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# Russia Move Further Ahead



The Nerve Centre of the Championships

## LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN                      ROUND 27                      10.00

**Austria v Norway**

LADIES                      ROUND 16                      13.45

**Israel v England**

OPEN                      ROUND 29                      17.30

**France v Russia**

**Russia** still wear the leader's yellow jerseys but they are now followed by **Poland** and **Italy**. **Greece** have dropped back to fourth, and **France** has moved into fifth place. The field is then bunching up, headed by **Norway**, **Belgium** and **Denmark**. Of the leading teams **Bulgaria**, had a disastrous day, losing all three matches against teams they could have been expected to beat.

In the Ladies Series, the same nine teams continue the struggle. There have been some minor changes in the order, which is **England** followed by **Austria**, **France**, **Spain**, **Israel**, **Czech Republic**, **Italy**, **Netherlands** and **Germany**.

In the Seniors, the holders **France 2** are continuing their seemingly irresistible march to the title. They are followed by **Poland I** and **France I** who have exchanged places since yesterday.

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**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 24**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	CZECH REP	DENMARK	8 - 63	4 - 25
2	SPAIN	SWEDEN	57 - 33	20 - 10
3	BULGARIA	WALES	30 - 68	7 - 23
4	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	55 - 52	16 - 14
5	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	39 - 63	10 - 20
6	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	53 - 45	16 - 14
7	SAN MARINO	CROATIA	58 - 20	23 - 7
8	LATVIA	GREECE	36 - 35	15 - 15
9	ITALY	SLOVENIA	81 - 26	25 - 4
10	ENGLAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	84 - 21	25 - 3
11	RUSSIA	NORWAY	29 - 39	13 - 17
12	LUXEMBOURG	POLAND	21 - 42	11 - 19
13	ICELAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
14	SWITZERLAND	UKRAINE	31 - 63	8 - 22
15	HUNGARY	LEBANON	44 - 56	13 - 17
16	BELGIUM	FRANCE	26 - 51	10 - 20
17	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	16 - 90	1 - 25
18	FINLAND	GERMANY	37 - 55	11 - 19

**ROUND 25**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	SWEDEN	21 - 38	11 - 19
2	CZECH REP	BULGARIA	41 - 26	18 - 12
3	ISRAEL	SPAIN	17 - 33	12 - 18
4	WALES	IRELAND	65 - 22	24 - 6
5	PORTUGAL	SCOTLAND	29 - 33	14 - 16
6	AUSTRIA	SAN MARINO	63 - 33	21 - 9
7	GREECE	TURKEY	37 - 39	15 - 15
8	CROATIA	SLOVENIA	48 - 14	22 - 8
9	LATVIA	ENGLAND	40 - 59	11 - 19
10	NORWAY	ITALY	20 - 41	11 - 19
11	LIECHTENSTEIN	LUXEMBOURG	36 - 43	14 - 16
12	ICELAND	RUSSIA	38 - 39	15 - 15
13	UKRAINE	POLAND	16 - 29	12 - 18
14	bye	HUNGARY	0 - 0	0 - 18
15	BELGIUM	SWITZERLAND	28 - 15	18 - 12
16	NETHERLANDS	LEBANON	27 - 25	15 - 15
17	FRANCE	GERMANY	49 - 30	19 - 11
18	ROMANIA	FINLAND	66 - 43	20 - 10

**ROUND 26**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BULGARIA	DENMARK	47 - 77	9 - 21
2	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	35 - 58	10 - 20
3	IRELAND	CZECH REP	43 - 64	11 - 19
4	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	49 - 35	18 - 12
5	SAN MARINO	WALES	50 - 43	16 - 14
6	SCOTLAND	GREECE	52 - 20	22 - 8
7	SLOVENIA	AUSTRIA	73 - 36	23 - 7
8	TURKEY	ENGLAND	29 - 62	8 - 22
9	CROATIA	NORWAY	42 - 40	15 - 15
10	LUXEMBOURG	LATVIA	42 - 99	4 - 25
11	ITALY	ICELAND	43 - 51	14 - 16
12	UKRAINE	LIECHTENSTEIN	63 - 49	18 - 12
13	HUNGARY	RUSSIA	1 - 83	0 - 25
14	POLAND	BELGIUM	37 - 32	16 - 14
15	NETHERLANDS	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
16	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	67 - 32	22 - 8
17	LEBANON	FINLAND	50 - 42	16 - 14
18	FRANCE	ROMANIA	47 - 48	15 - 15

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 27****10.00**

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

**ROUND 28****13.45**

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

**ROUND 29****17.30**

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

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 26 rounds

1	RUSSIA	480.50
2	POLAND	468.00
3	ITALY	463.00
4	GREECE	458.00
5	FRANCE	450.00
6	Norway	446.00
7	Belgium	437.50
8	Denmark	434.00
9	Israel	428.50
10	Austria	426.00
11	Netherlands	425.00
12	Bulgaria	421.00
13	England	417.00
14	Sweden	412.00
15	Lebanon	408.00
16	Germany	408.00
17	Iceland	408.00
18	Scotland	405.00
19	Wales	405.00
20	Turkey	396.00
21	Spain	387.00
22	Czech Rep	378.00
23	Hungary	377.00
24	Portugal	373.00
25	Romania	353.00
26	Finland	353.00
27	Ukraine	346.00
28	Croatia	328.00
29	Switzerland	326.00
30	Slovenia	321.00
31	Latvia	319.50
32	San Marino	311.50
33	Ireland	306.00
34	Luxembourg	291.00
35	Liechtenstein	246.00

## LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	ITALY	24 - 17	16 - 14
22	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	42 - 31	17 - 13
23	SCOTLAND	AUSTRIA	32 - 56	10 - 20
24	RUSSIA	WALES	62 - 42	19 - 11
25	GREECE	SPAIN	24 - 15	17 - 13
26	ENGLAND	NORWAY	35 - 13	20 - 10
27	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	36 - 49	12 - 18
28	FRANCE	POLAND	26 - 34	14 - 16
29	bye	SAN MARINO	0 - 0	0 - 18
30	HUNGARY	CZECH REP	48 - 58	13 - 17
31	FINLAND	CROATIA	46 - 39	16 - 14

### ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	POLAND	GERMANY	61 - 38	20 - 10
22	NORWAY	RUSSIA	28 - 23	16 - 14
23	HUNGARY	ENGLAND	46 - 31	18 - 12
24	ITALY	FRANCE	34 - 35	15 - 15
25	bye	AUSTRIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
26	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	48 - 30	19 - 11
27	SPAIN	SWEDEN	34 - 46	13 - 17
28	CZECH REP	CROATIA	26 - 47	11 - 19
29	ISRAEL	GREECE	44 - 44	15 - 15
30	WALES	DENMARK	60 - 22	23 - 7
31	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND	9 - 38	9 - 21

## LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 16

13.45

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

### ROUND 17

17.30

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

## LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 15 rounds

1	ENGLAND	283.00
2	AUSTRIA	279.00
3	FRANCE	269.00
4	SPAIN	262.00
5	ISRAEL	260.00
6	Czech Rep	259.00
7	Italy	257.00
8	Netherlands	253.00
9	Germany	244.00
10	Sweden	237.00
11	Poland	227.00
12	Hungary	223.00
13	Greece	222.00
14	Norway	219.00
15	Russia	218.00
16	Croatia	203.00
17	Finland	190.00
18	Wales	181.50
19	Denmark	164.00
20	San Marino	150.00
21	Scotland	135.00

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 17 rounds

1	FRANCE 2	334.00
2	POLAND I	307.75
3	FRANCE I	303.00
4	Sweden	296.00
5	England I	294.00
6	Italy I	285.00
7	Netherlands	285.00
8	Italy 2	285.00
9	Germany 2	281.00
10	England 2	274.00
11	Poland 2	273.00
12	Germany I	267.00
13	Scotland	255.00
14	Czech Rep.	250.00
15	Switzerland	246.00
16	Belgium	245.00
17	Norway	244.00
18	Ireland	244.00
19	Israel 2	240.00
20	Israel I	239.75
21	Portugal	233.00
22	Wales I	226.00
23	Croatia	210.50
24	Lebanon	208.00
25	Wales 2	190.00
26	Spain I	186.50
27	Malta	179.00



## TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

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

### Wednesday 27th June

(Ladies & Open LineUp desk)	(Seniors LineUp desk)
13:15 hrs Italy Ladies	17.00 hrs France 1 Seniors
13:20 hrs Switzerland Open	17.05 hrs France 2 Seniors
13:25 hrs Sweden Ladies	17.10 hrs Germany 1 Seniors
13:30 hrs France Open	17.15 hrs Germany 2 Seniors

### Thursday 28th June

(Seniors LineUp desk)
9.40 hrs Italy 1 Seniors
9.45 hrs Italy 2 Seniors
9.50 hrs Lebanon Seniors

**Aggelos Mallios**

*EBL Photographer*

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## ONLINE MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 27	10.00
<b>Austria v Norway</b>		
LADIES	ROUND 16	13.45
<b>Israel v England</b>		
OPEN	ROUND 29	17.30
<b>France v Russia</b>		

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 15**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	FRANCE 2	CROATIA	38 - 17	20 - 10
42	FRANCE 1	IRELAND	38 - 21	19 - 11
43	GERMANY 2	ENGLAND 2	16 - 23	14 - 16
44	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	14 - 21	14 - 16
45	WALES 2	SPAIN 1	4 - 44	5 - 25
46	WALES 1	ITALY 2	15 - 28	12 - 18
47	CZECH REP.	PORTUGAL	30 - 14	19 - 11
48	POLAND 2	ITALY 1	37 - 34	16 - 14
49	MALTA	ISRAEL 2	21 - 32	12 - 18
50	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND 1	13 - 56	5 - 25
51	ISRAEL 1	NETHERLANDS	52 - 24	22 - 8
52	LEBANON	SWEDEN	15 - 46	7 - 23
53	GERMANY 1	NORWAY	36 - 40	14 - 16
54	POLAND 1	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

**ROUND 16**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	LEBANON	26 - 28	15 - 15
42	SCOTLAND	WALES 1	24 - 34	13 - 17
43	ENGLAND 2	POLAND 2	20 - 34	12 - 18
44	SPAIN 1	FRANCE 2	10 - 76	1 - 25
45	NORWAY	POLAND 1	9 - 37	8 - 22
46	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE 1	21 - 24	14 - 16
47	ENGLAND 1	SWITZERLAND	15 - 14	15 - 15
48	BELGIUM	MALTA	41 - 13	22 - 8
49	IRELAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
50	ISRAEL 2	GERMANY 1	32 - 22	17 - 13
51	ITALY 1	SWEDEN	28 - 31	14 - 16
52	ITALY 2	CZECH REP.	4 - 54	3 - 25
53	PORTUGAL	GERMANY 2	32 - 34	15 - 15
54	WALES 2	ISRAEL 1	43 - 21	20 - 10

**ROUND 17**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	ITALY 2	25 - 63	6 - 24
42	ISRAEL 2	NETHERLANDS	19 - 62	5 - 25
43	POLAND 2	BELGIUM	50 - 27	21 - 9
44	POLAND 1	LEBANON	61 - 32	22 - 8
45	GERMANY 2	WALES 2	38 - 21	19 - 11
46	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	24 - 30	14 - 16
47	GERMANY 1	SPAIN 1	33 - 24	17 - 13
48	FRANCE 2	IRELAND	26 - 1	21 - 9
49	WALES 1	ISRAEL 1	13 - 39	9 - 21
50	bye	PORTUGAL	0 - 0	0 - 18
51	MALTA	CZECH REP.	41 - 53	12 - 18
52	FRANCE 1	ENGLAND 1	56 - 41	19 - 11
53	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND 2	53 - 24	22 - 8
54	NORWAY	ITALY 1	46 - 52	14 - 16

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**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 18****10.00**

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

**ROUND 19****13.45**

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

**ROUND 20****17.30**

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

**VIDEO NEWS**

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

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**SESSION 22**  
**OPEN TEAMS**



# Greece v Poland



After the Monday morning off, this was the first Rama match of the day, and this clash between the Nos. 2 and 3 looked a good one too, certainly on paper.

