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Italy Are Closing In



Who does Calin champion?

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 30	13.45
France v Italy		

OPEN	ROUND 31	17.30
Poland v Russia		

This morning

OPEN SERIES	Slovenia v Hungary	10.00
SENIORS SERIES	Round 21	10.00

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Russia's lead at the top has been reduced and the Champions **Italy** have moved into second place. **Poland** have dropped to third while **Norway** have moved into fourth place ahead of **Greece**. **France** are now sixth, ahead of **Bulgaria** who had a spectacular day to move back into contention. The smart money is on five of these seven teams making the trip to Bali.

In the Ladies Series, **England** have almost certainly secured the title by defeating their nearest challengers **Austria** 25-5. That allowed the **Netherlands** to move into second place and only ten points separate the chasing teams, **Austria**, **France**, **Israel**, **Germany**, and **Italy**.

In the Seniors, the holders **France 2** have increased their advantage. **Poland 1** are well clear in second place while **Sweden** have moved into third.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 27**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	ISRAEL	35 - 26	17 - 13
2	BULGARIA	IRELAND	83 - 34	25 - 5
3	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	44 - 31	18 - 12
4	CZECH REP	SAN MARINO	64 - 17	24 - 6
5	GREECE	SPAIN	26 - 60	8 - 22
6	WALES	SLOVENIA	78 - 60	19 - 11
7	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	15 - 15	15 - 15
8	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	50 - 36	18 - 12
9	TURKEY	LUXEMBOURG	56 - 17	23 - 7
10	ICELAND	CROATIA	24 - 16	16 - 14
11	LATVIA	UKRAINE	10 - 57	6 - 24
12	HUNGARY	ITALY	25 - 27	15 - 15
13	BELGIUM	LIECHTENSTEIN	51 - 61	13 - 17
14	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	35 - 36	15 - 15
15	GERMANY	POLAND	20 - 35	12 - 18
16	FINLAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
17	SWITZERLAND	ROMANIA	44 - 23	19 - 11
18	LEBANON	FRANCE	19 - 42	10 - 20

ROUND 28

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	IRELAND	DENMARK	50 - 11	23 - 7
2	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL	49 - 28	19 - 11
3	SAN MARINO	BULGARIA	15 - 59	6 - 24
4	SWEDEN	GREECE	18 - 73	4 - 25
5	SLOVENIA	CZECH REP	16 - 92	1 - 25
6	SPAIN	ENGLAND	14 - 27	12 - 18
7	NORWAY	WALES	54 - 15	23 - 7
8	SCOTLAND	LUXEMBOURG	48 - 25	20 - 10
9	AUSTRIA	ICELAND	42 - 45	14 - 16
10	UKRAINE	TURKEY	16 - 54	7 - 23
11	CROATIA	HUNGARY	22 - 42	11 - 19
12	BELGIUM	LATVIA	36 - 67	9 - 21
13	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	8 - 69	3 - 25
14	LIECHTENSTEIN	GERMANY	22 - 73	5 - 25
15	FINLAND	RUSSIA	7 - 43	8 - 22
16	ROMANIA	POLAND	41 - 16	20 - 10
17	bye	FRANCE	0 - 0	0 - 18
18	SWITZERLAND	LEBANON	25 - 42	11 - 19

ROUND 29

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	PORTUGAL	56 - 37	19 - 11
2	IRELAND	SAN MARINO	58 - 37	19 - 11
3	GREECE	ISRAEL	20 - 46	10 - 20
4	BULGARIA	SLOVENIA	72 - 35	23 - 7
5	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	100 - 34	25 - 2
6	CZECH REP	NORWAY	12 - 63	5 - 25
7	LUXEMBOURG	SPAIN	18 - 105	0 - 25
8	WALES	ICELAND	24 - 61	7 - 23
9	SCOTLAND	UKRAINE	33 - 94	3 - 25
10	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	31 - 42	13 - 17
11	TURKEY	BELGIUM	72 - 35	23 - 7
12	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	69 - 22	24 - 6
13	GERMANY	LATVIA	105 - 16	25 - 0
14	ITALY	FINLAND	62 - 27	22 - 8
15	ROMANIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	57 - 44	18 - 12
16	FRANCE	RUSSIA	29 - 43	12 - 18
17	POLAND	LEBANON	48 - 47	15 - 15
18	bye	SWITZERLAND	0 - 0	0 - 18

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 30****13.45**

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

ROUND 31**17.30**

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

URGENT!**AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

The following countries have not yet informed us about their return flights.

