49 Baldini P | RSM | -0.77 | 200 |
| Simons A | NET | 0.46 | 140 | 31 Pilipovic M | CRO | -0.05 | 200 | Tantini R | RSM | -0.77 | 200 |
| 15 Melech H | ISR | 0.45 | 140 | Sver N | CRO | -0.05 | 200 | 50 Njaradi I | HUN | -0.79 | 80 |
| Naveh N | ISR | 0.45 | 140 | 32 Tomaszewska | POL | -0.08 | 160 | 51 Alexander M | SCO | -0.86 | 200 |
| 16 Erhardt M | AUS | 0.44 | 180 | Wojtyra A | POL | -0.08 | 160 | Outred V | SCO | -0.86 | 200 |
| Smederevac J | AUS | 0.44 | 180 | 33 Evelius-Nohr | SWE | -0.09 | 120 | Kulmala S | FIN | -0.86 | 140 |
| Ferlazzo C | ITA | 0.44 | 120 | Karlsson-Uis | SWE | -0.09 | 120 | Savolainen P | FIN | -0.86 | 140 |
| Manara G | ITA | 0.44 | 120 | 34 SteenLybaek | NOR | -0.10 | 140 | 52 Filippi M | RSM | -1.04 | 180 |
| 17 Fisher D | AUS | 0.40 | 180 | Wennevold I | NOR | -0.10 | 140 | Urbani AM | RSM | -1.04 | 180 |
| Weigkricht T | AUS | 0.40 | 180 | 35 Nehmert P | GER | -0.13 | 160 | 53 Brkljacic T | CRO | -1.07 | 120 |
| 18 Topolyi M | HUN | 0.38 | 80 | Rauscheid A | GER | -0.13 | 160 | Petrovic I | CRO | -1.07 | 120 |
| 19 Farwig K | GER | 0.28 | 100 | Farholt S | DEN | -0.13 | 180 | 54 McGowan L | SCO | -1.10 | 200 |
| Stawowy B | GER | 0.28 | 100 | Rahelt M | DEN | -0.13 | 180 | McQuaker F | SCO | -1.10 | 200 |
| 20 Erdeova J | CZE | 0.27 | 180 | Backstrom S | FIN | -0.13 | 220 | 55 Gerrard C | SCO | -1.13 | 120 |
| Hnatova D | CZE | 0.27 | 180 | Koistinen R | FIN | -0.13 | 220 | McGeagh A | SCO | -1.13 | 120 |
| 21 Welker J | HUN | 0.25 | 220 | 36 Mueller R | CRO | -0.15 | 160 | 56 Kirstan M | DEN | -1.23 | 160 |
| | | | | Jurisic I | CRO | -0.15 | 160 | Krefeld C | DEN | -1.23 | 160 |

Championship Diary

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

Monday 25 June 2001

Last night we bumped into one of the Ladies Captains who told us that the last time he was in charge of the team he had only one Prima Donna - now he has six!

Another Captain remarked, 'I can only do this job because I have children of my own.'

Members of the Scottish Open Team have pointed out that they go to breakfast at 06.30! They totally deny this is because they stay up all night in the Welsh bar.

One player was pleased to note that his Butler score had reached 0.00. When we pointed out this was not much to shout about he pointed out that he was doing much better than some other members of his team.

The Welsh bar continues to be a meeting point for many of the teams, despite the performance on Karaoke night by Patrick Jourdain. Mind you, he was accompanied by the Welsh equivalent of Pavarotti in the Park, the brilliant Gilly 'Clench in the Café'.

So many people have come to the office looking for copies of the Daily Bulletin we are considering hijacking a few and selling them to the highest bidder.

Our cantankerous Sports Editor refused to put this next snippet in his column, contending it was social news, but we are sure you will be interested to know that Joe MacHale, representing Ireland in the Senior Teams, played at Wimbledon in 1948.