After a quiet start, a Greek indiscretion in the Closed Room allowed Poland to open their account:



Spiros Liarakos, Greece

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Lesniewski	Zotos	Martens
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	4♠	5♣	2♠
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Well, on a good day you might even make 5♣ if opener has something nice in hearts, but this was not such a day. The lead of the ♠K was won by declarer, who next played a heart to open a communication line back to his hand. South won the ♥Q and led a diamond. North won the ♦Q, cashed the ♦A and the ♣A (!) before returning a diamond for his partner to ruff. When South next led his last trump, the contract had to go down four; Poland +1100 and 12 IMPs.

Greece were to strike back immediately when they stole a 3NT from the Poles in the Open Room:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kapayannides A	Pszczola	Liarakos
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Would you as West have found the spade lead? If you do, and partner switches to the ♥Q, the defence can come to eight tricks. When you are less inspired and lead a straightforward heart, you are presenting declarer with his 10th trick, just as happened on Rama; Greece +630.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Lesniewski	Zotos	Martens
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kapayannides A	Pszczola	Liarakos
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	4♠	All Pass	2♠

A routine +450 to Greece.

The Polish 2♣ opening bid made it almost impossible for the Poles to get anywhere near 3NT. 2♠ was not forcing and 3♣ denied any spade interest. Holding two weak stoppers only in the

red suits, why should South go on from there? Poland +130, but Greece had got 11 IMPs back.

And, two boards later:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kapayannides A	Pszczola	Liarakos
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♣	2♠	All Pass	

When South judged his hand too good for a spade pre-empt, a quiet auction developed when West could not support diamonds for systemic reasons. The contract made with an over-trick for +140 to Greece.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Lesniewski	Zotos	Martens
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Dble	Rdbl	3♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Here South did pre-empt in spades, so for E/W the auction effectively began at the three level. Obviously, West expected much more from his partner's 4♦-bid, but the raise to game gave North an easy double for down two; Poland +500 and 8 IMPs.

After a few more quiet boards, Poland were definitely unlucky to lose the lead on this one:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kapayannides A	Pszczola	Liarakos
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After the invitational spade raise with 2NT, game was a decent enough proposition, but with both black finesses not working, the contract could not be made; Greece +200 for down two.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Lesniewski	Zotos	Martens
1♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Opposite a weakish raise, Skoularikis had an almost automatic pass. On a diamond lead, he just made his contract on a complete cross-ruff for +140 and 8 IMPs to Greece.

The difference in approach between the two teams and their respective bidding systems again played its part in what happened on Board 13.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kapayannides A	Pszczola	Liarakos
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
		All Pass	

On a spade lead and club continuation, declarer just managed eight tricks when he did not draw one single round of trumps before going after the diamonds and thus incurred a few club ruffs/overruffs. Anyway, Greece +110.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Skoularikis	Lesniewski	Zotos	Martens
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
	3NT	All Pass	

Note the difference in approach. In spite of the five-card major, 1NT was opened, so the Poles found themselves back in 3NT in no time. With all these aces out, this was not a sound proposition. On a club lead to the ten and queen, the contract went two down in no time when declarer started on diamonds at trick two.

On Board 16, the Poles earned themselves a well-deserved big swing, as well as the lead in the match again, when much more aggressive intervention caused their opponents to misjudge the situation completely:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Kapayannides A</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Liarakos</i>
1♣	Pass	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

When Pszczola could show a good hand with diamonds at his first turn, half the bidding problems of this hand were solved immediately. East's Pass on 3♥ was forcing, and 4♥ was the cuebid East was waiting for, agreeing diamonds in the process. Holding the ♣AK himself, East had every reason to go on to the slam level. Well done; Poland +1370.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Skoularikis</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Zotos</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	2♥
Dble	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Much more ambiguity in the E/W bidding here, well exploited by the Poles who forced their opponents to guess right at a one higher level. Down only three, +500 to Greece but 13 IMPs to Poland.

On the last board, the Poles overbid a little to go down in a vulnerable game, whereas Greece stayed in a safe partscore once again, so this swing made it Greece 36, Poland 40 or a 16-14 VPs win for the Poles in a tight match.

## Thanks

The Croatian Bridge Federation would like to thank the ATLANTIC TRADE in Zagreb for its sponsorship of the Open, Ladies and Senior team at these 45th European Championships in Tenerife.

## Suicide Squeeze in the Seniors

by Alex Montwill - Ireland

It is usually a good sign when opponents try to kill each other at the bridge table but sometimes one can encourage mutual suicide by more conventional means. In the 14th Round Senior's match between Ireland and Lebanon, Greer MacKenzie succeeded in doing just that.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ J 10 3 2 ♣ J 9 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 9 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 3 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ K 6 5	♠ A 10 7 2 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ Q 9 7 4 ♣ Q 10
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	♠ K J 4 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ A K ♣ A 7 4 3 2						

West	North	East	South
<i>Eidi</i>	<i>MacKenzie</i>	<i>Merhy</i>	<i>Montwill</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Playing in 3NT, Greer got a heart lead and took the trick with his king. He took the first correct view by leading a spade to the king and returning the jack of spades covered by the queen and ace. He now had eight tricks and decided to enlist the help of the defenders to find the ninth.

Since East had not opened a weak two he was unlikely to hold six hearts. Greer cashed the ace and king of diamonds and presented East with a 'Greer Gift' of a little heart.

East knew he would not regain the lead and had no option but to take the remaining hearts thereby slowly forcing his partner to suicide. West could not release a diamond or a spade and three club discards only postponed the inevitable. Declarer's ace of clubs turned the screw further and the forced spade discard completed the suicide with a show-up squeeze for Greer's ♠107.

*A good story, which would have been spoilt if declarer had relied on a second spade finesse. Editor*

## International Karaoke Competition

This will be held at the Welsh Bar on Wednesday 27th. It will follow the exotic dancing and start after 23.00. To find the bar - come out at the front of the Mediterranean Palace, go right across the road and you will see a sign: Malibu Bar, Dancing, only about 50 metres away. Go down the steps and you will be there.

The first prize will be a T-shirt, the second prize will be two T-shirts.



## We were among the Founders of the EBL Interview with Lebanese Players

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

In a quiet hour ahead of Monday's play I found some of the players from the Lebanese team in a quiet discussion. They agreed to tell me something about bridge in their country, which is situated in one of the focuses of the world today, making everyday life somewhat difficult on occasions.



*Michel Eidi (left) and Gabriel Harfouche, renewed their partnership after more than a dozen years*

Take Michel Eidi, 45, who moved to Athens in 1982 during the civil war to be able to continue his work as a stockbroker. He had played some time already with his partner here in Tenerife, 57 year old Gabriel Harfouche, but for years they were unable to play. Eidi even played a couple of times in the Greek national team and had a share of the biggest success ever of the Greeks - winning the qualifications group at the Venice Olympiad 1988 before losing against India in the quarter-final. Later on he took up the old partnership with Harfouche twice a year, at the Europeans and in one Lebanese event, as he is still living in Greece. Considering how well they do, you could only guess at their true potential. They claim that they never had a real system.

Harfouche is an engineer who enjoys playing - maybe in particular when he goes to London once or twice every year to play rubber bridge with one of his daughters.



*From left to right you see Baha Fahs, George Fayad of the Seniors' team, and Hamdan Faycal*

EBL-President Gianarrigo Rona in the e-bridge interview, we have to know how the Lebanese would feel about changing zone. Hamdan Faycal, 46, is very firm on that subject:

'We were one of the founding members of the EBL. We organised the European Championships in Beirut in 1962, and even if we could probably go to the Bermuda Bowl every year, this would not be satisfying. We belong in Europe and hope to do better for every new championship. Just now we are 11th and hope to be able to keep that ranking, as our best result so far was 15th in Vilamoura. By the way, we think that the WBF creates too many zones.'

'It is a pity that we can not play against Israel but our situation at home would be dangerous if we did. We did on one single occasion. In 1983 there was a peace agreement for three months and, as we thought that this would be approved, we played Israel at the Europeans in Wiesbaden but that, unfortunately, was just that one time. We hope that some day there will be peace in the Middle East and everything will be normal again.'

All the Lebanese players are pure amateurs who never go to festivals, but like to play a lot at home. Fahs is a pensioned topographer while Faycal is a civil engineer and director of a technical school. He plays and organises bridge three days every week.

'We have many bridge players in Lebanon, more than 3,000, and bridge has a good image even if young people would rather go to a night club than play bridge. We have joined the Olympic Committee of Lebanon, a very important thing. Unfortunately, most of the bridge players in our country play rubber bridge and do not participate in tournaments. We hope to get bridge into the schools but the headmasters say that their pupils should rather study.'

Asked about a hand, the players cannot really think of one. They are of the kind that remember their bad boards, but they promise to be on the look-out for one, so let us finish with a picture of Michel Eidi trying to create a brilliancy, playing against Helgemo and Helness of Norway.



*Michel Eidi*

Because of the non-matches against Israel and the remark of

# Appeals 10 & 14

## Appeal No. 10

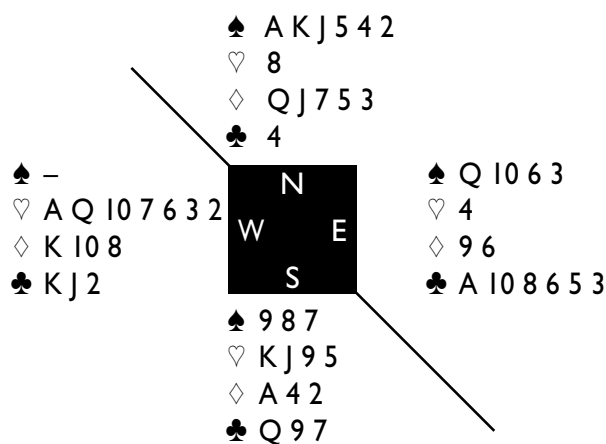
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### Iceland v Scotland

Open Teams Round 11

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Baldursson	Steel	Sigurhjartarsson
1♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

**Comments:** 3♣ showed diamonds and spades, but South had forgotten this.

**Contract:** Four Spades, played by North.

**Result:** Eight tricks, N/S -200.

**The Facts:** South had forgotten that 3♣ showed the pointed suits and of course forgot to alert as well. When the tray came round again, South remembered the system and called the Director before bidding again.