France	Israel	Switzerland
Greece	Lebanon	Turkey
Hungary	Russia	Ukraine
Iceland	Scotland	Wales
Ireland	Spain	

We will not be able to arrange transfers to the airport unless you inform us of your requirements today, Thursday, by 12.00 a.m.

Please come to the Victory Banquet Desk opposite the Open and Ladies playing rooms between 9.30 and 12.00 a.m. today, Thursday, to give us your details.

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 29 rounds

1	RUSSIA	535.50
2	ITALY	525.00
3	POLAND	511.00
4	NORWAY	506.00
5	GREECE	501.00
6	France	500.00
7	Bulgaria	493.00
8	Israel	478.50
9	Denmark	477.00
10	England	475.00
11	Austria	475.00
12	Germany	470.00
13	Netherlands	467.00
14	Belgium	466.50
15	Turkey	465.00
16	Iceland	463.00
17	Lebanon	452.00
18	Spain	446.00
19	Scotland	443.00
20	Wales	438.00
21	Czech Rep	432.00
22	Sweden	430.00
23	Hungary	424.00
24	Portugal	413.00
25	Ukraine	402.00
26	Romania	402.00
27	Finland	386.50
28	Switzerland	374.00
29	Croatia	359.00
30	Ireland	353.00
31	Latvia	346.50
32	Slovenia	340.00
33	San Marino	334.50
34	Luxembourg	308.00
35	Liechtenstein	280.00

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	CROATIA	49 - 20	21 - 9
22	FINLAND	ITALY	37 - 29	16 - 14
23	WALES	NETHERLANDS	2 - 79	1 - 25
24	POLAND	CZECH REP	48 - 16	22 - 8
25	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	29 - 44	12 - 18
26	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	35 - 34	15 - 15
27	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	42 - 36	16 - 14
28	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	13 - 44	9 - 21
29	SWEDEN	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
30	FRANCE	NORWAY	23 - 29	14 - 16
31	GREECE	HUNGARY	45 - 45	15 - 15

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	SCOTLAND	83 - 8	25 - 1
22	SAN MARINO	POLAND	62 - 65	14 - 16
23	FRANCE	RUSSIA	43 - 47	14 - 16
24	CROATIA	DENMARK	67 - 61	16 - 14
25	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	29 - 66	7 - 23
26	ITALY	GREECE	42 - 24	19 - 11
27	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	54 - 4	25 - 5
28	NORWAY	HUNGARY	69 - 14	25 - 4
29	SPAIN	ISRAEL	36 - 56	11 - 19
30	CZECH REP	FINLAND	41 - 44	14 - 16
31	bye	WALES	0 - 0	0 - 18

LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 18 13.45

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

ROUND 19 17.30

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

LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 17 rounds

1	ENGLAND	326.00
2	NETHERLANDS	301.00
3	AUSTRIA	300.00
4	FRANCE	297.00
5	ISRAEL	291.00
6	Germany	290.00
7	Italy	290.00
8	Spain	287.00
9	Czech Rep	281.00
10	Poland	265.00
11	Sweden	262.00
12	Norway	260.00
13	Russia	249.00
14	Greece	248.00
15	Hungary	242.00
16	Croatia	228.00
17	Finland	222.00
18	Wales	200.50
19	Denmark	187.00
20	San Marino	179.00
21	Scotland	157.00

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 20 rounds

1	FRANCE 2	399.00
2	POLAND 1	367.75
3	SWEDEN	349.00
4	Netherlands	348.00
5	Italy 2	348.00
6	France 1	344.00
7	England 2	337.00
8	Germany 1	335.00
9	England 1	333.00
10	Poland 2	332.00
11	Italy 1	325.00
12	Germany 2	322.00
13	Scotland	306.00
14	Ireland	293.00
15	Switzerland	292.00
16	Czech Rep.	286.00
17	Norway	283.00
18	Israel 2	279.00
19	Belgium	279.00
20	Israel 1	272.75
21	Croatia	263.50
22	Portugal	261.00
23	Wales 1	254.00
24	Lebanon	231.00
25	Spain 1	227.50
26	Wales 2	213.00
27	Malta	203.00



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:

Thursday 28th June

(Seniors LineUp desk)

13:15 hrs	Malta Seniors	17.00 hrs	Poland 2 Seniors
13:20 hrs	Netherlands Seniors	17.05 hrs	Portugal Seniors
13:25 hrs	Norway Seniors	17.10 hrs	Scotland Seniors
13:30 hrs	Poland 1 Seniors	17.15 hrs	Spain Seniors

Friday 29th June

(Seniors LineUp desk)

9.40 hrs	Sweden Seniors
9.45 hrs	Switzerland Seniors
9.50 hrs	Wales 2 Seniors

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ONLINE MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 30	13.45
	France v Italy	
OPEN	ROUND 31	17.30
	Poland v Russia	

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 18**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	FRANCE 1	CROATIA	16 - 32	11 - 19
42	bye	SWEDEN	0 - 0	0 - 18
43	BELGIUM	FRANCE 2	13 - 23	13 - 17
44	WALES 2	ITALY 2	14 - 39	9 - 21
45	ENGLAND 2	NORWAY	31 - 19	18 - 12
46	CZECH REP.	ISRAEL 2	21 - 23	15 - 15
47	PORTUGAL	POLAND 1	7 - 32	9 - 21
48	LEBANON	WALES 1	17 - 35	11 - 19
49	NETHERLANDS	ITALY 1	53 - 10	25 - 5
50	ISRAEL 1	SWITZERLAND	42 - 23	20 - 10
51	IRELAND	ENGLAND 1	13 - 15	15 - 15
52	SCOTLAND	GERMANY 1	7 - 20	12 - 18
53	SPAIN 1	POLAND 2	12 - 39	8 - 22
54	GERMANY 2	MALTA	57 - 12	25 - 4

ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	SCOTLAND	29 - 26	16 - 14
42	ISRAEL 1	CZECH REP.	17 - 27	13 - 17
43	FRANCE 2	LEBANON	46 - 14	23 - 7
44	NORWAY	FRANCE 1	9 - 27	11 - 19
45	POLAND 2	GERMANY 2	20 - 11	17 - 13
46	ENGLAND 1	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
47	SWITZERLAND	WALES 2	30 - 17	18 - 12
48	ITALY 2	NETHERLANDS	34 - 27	16 - 14
49	SWEDEN	MALTA	23 - 19	16 - 14
50	ITALY 1	SPAIN 1	7 - 22	11 - 19
51	WALES 1	GERMANY 1	5 - 68	1 - 25
52	ISRAEL 2	PORTUGAL	30 - 27	16 - 14
53	POLAND 1	BELGIUM	16 - 17	15 - 15
54	ENGLAND 2	IRELAND	25 - 1	21 - 9

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	ISRAEL 2	CROATIA	23 - 36	12 - 18
42	ITALY 1	ENGLAND 1	43 - 7	24 - 6
43	LEBANON	ITALY 2	10 - 49	5 - 25
44	GERMANY 2	SCOTLAND	0 - 53	3 - 25
45	BELGIUM	ENGLAND 2	8 - 45	6 - 24
46	GERMANY 1	ISRAEL 1	98 - 0	25 - 0
47	SPAIN 1	NORWAY	41 - 46	14 - 16
48	FRANCE 1	SWEDEN	25 - 43	11 - 19
49	CZECH REP.	IRELAND	9 - 56	4 - 25
50	MALTA	POLAND 1	17 - 55	6 - 24
51	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	54 - 14	25 - 5
52	bye	SWITZERLAND	0 - 0	0 - 18
53	WALES 2	FRANCE 2	7 - 67	2 - 25
54	POLAND 2	WALES 1	39 - 17	20 - 10

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SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 21****10.00**

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

ROUND 22**13.45**

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

ROUND 23**17.30**

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

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SESSION 24
OPEN TEAMS



Belgium v France



Tuesday's first match on Rama was particularly interesting, as it was the confrontation of the sixth and seventh placed teams at that moment. Both needed a win to keep their chances to reach the top five alive. Both teams got their chances but, in the end, the French won the match mainly because they scored more small partscore swings than their opponents. Here are a few hands from that match.



Alain Labaere, Belgium

suit. Clubs or trumps did not look sensible choices either, so by elimination only the diamond lead would make sense. Right he was: after the lead of the $\diamond 5$ he got a third-round ruff in the suit and the $\heartsuit A$ then was the setting trick. Well done. France +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
Pass	1 \spadesuit	2 \heartsuit	1 \diamond
Pass	4 \clubsuit	All Pass	2 \spadesuit