**The Director:** Ruled that it was too late to change the bid of Three Hearts and asked to play on. At the end of the board, the Director checked the Convention Card, which confirmed that 3♣ showed the two-suiter. The Director subsequently ruled that the failure by South to alert 3♣ had caused no damage to East/West.

**Ruling:** Result Stands.

**Relevant Laws:** Law 75A, 40C.

**East/West appealed.**

**Present:** All players and both Captains

**The Players:** East/West stated that they did understand the

legal considerations of the case. West was entitled to a correct information about the system, but not to the knowledge that South had forgotten this. West explained that if he knows the clubs are supposed to be with South, his hand has more defensive potential than if the clubs are in North.

East/West were asked to explain the style of their doubles over a natural 3♣ overall, and they stated that a double could have been made with anything from 5♠/5♦, 7 HCP to just 5♦, 11 HCP.

The East/West captain added that, while they are not entitled to know that there has been a misunderstanding, the possibility of such an occurrence might well be enough, in case of doubt, to make West pass.

North/South had no comments on the case itself, but South added that, when he had remembered the convention, he had bid 3♠ rather than passed 3♥, because he considered this to be more fair.

**The Committee:** Started by restating the legal position. When West is told that 3♣ shows spades and diamonds, and South passes (presumably showing long clubs and no interest in the two suits shown), what does West do?

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee decided to call the Director back in, and asked him the comments that were made by the players that had been consulted. It turned out that three out of four players would have bid 3♥, while the fourth would have investigated if the possibility existed that North/South had a bidding mistake. It was on that basis that the Director had made his ruling.

In the end, the Committee voted, and when the result was 2-2 the Chairman cast his second vote with the Director.

**The Committee's decision:** Director's ruling upheld.

**Deposit:** Returned.

## Appeal No. 14

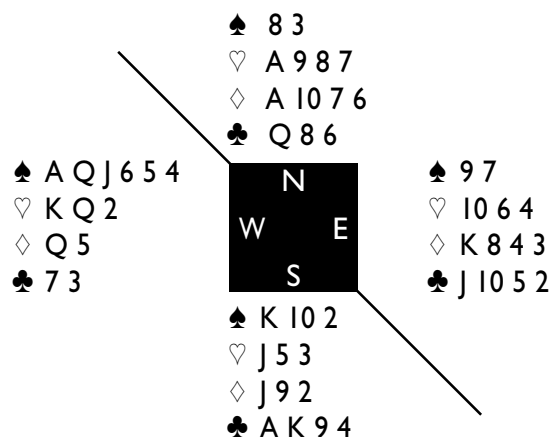
**Appeals Committee:**

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### Czech Republic v France

Ladies Teams Round 6

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Lustin	Erdeova	Avon	Hnatova
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

**Contract:** Two Spades doubled, played by West.

**Lead:** Small club.

**Play:**

Club to South's king, low Heart returned, on which West played the King.

**Result:** seven tricks, N/S +100.

**The Facts:**

North's double had been alerted, by North to East, and explained as take-out.

South had not alerted the Double, but West had asked anyway, and South had said it was penalty. After the end of play, West called the Director and stated she would have played low to the Heart, and made her contract, if she had known the double was for take-out. South is already known to have ace-king of clubs, and if the double is for take-out, the King of Spades had to be in South and the two red aces in North, to account for the three passes at the start of the auction.

**The Director:**

Found nothing on the Convention Card to substantiate either explanation of the double, so had to rule that West had been misinformed.

The Director accepted West's explanation and ruled that West had been damaged by this misinformation.

**Ruling:** Score adjusted to 2♣X-1, N/S -470.

**Relevant Laws:**

Law 75A, 40C

Law 12C2

**North/South appealed.**

**Present:** All players, both Captains and a Czech translator.

**The Players:**

North/South explained that West should have been able to tell that South held the king of spades. South had overcalled INT, after all, and in North/South's opinion, this can only be done with a spade stopper.

West restated her opinion that North could not have made a penalty double without the king of spades. In her opinion, there was no objection to compete with INT without a spade stopper.

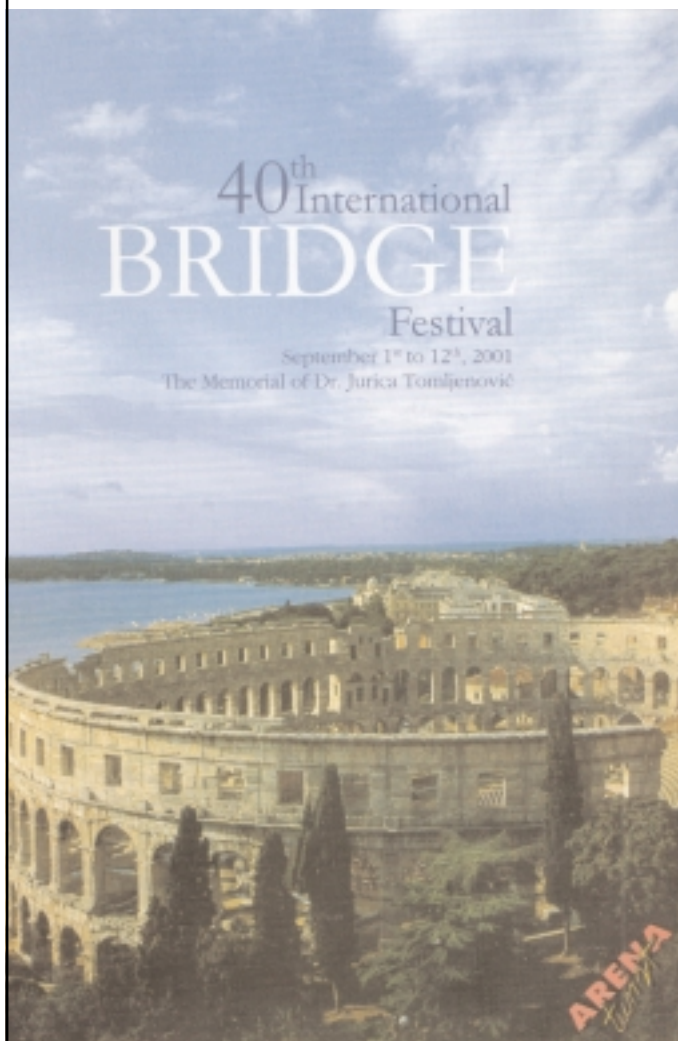
**The Committee:**

Felt that both sides were expecting their opponents to have the same idea of the bid of INT as was common in their own country. When basing your line of play on such information, West could have done more to protect herself by asking about the style of the INT overcall and the double.

**The Committee's decision:** Original table result restored.

**Deposit:** Returned.

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# The Greeks have a natural feeling for card play

by Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

Interview with Ioannis Damigos, npc, and Kostas Kapayannides, one of the players who seem to be headed for Bali after a convincing performance.

Greece are on their way to the best result ever in their bridge history. Until now the best performance was winning the qualification group in the Venice Olympiad 1988, after which they lost the quarter-final to India. In the Europeans in Turku they came fourth but at that time that did not qualify for the Bermuda Bowl.

I asked the non-playing captain, Ioannis Damigos, and Kostas Kapayannides, one of the players, about the reasons for this effort which has come as a surprise to many. They explain:

A main reason is that on this occasion we have three strong pairs, and that is important in such a physically demanding event. It is important, too, that we are close personal friends. The team was picked after a selection procedure which started with a Butler-scoring pairs won by one pair of our team who thereby qualified directly. After that the pairs placed 2-7 formed three teams which played a round robin. "Our" team won, and thus we have the team we could wish for.



Kostas Kapayannides explains the reasons for his teams' exploits

We are all amateurs who have to use our holiday for the bridge, we can not afford to go to bridge festivals, we do not get all expenses covered, and there could be no question of compensation for lost income. Our federation is small, we have just about 2,500 members, and we have a very small revenue from membership dues. We are a member of the Greek Sports Federation and receive a subsidy of around \$65,000 per year (25 million drachmers).

Kapayannides gets very excited here: If we qualify for Bali, I am sure that this will be a wonderful opportunity and be a great boost to bridge in Greece. The government will support us strongly, they usually do if a sport is suddenly a success.

It seems that Damigos is not quite as optimistic but he hopes that Kapayannides is right. I ask how a federation with so few members can field such a strong team.

80% of the organised players in the country come from Athens, and the top players meet in all our top events which occupy around 12 weekends every year. We play rubber bridge, we discuss bridge, we read whatever books we can get hold of, and now we have the internet as well. In the months ahead of Tenerife we came together one extra day per week to practice our bidding or to play together with pairs we invited. We really try to inspire each other.

It is a great advantage that the Greeks have a natural feeling for card games. That is why we think that we would have thousands of bridge players if we could get a foothold in the schools and universities but most parents do not want their children to take up bridge as they still associate it with gambling. If bridge went Olympic or we qualify for Bali, this might help a lot.

I remember the Europeans in Athens 1971 when there were very few players, most of them from the aristocracy of the country. One very idealistic friend I got on that occasion was Costas Kyriakos who was working with juniors and trying to spread the game to all social groups. Amazingly, Damigos and Kapayannides know him very well:

You know, we were both among his pupils. It was difficult for him as the Greek Federation had been founded only four years earlier and did not become a member of the Sports Federation until 1975. But since then the bridge interest has grown considerably.

We have some juniors, though at present they are not so strong, and we did not participate in the latest European Junior Championships but we will be back. In 1986 the European Junior Pairs was won by Thanos Kapayannides (his friends never call him Athanasios) and Liarakas, and as you see, they are in our team today. And when the Generali Individual event was played in Athens last year, a Greek player won the junior event.

Asked about a good hand, Kapayannides presents this, Round 21, Greece - Switzerland:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Kannavos		Kapayannides	
1♠	2♦	Dble*	1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> could be three cards.

This is no brilliancy but it demonstrates how Kannavos thinks and analyses. Here he gave the bidding and the lead some thought and concluded: North did not make a negative double over 1♠ so he probably has a maximum of three hearts. The lead (third and fifth highest) indicates five diamonds, and suddenly he realised that South had to be 4-4-3-2 since he had neither three clubs (he would have opened 1♣) or five cards in a major.

With this analysis in mind he quickly solved the problem of the hand, which is to avoid more than two club losers. He won trick one with ♠J, played a heart to the ace and a low club from dummy to the ten and queen. He ruffed the diamond return and played a low club to ♣8, knowing that South now had the bare ♣A. The rest was trivial. When declarer failed at the other table, we gained 12 IMPs.

## The Ten Year Itch

The best players are always ready to tell a story that shows their opponents in a good light.

European Seniors Champion Göran Mattsson reported a neat defence by England's Tony Sowter, a European Champion himself ten years ago in Killarney in 1991. It happened on this deal from the Round 13 encounter between Germany I and England II.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Rue	Humburg	Sowter	Mattsson
	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ace of hearts and when East played the two he switched to the five of clubs. Declarer, who needed a heart ruff, won in dummy with the king and played a second heart. East contributed the seven, allowing West to win with the ten and deliver the fatal club ruff.

When Göran asked Tony what his reaction would have been if South had been dealt the ten of hearts he suggested a small giggle would have been in order!

## OUR BULLETINS

Yesterday night at 12 o'clock I decided to show my interest in the production of our Daily Bulletin, which takes place in one of our offices using photocopiers. Rather old-fashioned but they look nice don't you think? I was surprised to meet some Italian staff members I had already met in the early morning hours, working on results, forms etc. It appeared that some of them make days of 15, 16 hours. When I entered the room only one machine was working, the staff desperately trying to repair the two others, and I heard some words you start learning a language with. Approximately one bulletin was produced every minute and they had 60 ready with still more than 900 to do. A small boy entered the room and begged for two bulletins. After some hesitation he got one.

These are the working conditions for some of our staff members. So don't be surprised when bulletins are precious these days. Their sweat and tears is caught in your paper. You had better show some admiration.

**Ton Kooijman**

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**SESSION 14**  
**LADIES TEAMS**



**France v Poland**



There are some unfamiliar names in the French Ladies team but they are proving to be as competitive as ever, lying in third place after 13 rounds. In Round 14 France met middle-of-the-table Poland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A 9 7 6 3 ♣ K J 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 6 ♥ A 3 ♦ K Q 10 5 2 ♣ Q 9 7 5	♠ 10 8 4 2 ♥ K Q 8 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A 10 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Fishpool	Grunt	Hugon
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Clement	Wojtyra	Dumon	Tomaszewska
Pass	Pass	INT	2♥
2NT	3♦	Dble	3♥
4♦	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	6♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In a generally quiet match, this huge swing proved to be decisive. The Poles had a free run to 3NT, with Anna Sarniak asking for her partner's range and bidding game on discovering that she was facing a maximum. Leading her longest suit would have seen Elisabeth Hugon defeat the contract, but it is hard not to agree with her view that god did not deal her such a nice sequence so that she could lead something else. Anna Grunt won the spade lead and cashed her diamonds before leading a club. When spades proved to be 4-4, that was +600 to Poland.

Wieslawa Tomaszewska's super-light intervention created a very different scenario at the other table. Her 2♥ overcall showed at least nine cards in the majors and the double fit convinced Anna Wojtyra to keep on bidding - particularly as all the opposition bidding suggested that her partner was likely to have come in because of extra shape rather than many high-card values.

A heart lead would have defeated 5♦, while on a spade lead declarer can take a third round club finesse and get rid of the heart loser to make her contract.

Five Hearts doubled simply lost a trick in each suit, the defence not exploring the possibility of a spade ruff; -500 and 15 IMPs to Poland.



Catherine Fishpool, France

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Fishpool	Grunt	Hugon
Clement	Wojtyra	Dumon	Tomaszewska
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
All Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦

Identical auctions but different opening leads and different end results. Grunt cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a spade to the king and ace. Catherine Fishpool played king of clubs and ruffed a club then ruffed a spade. Everything seemed to be going quite smoothly but when Fishpool tried to cash the ace of hearts Grunt ruffed it. With declarer set up to cross-ruff, the ace then queen of diamonds might have been the best defence at this point. Grunt actually played a club and Fishpool ruffed with dummy's jack. Fishpool ruffed a spade then led a heart on which Grunt discarded her last spade, dummy's king winning. When declarer led a winning spade off the table, Sarniak ruffed in with the nine. Fishpool over-ruffed and Grunt in turn over-ruffed and had the remainder; one down for -100.

Sylvie Dumon led the nine of spades to Anna Wojtyra's ace.

Wojtyra led a heart to the king then ran the jack of clubs to the ace. She ruffed the spade return and played king of clubs and ruffed a club then ruffed another spade and ruffed her last club with the jack. She could not be prevented from also making a trick with the king of diamonds; +90 and 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Wojtyra</i>	<i>Dumon</i>	<i>Tomaszewska</i>
1♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Grunt made a negative double while Dumon did not. The Poles declared at both tables but could make neither contract. Against Wojtyra's 2♠, Dumon led a club for the queen and king. Tomaszewska switched to a spade for declarer's ace. Wojtyra drew trumps and led a diamond. Once Dumon ducked the first diamond, declarer could come to only seven tricks; -50.

Fishpool led three rounds of spades against Sarniak. The third round was ruffed and over-ruffed and a heart returned, won in hand with the ace. Sarniak led a diamond to the ten and queen and back came another heart to the jack. Sarniak played a diamond to the ace and a club to the ten. When that held she drew the last trump and tried to split the clubs. She had to lose the last two tricks for down two; -200 and 6 IMPs to France.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Wojtyra</i>	<i>Dumon</i>	<i>Tomaszewska</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	INT
2♣	2NT	3♥	All Pass

Neither West felt able to open the 6-4 hand but each came in at their next opportunity. Sarniak showed her spades and Grunt competed. Now Sarniak showed her second suit and Grunt left her to play there. Fishpool led a club and Sarniak ruffed and led a spade to the king and ace. She won the diamond return and drew two rounds of trumps before trying the queen of spades. When everyone followed to the spade she drew the last trump and claimed eleven tricks; +450.

Muriel Clement cuebid to show both her suits immediately. Dumon competed with 3♥ but that was as far as the French pair got; +200 but 6 IMPs to Poland.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Wojtyra</i>	<i>Dumon</i>	<i>Tomaszewska</i>
Pass	4♠	1♦	2♦
		All Pass	

Four Spades made ten tricks without too much difficulty but in the other room Grunt took a solo flight of fancy and could have been badly punished. Hugon led a spade against 5♣ doubled and Fishpool won and returned the suit. Hugon switched to a heart now and again Fishpool won and returned the same suit, Grunt ruffing. Declarer cashed the top trumps and played a diamond to the king and ace. She ruffed the heart return and played queen and another diamond; three down for -500 and 2 IMPs to France. Had the defence gone for diamond ruffs, the price would have been 800.



Anna Grunt, Poland

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J ♥ AK 7 5 ♦ AK 10 9 ♣ Q 10 8 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 10 5 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ J ♣ AK 9 6 4	♠ K 8 7 3 ♥ J 10 4 3 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 7 5
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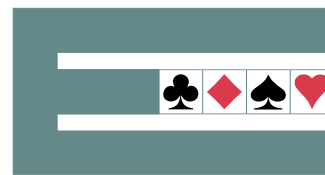
West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Fishpool	Grunt	Hugon
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Clement	Wojtyra	Dumon	Tomaszewska
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♣	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Poland declared game contracts at both tables but once again it did not pay to declare. Three rounds of clubs quickly put paid to 4♥. When Sarniak chose to discard from dummy at trick three, Hugon could ruff with her low trump. A spade to the ace and a fourth club allowed her to over-ruff with her queen for two down; -200.

The slower auction at the other table gave room for Wojtyra to show her second suit and when she saw a free spade preference from her partner she went on to 4♠ - a bit pushy, I would have thought, and so it proved. The defence took its three top tricks then played a diamond, forcing declarer to ruff. There was just too much work to do and the contract drifted one down; -100 and 7 IMPs to France.

The final score was 34-26 for Poland, converting to 16-14 VPs. However, France still retained their third place overall.



## Tournament Director Course

The European Bridge League is organising a TD Course to be held at Tabiano Terme in Italy from Friday 31 August (evening) till Wednesday 5th September. TDs will be picked up in Milan and transported to Tabiano Terme (near Salsomaggiore Terme).

The idea is to invite two TDs from each NBO. The course will give the best TDs the opportunity to be selected for EBL events, and for most TDs it will result in gaining the necessary recognition to become Chief TD in their own country and greater authority. The course will consist of lectures, practical exercises and some written tests, but perhaps the most important aspect will be being able to share ideas and strive for uniformity in applying the laws. At the end of the course examinations will be held:

1. To appoint new TDs to be registered in the Official EBL TD Register.
2. To enable TDs already in the Official EBL TD Register to achieve a superior category in the Register.

Further information about the course, including registration details, will be sent to all NBOs shortly. If countries wish to send more than two applicants they should inform the EBL office in Milan (Tel: +39 02 7000 0333, Fax: +39 02 7000 1398 e-mail: ebl@galactica.it) and this may be possible depending on the number of entries.

## The 16th Mamaia International Bridge Festival

The Romanian Bridge Federation invites you to the 16th Mamaia International Bridge Festival which will be held on the Black Sea Coast between 23 August and 4 September.

**Schedule:** Five Pairs contests, one Individual tournament, one Patton Teams and one Danish Teams Tournament.

**Entry Fees:** US\$5.00 per player per session

**Prizes:** US\$5,000

**Accommodation:** \*\*\* Vega and Alcor hotels  
 US\$25.00 per person per day - full board  
 \*\* Siret hotel  
 US\$20.00 per person per day - full board

**Reservations and Registration:** Marius Georgesau  
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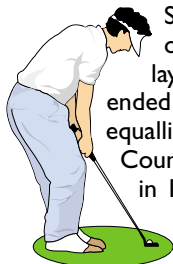
# SPORTS NEWS

## Rugby Union



The British Lions saw off the amateurs of NSW Country 46-3 with an under-par display in Coffs Harbour.

## Golf



Sergio Garcia fired a four-under-par 67 to out duel Scott Hoch and win the rain-delayed Buick Classic by three strokes. He ended the final round at 16-under par 268, equalling the lowest total at the Westchester Country Club since it became a par-71 course in 1983.

Tiger Woods has broken the record for the most consecutive weeks at the top of the world golf rankings. Woods finished 16th at the Buick Classic but maintained his number one position for a 97th successive week. That breaks the previous best of 96 weeks set by Greg Norman between 18 June 1995 and 13 April 1997.

## Cycling



The Tour de France will bar any rider found guilty of doping in the Italian investigation following raids on this year's Giro d'Italia. The decision includes both teams and individual riders.

## Wimbledon Tennis



In the Men's Singles, there were straight sets wins for seeds, Agassi, Hewitt, Grosjean, Enqvist, Rafter and Arazi. Kiefer won in four sets. Losing seeds included T.Haas, 4-6, 7-5, 1-6, 0-6 against W. Black, V. Votchkov, 3-6, 7-6, 6-7, 5-7 to M. Youzhny, G Coria 6-4, 3-6, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3 to F. Meligeni, and W. Ferreira to A Stoliarov by 6-7, 3-6, 0-3 (retired).

The Women's Singles saw straight sets wins for L. Davenport, N. Tauziat, K. Clijsters, S. Farina-Elia, V. Williams, E. Dokic, M. Shaughnessy and E. Likhovtseva. A. Montolio also won in three sets.



## Football

Gheorghe Hagi has been appointed as the new national coach of Romania's national squad, the Romanian Soccer Federation has announced.