Played by North, there was no lead to defeat the contract. On a club lead, declarer even made an overtrick. France another +450 and 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit J 10 7 2		\spadesuit 8 5 4
\heartsuit Q 10 8 2		\heartsuit 7 6 5
\diamond A 5 2		\diamond Q J 4 3
\clubsuit 8 6		\clubsuit 5 3 2
\spadesuit A K Q	N	
\heartsuit A 3	W	E
\diamond 10 9 7 6		S
\clubsuit A Q J 9		
\spadesuit 9 6 3		
\heartsuit K J 9 4		
\diamond K 8		
\clubsuit K 10 7 4		

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit A 8 7 6 5 2		\spadesuit 3
\heartsuit 9 6 3		\heartsuit A J 8 7 5 2
\diamond K J 6		\diamond A Q 2
\clubsuit 3		\clubsuit K Q J
\spadesuit 10 9	N	
\heartsuit Q 10 4	W	E
\diamond 5 4		S
\clubsuit 10 9 7 6 4 2		
\spadesuit K Q J 4		
\heartsuit K		
\diamond 10 9 8 7 3		
\clubsuit A 8 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Multon won the lead of the $\spadesuit 2$ with the king and played a diamond, South winning the king and returning, not a heart, but a logical enough spade. Multon won and now had time to concede to the $\diamond A$ and take two club finesses for nine tricks and +150 to France.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
Dble	Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit
Dble	3 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass
4 \spadesuit	All Pass	3 \spadesuit	Pass

Had Carcassonne passed the second double, Belgium would have scored +300, but it was not to be. So the light third-in-hand opening paid off for France when she elected to make a minimum action by bidding 3 \spadesuit first. West had a natural raise, but the contract went three off whereas 4 \diamond would probably have been made; France another +300 and 10 more IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
Pass	4 \clubsuit	4 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit
All Pass			4 \spadesuit

After the off-beat 1 \spadesuit opening by Zvi Engel, 4 \clubsuit was a splinter. From the bidding, Multon could easily deduce that declarer was bound to be pretty short in hearts, so he mentally excluded that

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 10 3 ♥ K J 9 7 6 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 7 3		♠ — ♥ 3 ♦ A Q J 8 3 2 ♣ A K Q 9 6 5	♠ A J 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ J 10 8
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West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
Pass	4♠	4NT	3♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
			All Pass

No problem, 12 tricks; France +420.
The bidding was the same in both rooms:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
Pass	4♠	4NT	3♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			Dble

No problem, 12 tricks; Belgium +650 and 6 IMPs.

The interesting point of this hand came to light at a number of other tables. How would you play 6♣, reached after a similar auction? You ruff the opening lead of the ♠A and cash the ♣A. South plays the ten. What now? A number of declarers were seen to cross to the ♥A to take a losing finesse against the ♣J. With the ♦K still to lose as well, that meant down one. A nice side effect of an obligatory false card. Is Zia Mahmood around here?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Engel chose the wrong moment to open 3♣ in third hand; France +1100 on perfect defence. Spade lead, ducked to East's king. Spade (the jack) ruff, ♥Q covered with king and ace and another spade (the three this time) ruff. ♥J cashed and a diamond away from the ace to partner's king for a third spade ruff. The ♣K was the fourth undertrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
All Pass	Pass	1♣	2♣

When East did not reopen with her minimum hand, N/S were out of trouble. The contract went one down and France had won another 14 IMPs.

On the next board, Quantin handed back the better part of the IMPs just won:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	Dble	3♦	Pass
		All Pass	

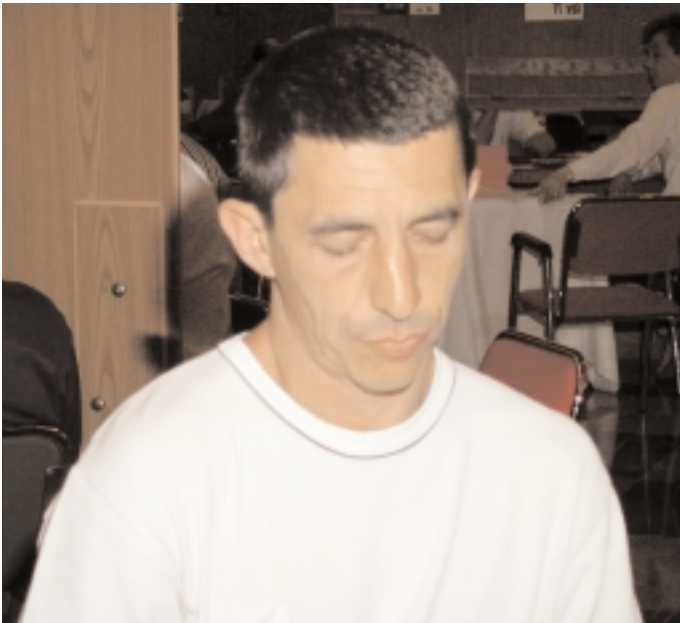
Down four, Belgium +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass		Pass	4♠

The normal contract, France +450 but 8 IMPs to Belgium.