# Revenge is Sweet

by Nissan Rand - Israel

Few people know that besides the official championship matches being held here there are some prestigious official's contest, which always involve Poland.

In the first contest Poland lost to an Israel/Belgium combination by 20 IMPs.

When Poland faced Israel both sides put out their big guns:

**Poland:** Stobiecki, Siwiec, Latala and Kielbasinski

**Israel:** Engel, Greenberg, Tymianker, Romik & Rand

Poland led by 6 IMPs at half-time. By the time the last deal of the match settled on the table Israel had overturned that and led by 13 IMPs.

Dealer West. All Vul

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## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Greenberg	Latala	Tymianker	Kielbasinski
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	2NT*	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer was allowed to make 4♠ when West rejected the obvious lead of the ace of diamonds; Poland +650.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stobiecki	Romik	Siwiec	Rand
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♣	3♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

A spade or trump lead would have defeated Five Hearts doubled but South not unreasonably led the king of clubs. Declarer took the ace, disposing of his losing spade, unblocked the ace of diamonds, ruffed a spade and ruffed a diamond. He now played a trump to North's ace, ruffed the club return, ruffed a diamond to establish the suit and came to hand with the king of hearts to play winning diamonds. All North/South could take were two trump tricks. Poland were +850 at this table and the 17 IMP swing saw them home by 4 IMPs.

# Exchange

In the Bulletin Room we have someone with an excess of Spanish Pesetas who would like to exchange them for Swiss Francs. So if you have fistfuls of Swiss Francs and would like some Pesetas make yourself known to the staff in the Bulletin Room.

**SESSION 23**  
**OPEN TEAMS**



# Austria v Bulgaria



It was an interesting match, Monday evening on Rama. Two young and motivated teams, who had been doing well and were still doing well high up in the standings, both with a good chance of qualification, had to play each other. In fact, Bulgaria were tipped by many before the tournament started as one of the five who might get a ticket for Bali, whereas Austria were considered a fully respectable outsider. Everyone was expecting scintillating bridge, and they were not to be disappointed.

The first hand of interest was a push, but should not be neglected because of this, as it showed how the weak no trump opening can silence the opponents:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Karaivanov I.</i>	<i>Schifko</i>
			INT

All Pass

According to his system, Schifko opened INT with his string of three kings reinforced by one queen and thus quickly won the auction. As we have to admit that direct action by West with this hand looks a little hazardous, the full responsibility for winning the board thus seemed to rest on East's shoulders. With his string of slow tricks he did not feel like reopening the bidding. This resulted in the heart game available to E/W remaining in the bidding box.

Against INT West led fourth best of his longest suit and Schifko won the queen from Karaivanov with his king and led the ♠K. Stamatov took the ♠A immediately and...stop: watch out, there are eight defensive tricks for the taking now (four hearts, three clubs and a spade) but it is necessary to play a rounded suit (♣♥) to cash them. Stamatov, on the contrary, returned a pointed suit, putting the ♦7 on the table. Declarer won dummy's ace and led a spade, sighing with relief when he saw the jack appearing. He went on to take his six tricks for one down.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Saurer</i>	<i>Karaivanov K.</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

On the same weak no trump opening by partner, Karaivanov introduced a weak Stayman which turned out to be a good bet when Trendafilov mentioned his four-card spades. One might say that Karaivanov took an extra security measure to keep the opponents out. When 2♣ came back to East, Lindermann knew very well that something fishy was going on, but with his not encouraging hand it was difficult to imagine that game was on for them, though they both had passed already.

Saurer led the ♥A and another. South won the king and crossed to dummy's ♦A to play a spade towards his king. Saurer took the ace and the defenders continued to play four rounds of clubs, South ruffing the fourth round with the ♠8. There still was a diamond to lose, the setting trick.

The running score stayed at about level for three more boards. Then arrived Board 7:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Karaivanov I.</i>	<i>Schifko</i>
			1♠
2♣	2♥	3♣	3♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Gloyer/Schifko, the World Junior Pairs champions, arrived in 6♣ with a very clean and efficient auction in which they used Exclusion Blackwood. Stamatov, on lead, could do whatever he liked as declarer has a winning line of play against any opening lead. But one should never say always. Stamatov led a low spade and Schifko, in dummy with the ♠9, played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king. The fall of the ♥Q seemed good news, but was not because the communications are seriously destroyed now. After a diamond to the ace, Schifko played a spade, hoping for a defensive mistake, but Stamatov was fully prepared to take his ♠A and return a club, to be exact the ♣10. The slam was down two; Bulgaria +200.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Saurer</i>	<i>Karaivanov K.</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
			1♠
2♣	3♥	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

A more quiet auction had seen the Bulgarians into a peaceful game contract, which was made with two overtricks on the lead of the ♣A by West. Trendafilov adopted the line of ruffing three clubs in dummy and discarding one on the ♦K, thus losing only to the ♠A. The running score now stood at Austria 6, Bulgaria 17.

On the next board too, a number of points went in Bulgarian direction:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Karaivanov I.</i>	<i>Schifko</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Karaivanov, in third position, presented his business card with a Multi, launched to unexpectedly raise the level of the auction. The torpedo reached its target when the Austrians, trying to get back into the bidding, did not get any higher than a partscore in spades. On the lead of the ♦6, Gloyer made 9 tricks; Austria +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Saurer</i>	<i>Karaivanov K.</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In this room, East did not get the chance to launch a Multi because Karaivanov opened a weak NT in front of him and Trendafilov quickly raised this to game. Lindermann led the ♥3 to his partner's jack and declarer's king. Karaivanov now cashed the ♦AK and exited with a heart. East cashed out in the suit, Saurer choosing the ♠8 as his first discard and thus virtually ending the proceedings, but his fate would have been a matter of time anyway as declarer would no doubt make the contract on any discard, provided he would guess correctly.

The interesting thing is if 3NT can also be made if South is declarer and West leads the ♥J. The defenders can play three rounds of the suit now, which makes the throw-in impossible. One of the winning lines, apart from finessing the ♠Q and the ♠8 later on, is to establish the clubs by leading the queen from dummy. As West has to discard a club on the third round of hearts, the nature of West's holding in the suit is such that it will get established with the loss of only one trick to the not dangerous opponent; 6 IMPs for Bulgaria.



*Jerry Stamatov, Bulgaria*

On the very next board, there was another Bulgarian preempt:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Schifko</i>
3♥	Pass	1♦	3♣
	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Nothing to say about what happened in this room. After a club lead from North, declarer lost three spade tricks in the end. The only curiosity might be that, in this world of transfer bids, if by any chance East plays a heart contract and South leads the ♠A, there will be 12 tricks due to the spade/diamond squeeze against North.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Saurer</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
3♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

Karaivanov lit the fuse here with a really meagre 2♠ after



Bernd Saurer, Austria

which the opponents had a bad misunderstanding and stopped too early; 3♥+1, 10 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Not all the points went in the same direction, however:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Gloyer	Karaivanov I.	Schifko
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

The Bulgarians quickly ended the bidding, hoping for a penalty that was not to come and thus giving up a possible save that might, on a favourable lead, well turn into a plus score. Fortunately for the Bulgarians, Karaivanov led the ♦10 and not the ♣A as had happened at many other tables. In fact, this hand brought a wide range of scores and swings all over the room, up to 20 IMPs when a slam in a major suit was bid and made in both directions!

4♠ doubled just made; Austria +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Karaivanov K.	Lindermann	Trendafilov
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦	3♣	4♠
4NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Saurer, in West, did not give up so easily and showed his big red two suiter in two steps after 4♠ when he corrected 5♣ to 5♦. His partner might have given preference for hearts but decided to pass. Saurer ruffed the opening lead of the ♠A, drew two rounds of trumps getting the bad news and then played a heart to the ace and a heart to the jack. He lost two diamonds and a club; 5♦x-1, 100 points to Bulgaria but 10 IMPs to Austria.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Gloyer	Karaivanov I.	Schifko
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

It is very difficult to stop in game with the East cards when partner opens the bidding. Karaivanov, as we could all see clearly on Rama, did so very much against his liking. And his desire not to stop was fully justified when the spade slam turned out to be cold. Would the opponents bid it?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Karaivanov K.	Lindermann	Trendafilov
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Without any hesitation. It is one of those slams you are pushed into. It's easier to get there and make it than stop and... regret it. 11 IMPs to Austria.

With a few more small swings in Bulgarian favour the match ended with a 21-9 win for them.

## Swedish Bridge Federation and e-bridge Inc. Sign Co-operation Agreement

Tenerife, June 26, 2001

e-bridge and the Swedish Bridge Federation signed a co-operation agreement to provide Swedish bridge players with the online services available on e-bridge.

While e-bridge already provides a comprehensive package of bridge services to bridge lovers, social and tournament players over the Internet (through its web site: [www.e-bridgemaster.com](http://www.e-bridgemaster.com)), e-bridge's management team believes that the scope and prestige of the company's services will be greatly enhanced by working closely with the National Bridge Organisations (NBOs).

Speaking for e-bridge, Pinhas Romik, Founder, Chairman and CEO of e-bridge stated that: "As a general policy e-bridge is interested in maintaining a strong co-operative relationship with the NBOs. The Swedish Bridge Federation is very advanced in the use of the Internet, and there are many Swedish players who already play online. For e-bridge this co-operation may help to make e-bridge's services more easily accessible to the Swedish players. Also top Swedish players will have an opportunity to compete against some of the best world players who are already subscribers to e-bridge. This will be another step for e-bridge to develop a truly global bridge community on the Internet."

Bjorn Gustafsson, the General Manager of the Swedish Bridge Federation, says: "The Swedish Federation will promote the e-bridge system to its members, and we hope that there will soon be many Swedish members who will join the e-bridge site."

The Swedish Bridge Federation is a non-profit organisation with approximately 18,000 registered members. two-thirds of Federation members are Internet connected.

e-bridge Inc. is a private company created to provide high-quality social and tournament bridge and complete coverage of all aspects of the game over the Internet. e-bridge provides full Internet coverage of major bridge events worldwide (for events calendar see [www.e-bridgemaster.com/news/eventc\\_hub.asp](http://www.e-bridgemaster.com/news/eventc_hub.asp)). Although most of e-bridge's services are open only to paid subscribers, e-bridge also has several sections that are open to a general public use.

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## Sponsors Corner

The Romanian Bridge Federation would like to express its gratitude to **Ager**, one of the most important IT companies in Romania and also to **Poni Con, Mobifon** and **Time & Co** for their sponsorship of the Romanian Open Team at the 45th European Team Championship in Tenerife.

## Profiles of the Transnational Champions

**GIANARDI**, Carla (1948) from La Spezia. Bridge teacher. World Master. Won eight Italian titles, silver medalist European women's teams 1987, again silver EEC 1991, 1993, 1996, bronze World teams 1987.

**ROVERA**, Laura (1956) from Pavia. Teacher. World Master. Won two Italian championships, first in Italian women's ranking 1994. Silver medalist EEC 1996, silver medalist EEC women's teams 1993 and bronze European women's teams same year.