The last board of the match was yet another example of the way things had gone France's way most of the time:



Franck Multon, France

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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W	E											
		S										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Van Middeltem	Quantin	Engel
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Holding three aces, Multon had no trouble in finding a double to finish it off. Right he was again: France +200 after the lead of the ♣A. Note that on the ♥A lead West has to find the switch to a low diamond immediately.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Labaere	Abecassis	Carcassonne	Soulet
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

The French at this table showed how to deal with this type of South hand and thus were able to land in a safe enough spot. France another +170 and 9 IMPs when the ♥A was led and the diamond switch not found.

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SUMMER MEETING

Seniors Congress

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Seniors Congress

The second year of the official European Bridge League competition:

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

INTERVIEW

A Direct Line with Krzysztof Martens "The Gentleman of the tables"



49-years-old. Polish. Married to Marie, with one twenty-one-year-old daughter, Anna, in her second year studying Mediterranean languages, and one eighteen-year-old son, currently in his fifth year at high-school. Starsign: Gemini. He started playing bridge in the '70s and playing for the Polish national team won three gold medals in the European Championships ('81 - '89 - '93), gold at the Olympiad in Seattle, one silver and two bronze medals in the World Championships ('81 - '89 - '93). He made his debut as coach with Israel in '89 and went on to coach The Netherlands, Lebanon, Germany and various Middle-eastern countries. Chemical engineer by profession. Vice-President of the Social-democratic party in his region. Journalist and writer.

Q. Everyone recognises your great professionalism: unfailingly punctual, never a protest, impeccably well-mannered on every occasion. Is this part of your personality or simply your way of perceiving bridge?

A. If I had only followed my instincts I wouldn't be like this. I owe a lot to bridge since it gives me the chance to have a better quality of life. So I've always worked hard, and continue to do so, to improve myself and become a reliable and responsible person.

Q. You usually go to bridge events accompanied by your family. Why?

A. I love my family and bridge as well. If I played far from my wife and kids, the pleasure of sitting at the bridge table would be far less. So I think that this choice is an advantage for me, my family and, why not, also for my bridge.

Q. What was it like to be bridgeplayer in Poland in the seventies?

A. It wasn't the best of times politically speaking but anyone involved in sports of any kind, including bridge, was in a privileged position. I was from a rather well-off family with my father an architect but it was bridge that really allowed me to live above the average standard thanks to the substantial subsidies from the government.

Q. What changed with the fall of the iron curtain?

A. Everything. We learned about freedom, prospects and our horizons widened, but at the same time, even though it may seem paradoxical, the economic situation became more difficult and complex. All at once I was no longer one of the privileged people and I had to cope with a life which had become ten times more expensive than it had been previously.

Q. Why did you decide to become a coach?

A. In '87 my bridgeplaying went downhill drastically. I no



longer felt motivated and I realised that in order to grow as a player I would have to seek new stimuli. Working as a coach, which obliged me to constantly have to deal with people, bridge techniques and philosophies, gave me the chance to enrich myself.

Q. What has been your greatest satisfaction as a coach?

A. Realising that what I have taught has been appreciated and put into practice. For example, here in Tenerife there are two players in the Austrian team whom back in '97 I advised to play natural, rather than the canapé and strong club which was then particularly popular in Vienna. At that time my way of thinking certainly was not appreciated and, in fact, most of the

team rebelled. Well, today these players play natural and obviously this is deeply satisfying for me.

Q. What annoys you most at the table?

A. Having a slow partner.

Q. If you could have three wishes for the next ten years, what would you ask for?

A. Firstly to lose at least 15 kilos; secondly to remain in good health; thirdly to win all that's winnable.

Q. If there any opponent you fear in particular?

A. No for sure, even though I respect them all.

Q. You are given the chance to be born again: which nationality and profession would you choose to be, and which of your present physical and mental characteristics would you not give up?

A. I would work in politics in the Lebanon. Concerning my physical appearance, a happy smile, and regarding personality, my good nature.

Mabel Bocchi

SESSION 11
LADIES TEAMS



Germany v England

by Tony Gordon



When these two teams met, England were 24 VPs clear at the top of the table and Germany were down in eighth place after unconvincing performances in their recent matches; however, England knew they could expect a tough match.