**COLONNA**, Ornella (1959) from Trieste. Employee, has been playing for 20 years (the last 12 years always with Cividin). Has won (with Cividin) two Italian Ladies Cups and one Italian team Championship (playing with Gianardi-Rovera as teammates).

**CIVIDIN**, Sara De Sario (1944), from Vittorio Veneto, businesswoman, married with one son, has been playing for 30 years. She has been playing with Colonna for 12 years now, for her medals see Colonna.

## Profiles of the Ladies Pairs Runners-Up

**BACOCOLI**, Antonella (1959) from Perugia, financial adviser, married with one son, has been playing for over 15 years, always with Rosi, with whom she has won one Italian National Ladies Championship (when Perugia were Italian Champions in 1993) and with whom she also reached the finals of the Italian Ladies Cup.

**ROSI**, Tiziana (1954), from Perugia, employee at the PPTT, married, has always been partnering Bacoccoli for over 15 years. Medals: see Bacoccoli.

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## The Fifth Friday Tournaments- an introduction

by HermY De Wael (\*)

### Origins

In October 1997, I decided that something special had to be done to celebrate the birthday of Contract Bridge on October 31st. On that day in 1925, Harold Vanderbilt had first introduced the concept of vulnerability to his fellow passengers of the ss Finland, then at anchor near the Panama Canal.

I decided to organize a worldwide Simultaneous event with post-factum scoring and, in honour of the birthday, the tournament became known as the ss Finland challenge. 263 pairs in 13 clubs competed. The same event has been conducted at the end of October every year since. Last year, 470 pairs in 22 clubs competed.

The idea caught on and when NancY Dressing (\*) and TonY Musgrove (\*) asked me to organize the same thing on a more regular basis, the idea of the fifth Friday tournaments was born. Every time a month contains five Fridays - that's four times each year - one of these worldwide simultaneous events is held. After a modest start with four clubs in January 1998, the event now attracts some 30 regular centers in five zones of the WBF.

An annual assessment, the "ss Finland Trophy", consisting of four Fifth Fridays and one ss Finland, is also calculated.

### Organization

Actually fairly simple! At the start of the month, the deals are dealt by a program in Denmark, and made available to the Responsibles of the centres, who take care of duplication. The boards are played using the movements and numbers of boards that are usually used in the clubs' own weekly tournaments. Afterwards, the Responsibles send to me, by e-mail, in a simple text file, the full results of every board. I enter them into the computer program Brigitte and global frequency tables and rankings become available.

Starting this month, we are introducing a mailing list for the players. From next week on, they can tell one another the stories about the boards they have played. In order to subscribe to that mailing-list, simply send a blank e-mail to:

**5friday-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**

to write to the list, the address is:

**5friday@yahoogroups.com**

(but you need to subscribe first)

### More Details

Can be found on my web-site:

**http://gallery.uunet.be/hermandw/bridge/ffriday.html**

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**hermandw@village.uunet.be**

(\*) you may already have noticed that the Responsibles in the different centers all have nicknames ending in a capital Y. It is a high distinction, and I would like to confer an honorary Y to Paddy Jourdain.

## Commentators Beware!

On Board 2 of the famous 25-5 win by San Marino over Russia, the commentators stated that San Marino's lucky 6♥ contract was certain to make.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

On a spade lead, a club was pitched from declarer's hand and, after a diamond ruff, the declarer will drop the queen of trumps for twelve tricks. But Willie Coyle, the Scottish Coach, spotted that if North dropped the queen and jack of diamonds under the ace, king, then declarer would take the losing percentage play in trumps by finessing on the second round, and go one down.

The diamond play cannot lose because North knows that the suit is breaking three-three and will therefore ruff out.

Black mark, gentlemen!

Sam Leckie.

It is also worth pointing out that the fact that North drops the ten on the first round should not dissuade declarer from taking a second round finesse. Though it is true that declarer cannot pick up queen to four with South, the ten is a standard falsecard from ten-small and, as there are more small cards that North could hold than specifically the queen, the odds still favour the finesse.

*Of course, if North could know that declarer held the ♥9, he should drop the QUEEN under the king, completing a fine triple honour-drop, and now declarer would surely finesse against South's assumed ten-to-four. (eds)*

## Quiz Result

The result of the first picture quiz was the chandelier in the foyer of the entrance to the 'Pyramid'. We had two correct responses, the npc of the Czech Senior Team, Marc Verdier, and also someone called Anna Verdier who, by chance, is his wife. After utilisation of the Bulletin Room's magic random number generator, the name that came out of the editor's Blue Chip baseball cap was Anna, who is now declared the winner.

We are still awaiting entries for yesterday's puzzle picture. If you want to win a book prize study again the front page photograph of Bulletin 9.

## e-bridge - an Overview

*Pinhas Romik has been an International Business Executive for the last twenty years. In his youth he was an outstanding International Bridge Player, who finished third in the Bermuda Bowl in 1976 and was three times a runner-up in a European Championship, the Juniors in 1972, and the Open in 1975 and 1976.*

*He is now well known as the man behind e-bridge. They are one of the sponsors of the Championships and the Daily Bulletin took the opportunity to interview him before he leaves Tenerife - on business of course!*

### Who/what is e-bridge?

The company has its headquarters in New York and might best be described as a bridge community portal that has development activities in Israel. It is dedicated to providing Bridge players across the world with playing, viewing, and bridge content opportunities through the use of the Internet. It was founded in January 2000 by Pinhas Romik, Bobby Wolff, Zia Mahmood, and Sam Lev. The Company was created using venture capital funds.

### What is the Company's market position?

The strategy of e-bridge strategy is to be a portal where bridge players from all levels can find at all times interesting content and play. These include a Bridge playing arena providing social & tournament bridge and live events. The latter include an on line VuGraph offering live coverage of important International events as well as a vast amount of archived material. There is an online "encyclopedia" of columns, news, rules, analysis, book reviews, software, etc. We also feature Bidding contests and quizzes and our Member services include chat rooms, a partnership desk, forums, bulletin boards, analysis rooms, expert commentary, calendar of events, personalized info, etc. In a nutshell we cover a wide range of activities and could be described as a One-Stop Shop for Bridge.

### How is the Company staffed?

e-bridge has 15 full time employees and a similar number of part-time contributors based all over the world.

### We understand e-bridge is associated with many top players?

Yes indeed. Names like: Lauria, Versace, Pszczola, Kwiecien, Gawrys, Hamman, Lev, Mohan, Rosenberg, Jill Meyers, Irina Levitina and Beth Palmer, play on e-bridge in exhibition matches and as part of their training for major championships. The third pair in European Ladies Pairs Championship Consolation event here in Tenerife, Popiliov/Nosacki, trained daily on e-bridge for several months before the Championship. The team that has just won the trials to compete in the Lippo Bank Venice Cup in Bali as USA I includes four players who have trained regularly on e-bridge, Jill Meyers, Irina Levitina, Kerry Sanborn and Randy Montin. The Nickell team that has just become USA I for Bali use the site for training purposes and of course the Internet is ideally suited for that purpose when players live any distance apart.

It is also possible to use the site as a medium for coaching, which can be especially valuable where the team members live in different locations.



Pinhas Romik

### What about e-bridge's agreements with Bridge Federations?

e-bridge has several sponsorship agreements with the WBF and the EBL to support European Championships, and World Junior activities. E-bridge has an agreement with ACBL, and is operating a sister web site for the ACBL at [www.acbl.com](http://www.acbl.com). The latest agreement is with the Swedish Bridge Federation.

### What are e-bridge's short-term plans?

We will be engaged at several major events: the ACBL Nationals in Toronto and Las Vegas, the World Junior Pair Championship in Poland, the World Junior Team Championship in Rio and almost certainly the Lippo Bank Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup in Bali. e-bridge is a dedicated sponsor of Junior Bridge and the VuGraph coverage of the junior events I have mentioned will be available free of charge. I should mention e-bridge's Internet Open Pairs World Championship, which is still open to new players. Not only does it offer WBF, EBL and ACBL master points, but there will also be cash prizes totaling US\$20,000 in the final.

### Do you have to pay to gain access to the site?

As I mentioned above, you can follow junior events free of charge. From the first of July 2001 the social room at e-bridge will be free. This site is designed to cater for the people who don't have time to take part in the tournaments we run, but who would like to play bridge for perhaps an hour or so. In addition, players who want to practice can use this part of the site and it can also be used for practice team games.

### What about the more serious player?

We are currently offering five tournaments a day and are undoubtedly the largest Bridge Club in the World, attracting more than 4,000 tables per month. We are starting to organise inter-club championships, which we believe may become very popular. A VuGraph presentation where you can see how stars from the world of bridge deal with the hands you played the night before currently follows those events the next day. In addition, we want to promote more team games, introduce leagues and events with a double knock-out element.

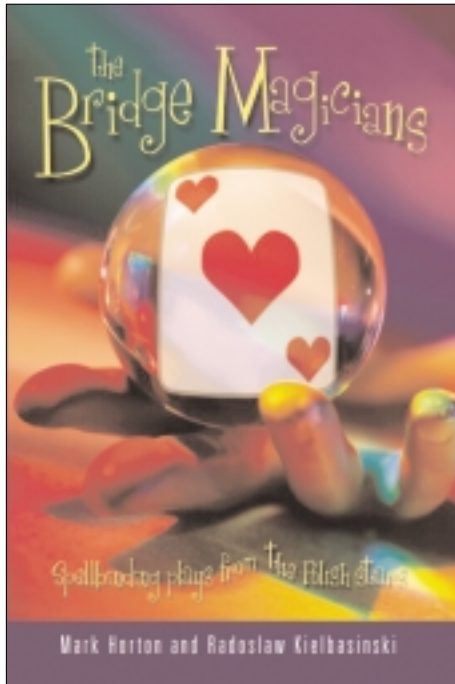
### Does the site contain any instructional material?

Absolutely. For example, we will soon release a comprehensive software package to provide bridge teaching online for teachers and students at all levels.

**Pinhas, thank you for taking the time to talk to us.**

## The Bridge Magicians

If you enjoyed yesterday's profiles of the Polish Open Team, you will be interested to know that in July Master Point Press will publish a collection of brilliant and instructive deals based on the exploits of the top Polish players.



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## Uniforms, The Croatian Ladies Take The Prize

by Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

The new dress code of the European Championships, which is voluntary this year but compulsory in 2003, has made the event more colourful. Many nations have created imaginative suits or dresses, but the Croatian ladies surely take the prize. Not only do they have several dresses and a smart hat but they are very becoming, too. Just take a look at this dress, presented by Iva Jurisic.



## Prize-giving Ceremony & Victory Banquet

### Change of Starting Time & Programme

The Prize-giving Ceremony on Saturday 30th June has been brought forward to **5.45 p.m.** to give us the wonderful opportunity to see the marvellous Spanish Show, "Carmen Mota: Pasión Española", which will be held in the Auditorium at 9.30 p.m. precisely. Mr Rafael Estartus, Delegado de Presidencia Mare Nostrum Resort has kindly invited all Championship participants to this show.