After nine boards Germany led 17-11.



Rhona Goldenfield, England

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
2NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

Sabine Auken's 2♣ was 10-15 with 6+ clubs, and in response to the invitational 2NT she showed a maximum with a spade shortage. On the next round she decided to show her chunky heart fragment, but Daniela von Arnim thought her partner had a four-card suit, so 4♥ became the final contract. Heather Dhondy led a diamond and declarer finessed. When Nicola Smith won her king, she shifted to a spade and Dhondy took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer now finessed the ♥Q, cashed the ♥A and tried the top clubs. If clubs had broken 2-2, Auken could have used the rest of the suit to neutralise South's trump holding, but Dhondy ruffed the second club and still had a trump trick to come, so Auken was one down; -100 and 3 IMPs to Germany.

On the next board, North held a balanced 15-count and South held a flat 10-count. Germany played in 3NT whereas England stopped in 2NT. The cards were very friendly and 3NT could not be defeated, so Germany gained 7 IMPs. However, on Board 12, Germany bid the wrong vulnerable game to lose 13 IMPs and reduce their lead to 3 IMPs, 27-24.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
Pass	2NT	1♠	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Auken led a heart against Smith's 3NT and declarer won in dummy, perforce, as von Arnim followed with the ♥7, and played a diamond won by Auken. To defeat the contract, Auken needed to switch to a spade at trick three, but how could she tell which major offered the best chance of success? When she continued hearts, declarer had her ninth trick and England scored +400.

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Rauscheid
Pass	2♠	1♠	2♦
Pass	5♣	3♥	4♣
		All Pass	

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Rauscheid
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♣	Pass

Pony Nehmert led the ♠3 against Michelle Brunner's 3NT and Andrea Rauscheid took her ace and returned the ten to declarer's king. Brunner tried the top clubs, but there was no joy there. She then finessed the ♦Q, but there was no joy there either, and she was soon two down, losing four spades, a club and a diamond, for +200 to Germany.

A low trump will defeat 5♣, but Brunner naturally led the ♠J. Rauscheid won dummy's king and played a diamond and Rhona Goldenfield played a second spade to dummy's ace. Declarer now cashed the ♣A, discovering the bad break. She continued with a second diamond and ruffed Goldenfield's spade exit with the ♣2. Now Rauscheid erred by cashing the ♥A, but when Brunner failed to ruff the next diamond high she could ruff with dummy's ♣6, cash the ♥K and cross-ruff the last four tricks for +400 to Germany and a flat board. Declarer should have played a third diamond instead of the ♥A. If West ruffs with a high trump, dummy over-ruffs and the South hand is re-entered with the ♥A to play a winning diamond. Now whenever West ruffs, dummy over-ruffs again, trumps are drawn and the South hand is high.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 9 ♥ J 6 4 2 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A 9 8 5	N W E S	♠ J 8 5 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ K 4 ♣ K J 6 3 2	♠ K 7 2 ♥ A K 10 7 3 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ 10 4
West <i>von Arnim</i> Pass	North <i>Smith</i> Pass 4♥	East <i>Auken</i> 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ All Pass	South <i>Dhondy</i> 2♥

⁽¹⁾ Weak two in hearts or a weak hand with spades and a minor.

The opening bid did not inconvenience the English pair and they were soon in 4♥. With certain losers in hearts and clubs, the fate of the contract depends on declarer avoiding two diamond losers. Von Arnim led the ♦10, and Dhondy's fate was quickly sealed when she covered with the queen; +50 to Germany.

West <i>Brunner</i> Pass All Pass	North <i>Nehmert</i> INT 3♥	East <i>Goldenfield</i> Pass Pass	South <i>Rauscheid</i> 2♦ 4♥
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Nehmert's INT was 11-13 and her jump to 3♥ in response to the 2♦ transfer showed four hearts and a minimum. Goldenfield led a spade and Nehmert won the ace and cashed the top trumps, getting the bad news. She now ducked a club to East and won the club return with the ace. When she continued by ruffing a club in dummy, Brunner discarded the ♦J. It seemed to Nehmert that if Brunner held the ♦K, she might have over-ruffed and exited with a spade to avoid a future endplay, so she decided to play East for the ♦K. She consequently cashed the ♠K and ruffed a spade in hand. When she now exited with a club and discarded a diamond from dummy, Goldenfield was endplayed. She tried the ♦4, but Nehmert ran it to her queen; +420 and 10 IMPs to Germany.