### Programme

- 5.45 p.m.** - Prize-giving Ceremony in the Auditorium
- 7.30 p.m.** - Proceed to the Roman Pool through Hotel Julio Cesar (passing the Convention Card Desk)
- 8.00 p.m.** - Victory Banquet at the Roman Pool
- 9.30 p.m.** - Show in the Auditorium (entrance through Hotel Marco Antonio)

### Please be punctual!

The **Victory Banquet Desk**, located at the **Convention Card Desk**, will open on Wednesday 27th June, at 10 a.m. All Captains are kindly requested to collect the invitations for their teams **before 9.00 p.m. on Thursday 28th**. For understandable organisational reasons, **tickets must be picked up before this time**. Tickets for companions and friends are also available from the Victory Banquet Desk priced at 5,000 pesetas each.

**Please do not forget to take your invitation with you**, otherwise you will not be able to enter the Roman Pool area.



## OPEN TEAMS

## Butler Ranking

## AFTER ROUND 26

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Helgemo G	NOR	0.79	400	30 Hopfenheit G	GER	0.18	320	Duong H	SWI	-0.12	360
Helness T	NOR	0.79	400	Retzlaff R	GER	0.18	320	Yalcin T	SWI	-0.12	360
2 Gromov A	RUS	0.74	380	31 Burn D	ENG	0.17	340	53 Zadrazil M	CZE	-0.13	340
Petrudin A	RUS	0.74	380	Callaghan B	ENG	0.17	340	Lamza V	CRO	-0.13	339
3 Bocchi N	ITA	0.72	420	32 Hallberg G	ENG	0.16	320	Tomic T	CRO	-0.13	339
Duboin G	ITA	0.72	420	Simpson C	ENG	0.16	320	54 Mihov V	BUL	-0.14	320
4 Multon F	FRA	0.69	380	Mraz T	CZE	0.16	300	Nanev I	BUL	-0.14	320
Quantin J	FRA	0.69	380	Hegedus G	HUN	0.16	320	Briolini G	SMR	-0.14	340
5 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.67	320	33 Caspersen H	DEN	0.15	280	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.14	340
Balicki C	POL	0.67	360	Norgaard T	DEN	0.15	280	55 Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.15	280
Zmudzinski A	POL	0.67	360	34 Andersson L	SWE	0.14	300	Arigun C	TUR	-0.15	280
6 Eidi M	LEB	0.62	460	Gullberg T	SWE	0.14	300	56 Jansa Z	CZE	-0.16	340
Harfouche G	LEB	0.62	460	35 Frances A	SPA	0.12	320	57 Szalay G	HUN	-0.19	340
7 Kwecien M	POL	0.56	420	Torres J	SPA	0.12	320	58 Capucho M	POR	-0.22	320
Pszczola J	POL	0.56	420	Kirchhoff E	NET	0.12	200	Lara M	POR	-0.22	320
8 Trendafilov	BUL	0.54	340	Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200	59 Debonnaire J	POR	-0.23	340
9 Dubinin A	RUS	0.53	300	36 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.11	360	Teixeira A	POR	-0.23	340
Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.53	300	37 Allegrini P	FRA	0.10	340	60 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.24	340
10 Carcassonne	BEL	0.51	340	Palau JJ	FRA	0.10	340	61 Senk M	SLO	-0.25	500
Labaere A	BEL	0.51	340	Lindermann A	AUS	0.10	300	Kranjc G	SLO	-0.25	500
11 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.46	340	Saurer B	AUS	0.10	300	Goded F	SPA	-0.25	379
Magnusson M	ICE	0.46	340	38 Barbosa J	POR	0.09	340	Lantaron L	SPA	-0.25	379
12 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.45	340	Pinto R	POR	0.09	340	Micescu V	ROM	-0.25	320
Liarakos S	GRE	0.45	340	39 Kaplan A	BEL	0.07	320	62 Szilagyi L	HUN	-0.28	280
13 Blakset L	DEN	0.44	360	Polet G	BEL	0.07	320	63 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.29	279
Bruun M	DEN	0.44	360	40 Denning P	WAL	0.06	340	Ucar A	TUR	-0.29	279
14 Skoularikis F	GRE	0.43	360	Thomas A	WAL	0.06	340	64 Tesla M	CRO	-0.31	400
Zotos L	GRE	0.43	360	Rometi F	ROM	0.06	300	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.31	400
15 Jansma J	NET	0.42	420	Valeanu V	ROM	0.06	300	65 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.32	319
Verhees L	NET	0.42	420	41 Nystrom F	SWE	0.05	340	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.32	319
16 Honti L	HUN	0.41	300	Bertheau P	SWE	0.05	340	66 Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.36	259
17 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.39	320	Kiema O	FIN	0.05	519	Utter L	FIN	-0.36	259
Zlotov D	RUS	0.39	320	Koistinen K	FIN	0.05	519	67 Matei C	ROM	-0.37	380
18 Yadlin D	ISR	0.36	320	Lesniewski M	POL	0.05	260	68 Savin D	ROM	-0.39	360
Yadlin I	ISR	0.36	320	Martens K	POL	0.05	260	69 Helling S	LUX	-0.40	320
Engel Z	BEL	0.36	340	42 Kurka J	CZE	0.04	340	70 Renno I	LUX	-0.43	300
Van Middeltem	BEL	0.36	340	43 Maas A	NET	0.01	380	71 Dousse J	SWI	-0.47	300
Eliasson PG	LAT	0.36	399	Ramondt V	NET	0.01	380	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.47	300
Magnusson T	LAT	0.36	399	44 Fawcett J	ENG	0.00	340	72 Levy R	SWI	-0.48	380
19 Sundelin P	SWE	0.34	360	Liggins G	ENG	0.00	340	Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.48	380
Sylvan J	SWE	0.34	360	AA T	NOR	0.00	280	73 Novak M	SLO	-0.50	500
Zorlu N	TUR	0.34	480	Groethem G	NOR	0.00	280	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.50	500
Assael S	TUR	0.34	480	Ludewig B	GER	0.00	360	74 Alfejeva E	LAT	-0.63	320
20 Abecassis M	FRA	0.30	320	Reps K	GER	0.00	360	Gonca V	LAT	-0.63	320
Soulet P	FRA	0.30	320	45 Knap A	SPA	-0.01	338	75 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.64	340
21 Goodman P	WAL	0.28	340	Wasik A	SPA	-0.01	338	Turletti G	LIE	-0.64	340
Lauria L	ITA	0.28	380	Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.01	360	Ananijev B	CRO	-0.64	260
Versace A	ITA	0.28	380	Matheson J	SCO	-0.01	360	Sasek T	CRO	-0.64	260
22 Brogeland B	NOR	0.27	320	46 Baroudi N	LEB	-0.04	280	76 Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.67	360
Saelensminde	NOR	0.27	320	Nasr C	LEB	-0.04	280	Schaaper M	LUX	-0.67	360
23 Hausler H	GER	0.26	320	47 Aviram Y	ISR	-0.05	259	77 O'Briain P	IRE	-0.68	320
Spletstosse	GER	0.26	320	Barel M	ISR	-0.05	259	Roche T	IRE	-0.68	320
24 Rees T	WAL	0.25	320	48 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.06	320	78 Richter C	LUX	-0.69	340
Herbst I	ISR	0.25	379	Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.06	320	Pesonen J	FIN	-0.69	260
Herbst O	ISR	0.25	379	Murdoch J	SCO	-0.06	320	Stubb S	FIN	-0.69	260
25 Simon J	AUS	0.23	339	Walker D	SCO	-0.06	320	Fahs B	LEB	-0.69	220
Terraneo C	AUS	0.23	339	49 Pownall M	WAL	-0.07	340	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.69	220
26 Schaltz D	DEN	0.22	360	Svoboda O	CZE	-0.07	360	79 Filippi F	SMR	-0.73	340
Schaltz P	DEN	0.22	360	Baldursson J	ICE	-0.07	320	Pizza E	SMR	-0.73	340
27 Whittaker W	SCO	0.21	360	Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.07	320	80 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.74	320
Kannavos P	GRE	0.21	300	Manlon T	IRE	-0.07	380	Rapoport O	UKR	-0.74	340
Kapayannides K	GRE	0.21	300	McGann H	IRE	-0.07	380	Volkov O	UKR	-0.74	340
Gloyer A	AUS	0.21	359	Winkler G	HUN	-0.07	459	81 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.75	340
Schifko M	AUS	0.21	359	50 Jonsson Th	ICE	-0.08	340	Zucchini G	LIE	-0.75	340
Steel L	SCO	0.21	360	Thorvaldsson	ICE	-0.08	340	82 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.80	300
28 Stamatov J	BUL	0.20	340	Nikolayenko	UKR	-0.08	340	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.80	300
29 De Falco D	ITA	0.19	200	Rybnikow G	UKR	-0.08	340	83 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.93	360
Ferraro G	ITA	0.19	200	Gal P	HUN	-0.08	299	Palmieri C	LIE	-0.93	360
				51 Vozabal D	CZE	-0.10	320	84 Purgajlis M	LAT	-0.94	320
				52 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.12	320	Romanovskis	LAT	-0.94	320

The Cross Table of the Open Teams on this page  
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## SENIOR TEAMS