Daniela von Arnim, Germany

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K 8 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ Q 10 6 5 4	N W E S	♠ J 10 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ K 9 7 6 4 ♣ A K 3	♠ K Q 9 ♥ Q J 9 5 2 ♦ A J ♣ J 9 2
West <i>Brunner</i> Pass 3♠	North <i>Nehmert</i> 1♦ Dble	East <i>Goldenfield</i> 1♥ 4♥	South <i>Rauscheid</i> 1♠ All Pass

Rauscheid probably considered bidding 4♠, but she was right to defend as the cards lay. However, she did not find her club ruff, so Goldenfield was only one down in 4♥ for +100 to Germany.

West <i>von Arnim</i> 2♥ ⁽¹⁾ Pass	North <i>Smith</i> Dble Pass	East <i>Auken</i> 3♠ ⁽²⁾ Dble	South <i>Dhondy</i> 4♠ All Pass
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⁽¹⁾ Weak two in spades or a weak hand with hearts and a minor
⁽²⁾ Pass or correct

The bidding was more aggressive at this table, but the outcome was disappointing for England when the spade layout meant that there were two unavoidable trump losers to go with the two diamond losers; +200 and 7 IMPs to Germany who won the match 45-28 IMPs, 19-11 VPs, to keep their qualifying hopes alive.



Appeals 17 & 18



Appeal No. 17

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Jan Kamras (Sweden, Scribe), Jean-Claude Beineix (France).

Italy v Russia

Open Teams Round 15

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ 9 8 5 4 ♦ J ♣ J 10 8 6 3 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A 7 5 3 ♥ 10 2 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ A Q 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 8 4 ♥ K Q J 6 3 ♦ K 9 5 4 ♣ 9</p>
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West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Lauria	Zlotov	Versace
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Comments: 3♣ was alerted by West as being very weak.

Contract: Three No Trumps, played by North.

Result: Seven tricks, N/S -200.

The Facts: North called the Director, claiming that there had been no alert on his side about the 3♣ opening being very weak. He stated he would not have bid 3NT had he known this.

The Director: Ruled that there was no specific regulation requiring an alert for such openings. The general alerting policy applies, which state that one must alert things that are unexpected for opponents. Wild and random pre-empts are quite common at this level of competition. Besides, East/West's style of pre-empting was clearly indicated on the front page of their Convention Card. This meant there had been no misinformation. Furthermore, North made no attempt to inquire as to the meaning of 3♣ before deciding on his action.

Ruling: Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 75A. EBL and WBF alerting policy.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and both Captains.

The Players: South said that, having been alerted to the 3♣

opening being very weak, he took this into account when re-opening, but that his partner had no chance to take the right decision.

West stated that he alerted his call more as an additional courtesy to South.

The Committee: Found that the Director judged the situation correctly based on the undisputed facts.

Since the appellants presented no further evidence in support of their case, the Committee found the appeal to be without merit.

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

Deposit: Forfeited.

Appeal No. 18

Appeals Committee:

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

Italy v Spain

Ladies Teams Round 8

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ - ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A Q J 9 8 7 6</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A K 3 2 ♥ K Q 10 7 3 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ A 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ K Q 2 ♣ K 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Santos	Manara	Matut	Ferlazzo
2♣	4♣	1♥	1♠
6♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	6♠

Comments: 2♣ was forcing.

Contract: Six Spades Doubled, played by South.

Result: Eight tricks, N/S -800.

The Facts: The tray had come back with the two passes after some delay. West said it had taken a minute, while South agreed it was more than 30 seconds. West called the Director after the bid of 6♠.

The Director: Decided that the break in tempo had been established and that this constituted unauthorized information to South. After consultation of his colleagues and some players, he considered passing a logical alternative for South. There are 12 tricks available to East/West.

Ruling: Score adjusted to 6♣ by West, making, N/S -1370.

Relevant Laws: Law 16A, 12C2.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players, both Captains, and a Spanish translator.

The Players: North/South's captain explained that he had given his players the instruction to always sacrifice on big boards.

South explained she had decided to bid 6♠ even before the tray had come back. She had not bid 5♠ because she did not feel the need to sacrifice against game, but she did need to do so against slams.

The Committee: Stressed that when a player is in the possession of unauthorized information, she should bend over backwards not to take advantage of it. It was suggested in Committee, that North might have been thinking about doubling, in which case the sacrifice was less suggested than the pass. For this reason the appeal was not judged to be without merit, although this was a close call.

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

Deposit: Returned.