## Butler Ranking

## AFTER ROUND 17

Player		avg. Boards												
		IMPs												
1	Berglund SE	SWE	1.49	70		Megged A	IS2	0.35	126		Ribeiro G	POR	-0.29	182
2	Flodqvist S.	SWE	1.46	70	21	Rebattu M	NET	0.31	196	48	Boesiger H	SWI	-0.32	238
3	Hackett P	ENI	1.10	126		Van Oppen C	NET	0.31	196		Splengler W	SWI	-0.32	238
	Harper R	ENI	1.10	126	22	Hirst M	WAI	0.30	168	49	Krizek F	CZE	-0.33	154
4	Delmouly C	FR2	0.94	168		Nosek J	CZE	0.29	140		Subrt J	CZE	-0.33	154
	Roudinesco J	FR2	0.94	168	23	Hebak P	CZE	0.29	140	50	Peri S	ISI	-0.34	112
5	Rue D	EN2	0.85	154		Imhof H	SWI	0.28	238		Shachar L	ISI	-0.34	112
	Sowter T	EN2	0.85	154		Frei J	SWI	0.28	238		MacKenzie G	IRE	-0.34	182
6	Wala W	POI	0.78	182	25	Battistoni G	IT2	0.27	140	51	Stanley K	EN2	-0.35	140
	Wilkosz A	POI	0.78	182		Bertolucci E	IT2	0.27	140		Townsend B	EN2	-0.35	140
7	Adad P	FR2	0.77	154	26	Nordby H	NOR	0.24	208	52	Goldenfield	ENI	-0.36	154
	Aujaleu M	FR2	0.77	154	27	DeVrij H	NET	0.23	70		Hirst B	ENI	-0.36	154
8	Hugonet T	FR1	0.75	168		Polle W	NET	0.23	70		Sveindal J	NOR	-0.36	166
	Peyronnie C	FR1	0.75	168	28	Ekberg S	SWE	0.22	210	53	Mykietyk K	PO2	-0.38	126
9	Diamond D	SCO	0.72	154	29	Alfredsson L	SWE	0.18	196	54	Boyadji E	LEB	-0.41	140
10	Mari C	FR2	0.69	154	30	Marcowicz V	PO2	0.16	168	55	MacLaren J	SCO	-0.42	154
	Leenhardt F	FR2	0.69	154	31	Schroeder D	GEI	0.15	168	56	Merhy G	LEB	-0.46	196
11	Klappert W	POI	0.63	210		Schwenkreis	GEI	0.15	168	57	Arachtinsi	LEB	-0.50	112
	Russyan J	POI	0.63	210	32	Filip A	CZE	0.14	154	58	MacHale J	IRE	-0.54	182
	Baroni F	IT2	0.63	154		Jires P	CZE	0.14	154	59	Debbane J	LEB	-0.56	168
	Ricciarelli	IT2	0.63	154		Hellemann H	NOR	0.14	152	60	Isla J	SPI	-0.57	168
	Maci G	IT1	0.63	168		Jackson D.A	IRE	0.14	182		JimenezHuert	SPI	-0.57	168
	Mismetti C	IT1	0.63	168	33	Knutsen K	NOR	0.11	166	61	Manglano J	SPI	-0.58	126
12	Brkljacic M	CRO	0.56	168		Barry P	IRE	0.11	168		Molero E	SPI	-0.58	126
	Panto J	ENI	0.56	196	34	Chmelik N	GEI	0.10	154	62	Greenstein M	ISI	-0.59	168
	Waterlow T	ENI	0.56	196		Hoger W	GEI	0.10	154		Harduf M	ISI	-0.59	168
	Reurer JM	FR1	0.56	154	35	Humburg H	GEI	0.06	154	63	Eidi G	LEB	-0.66	98
	Coppolani M	FR1	0.56	154		Mattsson G	GEI	0.06	154	64	Caric J	CRO	-0.68	140
13	Klukowski J	PO2	0.53	182	36	Gromoeller W	GE2	0.04	224	65	Almeida E	POR	-0.70	140
14	Protega B	CRO	0.47	182		Schneider W	GE2	0.04	224		Ferreira H	POR	-0.70	140
	Baxter K	SCO	0.47	154	37	Jourdain P	WAI	0.00	126	66	Parry E	WA2	-0.71	222
15	Piekenbrock	GE2	0.46	224		Luck J	WAI	-0.01	196		Powell A	WA2	-0.71	222
	Uhlmann HD	GE2	0.46	224		Collings J	EN2	-0.01	154		Dix M	MAL	-0.71	224
	Bardin A	IT1	0.46	154		Jones D	EN2	-0.01	154		ParnisEnglan	MAL	-0.71	224
	Bettoni T	IT1	0.46	154	39	Levit Y	IS2	-0.06	182	67	Reddy T	WAI	-0.72	210
16	Beineix JC	FR1	0.44	126		Sagiv Y	IS2	-0.06	182	68	Moe J	NOR	-0.79	56
	Stoppa JL	FR1	0.44	126	40	Bettinetti G	IT2	-0.07	154		Mannor M	IS2	-0.79	140
17	Hallen H.O	SWE	0.40	210		Marino L	IT2	-0.07	154		Sharon A	IS2	-0.79	140
	Bomhof J.W	NET	0.40	182	41	Gleis M	BEL	-0.12	224	69	Patrick D	WA2	-0.80	222
	Englander N	NET	0.40	182		Henry J	BEL	-0.12	224		Patrick J	WA2	-0.80	222
18	Backstrom L	SWE	0.38	196	42	Badir F	BEL	-0.13	224	70	Gagne P	WAI	-0.83	196
	Brav B	ISI	0.38	196		Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.13	224		Fayad G	LEB	-0.89	126
	Zilberbush S	ISI	0.38	196	43	Frew D	SCO	-0.17	154	72	Alcaraz R	SPI	-0.94	154
19	Jeziro A	PO2	0.37	238		Longinotti E	IT1	-0.18	126		DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.94	154
	Zaremba J	PO2	0.37	238	44	Resta G	IT1	-0.18	126	73	Leighton C	MAL	-0.95	224
20	Gomes DaCost	POR	0.35	126		Montwill A	IRE	-0.18	182		Leighton M	MAL	-0.95	224
	Oliveira J	POR	0.35	126	45	Goldberg V	SCO	-0.19	168	74	Tedeschi E	CRO	-1.24	112
	As I	IS2	0.35	126		Gordon I	SCO	-0.19	168	75	Sver B	CRO	-1.27	168
					46	Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.28	140	76	Milde A	POI	-1.49	56
					47	Parente M	POR	-0.29	182		Stobiecki W	POI	-1.49	56

## LADIES TEAMS

## Butler Ranking

## AFTER ROUND 15

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Dhondy H	ENG	0.88	278	19 Van der Pas	NET	0.22	220	38 SteenLybaek	NOR	-0.18	178
Smith N	ENG	0.88	278	Vriend B	NET	0.22	220	Wennevold I	NOR	-0.18	178
2 Pascual M	SPA	0.86	180	20 Dumont S	FRA	0.21	140	Romanowska M	RUS	-0.18	200
Viola C	SPA	0.86	180	21 Welker J	HUN	0.20	260	Volina V	RUS	-0.18	200
3 Brunner M	ENG	0.78	140	Kailiakmani A	GRE	0.20	220	39 Evelius-Nohr	SWVE	-0.20	159
Goldenfield	ENG	0.78	140	Mamidaki L	GRE	0.20	220	Karlsson-Uis	SWVE	-0.20	159
4 Andersson P	SWE	0.77	220	22 Hugon E	FRA	0.18	180	40 Nehmert P	GER	-0.23	200
Larsson J	SWE	0.77	220	Fishpool C	FRA	0.18	180	Rauscheid A	GER	-0.23	200
5 Avon D	FRA	0.75	220	Brock S	ENG	0.18	138	41 Backstrom S	FIN	-0.24	260
6 Matut M	SPA	0.73	200	Courtney M	ENG	0.18	138	Koistinen R	FIN	-0.24	260
Santos C	SPA	0.73	200	23 Clement M	FRA	0.14	160	42 Heitmann E	NOR	-0.30	160
7 Levit-Porat	ISR	0.72	260	24 Hoogweg F	NET	0.09	180	Kyriakidou A	GRE	-0.30	180
Zur-Campanil	ISR	0.72	260	Van Zwol W	NET	0.09	180	Lambrinou S	GRE	-0.30	180
8 Lustin C	FRA	0.67	240	25 Hellmann A	NOR	0.06	218	43 Mezey K	HUN	-0.36	260
9 DeLucchi F	ITA	0.65	260	26 Pilipovic M	CRO	0.03	240	44 Perlini MC	RSM	-0.40	140
Rosetta A	ITA	0.65	260	Sver N	CRO	0.03	240	Stacchini LM	RSM	-0.40	140
10 Hegedus O	HUN	0.64	140	27 Sarniak A	POL	0.02	220	45 Bilde L	DEN	-0.49	220
11 Redermeir A	AUS	0.61	160	Tichy E	HUN	0.02	280	Henriksen C	DEN	-0.49	220
Terraneo S	AUS	0.61	160	Grunt A	POL	0.02	220	46 Casey J	WAL	-0.51	220
12 Auken S	GER	0.50	260	28 Tomaszewska	POL	0.00	200	Kurbalija D	WAL	-0.51	220
Von Arnim D	GER	0.50	260	Wojtyra A	POL	0.00	200	47 Greenland L	WAL	-0.71	180
13 Svobodova P	CZE	0.49	220	29 Malinowski A	NOR	-0.01	198	Hirst A	WAL	-0.71	180
Pokorna J	CZE	0.49	220	Arrigoni G	ITA	-0.01	159	48 McGowan L	SCO	-0.73	240
Fisher D	AUS	0.49	200	Olivieri G	ITA	-0.01	159	McQuaker F	SCO	-0.73	240
Weigkricht T	AUS	0.49	200	30 Gromova V	RUS	-0.02	180	Kulmala S	FIN	-0.73	160
14 Pasman J	NET	0.45	160	Kulichkova O	RUS	-0.02	180	Savolainen P	FIN	-0.73	160
Simons A	NET	0.45	160	Khonicheva E	RUS	-0.02	180	49 Njaradi I	HUN	-0.79	80
15 Lancova M	CZE	0.38	120	Ponomareva T	RUS	-0.02	180	Babot M	SPA	-0.79	180
Tomcikova Z	CZE	0.38	120	31 Birman D	ISR	-0.06	140	Sanchiz N	SPA	-0.79	180
Melech H	ISR	0.38	160	Lieberman R	ISR	-0.06	140	50 Alexander M	SCO	-0.87	240
Naveh N	ISR	0.38	160	32 Gothe E	SWE	-0.10	220	Outred V	SCO	-0.87	240
Erhardt M	AUS	0.38	200	Midskog C	SWE	-0.10	220	51 Filippi M	RSM	-0.88	200
Smederevac J	AUS	0.38	200	33 Farholt S	DEN	-0.11	220	Urbani AM	RSM	-0.88	200
16 Topolyi M	HUN	0.30	100	Rahelt M	DEN	-0.11	220	52 Baldini P	RSM	-0.89	220
17 Farwig K	GER	0.27	100	34 Clench G	WAL	-0.12	200	Tantini R	RSM	-0.89	220
Stawowy B	GER	0.27	100	Harris D	WAL	-0.12	200	53 Brkljacic T	CRO	-0.93	140
Ferlazzo C	ITA	0.27	140	35 Mueller R	CRO	-0.14	180	Petrovic I	CRO	-0.93	140
Manara G	ITA	0.27	140	Jurisic I	CRO	-0.14	180	54 Gerrard C	SCO	-1.13	120
18 Macieszczak	POL	0.24	180	36 Kanellopoulou D	GRE	-0.16	160	McGeagh A	SCO	-1.13	120
Siwek M	POL	0.24	180	Ekonomou L	GRE	-0.16	160	55 Kirstan M	DEN	-1.23	160
Erdeova J	CZE	0.24	220	37 Langeland A	NOR	-0.17	180	Krefeld C	DEN	-1.23	160
				Barlund B	FIN	-0.17	180				

## Championship Diary

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

## Tuesday 26 June 2001

Pony Nehmert spotted that Carcassone has been voted Spiel des Jahres 2001 (Game of the year 2001) in Germany. I wonder if Valerie is on a percentage?

The Swedish Captain has handed in a doubtless excellent profile of his team - alas there is something wrong with the disk, so we hope someone Swedish reads this and tells him in time for us to get a new version. At the same time Johan Wahlberg, the Swedish assistant coach brings something for publication but his disk is also damaged. Watch out for Swedish Disk Syndrome!

Does anyone know Brian Senior's home telephone number? He has forgotten it and needs to phone home. If you have it please bring it to the Bulletin Office

There is talk of a competition to find the most elegant team uniform. Italy must be odds on as their outfit was probably designed by Versace.

The English Women's Captain has 24 hours to deposit a large sum of money in a brown envelope in the Daily Bulletin office, otherwise we will be forced to reveal the story of the gazelle and the warthog.