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the President's Report, unanimously approved by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee of the EBL decided to restructure the European Championships as follows:

- 1) The Youth Championships will continue to be organised as now, scheduled in the month of July: in the even years the Junior and School Teams Championships and in the odd years the Juniors Pairs Championship and the Youth Camp.
- 2) The other EBL Championships will be held every year in the second half of the month of June, for a period of 15 days, starting on Saturday with the Opening Ceremony and ending two weeks later on Saturday with the Closing Ceremony. In March 2002, having already signed the agreement, the European Mixed Pairs and Teams Championships will be held.
- 3) In the even years, starting in 2002, will be held the European Teams Championships (Open, Ladies & Seniors), with the participation of one official national team per country in each of the three categories; the Championships select the European teams participating in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior World Cup.
- 4) In the odd years, starting in 2003, the European Open Championships will be held. This will consist of Open, Ladies, Mixed, Senior Pairs and Teams Championships, with the participation of an unlimited number of pairs and teams per country; the Mixed and Senior events will be transnational, the Open and Ladies events will be strictly national; representatives of the other WBF Zones can participate.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE 2002

March 16th/23rd - Ostend (Belgium):
European Mixed Pairs & Teams

June 15th/ 29th - Salsomaggiore (Italy):
European Teams Championships

2003 (Provisional)

June 14th/28th - Menton (France):
European Open Championships

2004 (Provisional)

June 19th/July 3rd - Malmö (Sweden):
European Open, Ladies & Senior Teams

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 Thursday 28th 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.

SESSION 25
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v Italy



The early afternoon's Rama match on Tuesday could only be the Norway-Italy encounter. The Norwegians had just come victorious (17-13) out of their big match with Russia, so the stage looked very much set for another good show. And a good show it was indeed, but the IMPs at stake were not really moving North most of the time.

After a quiet start the first real test for the defenders was Board 4:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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W E					
S					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Versace chose the right moment for a bold raise to 3NT. Now what do you lead as South? Longest or strongest suit? Strongest looks the logical choice, but was wrong this time. Longest would have worked as it establishes four heart tricks to go with the ♣A. When Helgemo led the ♠K the hand was quickly over; Italy +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

By contrast, Groetheim passed INT, so Bocchi could show his majors with 2♣. With the heart lead established, it would have been dangerous for E/W now to venture 3NT, so they rightly

Sponsors Corner

As the Croatian ladies take the prize for imaginative dresses, the Croatian Bridge Federation would like to thank the Hat Salon **KOBALI** in Zagreb for its sponsorship of all hats for the Open, Ladies and Senior team at these 45th European Championships in Tenerife.

elected to stay in 3♦; Norway +130 but 10 IMPs to Italy.

A slight misdefence cost an undertrick and thus got Norway off the mark on this one:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Pass	1♣	Pass	INT
2♠	3NT	4♣	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♠K, declarer winning the ace in dummy. A club went to the king, West discarding a spade. The ♦K was ducked all round and a low heart now went to the ten and jack. Careful defence will put the contract down three at this point: diamond to the ace, heart back to the queen and two rounds of spades promote East's ♣10. At the table, Versace just played two top spades; when Helness discarded his diamond on the ♠J, the trump promotion would still have been possible had Versace cashed one more heart before going back to spades. When he forgot this, Helness escaped for down two; +300 only to Italy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
1♠	2♣	Dble	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

This was an interesting contract that probably can be defeated. The ♣A is led and declarer ruffs. Now comes a spade to the king. At the table South won the ace and the hand was over as the spade suit itself now provides the entry back to it. But what happens if South ducks the ♠A? Declarer can continue spades, but this time South wins and plays another club. On the next spade, North should not ruff, but discard a diamond. It seems as if even a heart holding of 432 with North is enough to destroy declarer's hopes of fulfilling his contract.

When this defence was not found, Norway scored +450 and got their first 4 IMPs.

Beautiful defence this time by Bocchi/Duboin brought a valuable partscore swing to Italy:



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	All Pass	Dble	Pass

The lead of the ♦2 went to the jack, queen and king. Declarer took the club finesse, Helgemo winning the second round and returning the suit. Now Versace could cash his clubs and lead a low heart from dummy. South took his king, but Versace had eight tricks; Italy +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	All Pass	Dble	Pass

The play started the same way as in the Open Room, but in with the ♣K Duboin shifted to a low spade. Later, the ♦9 in North was the entry to pick up the ♠J in dummy. This way, declarer could not come to more than six tricks; Italy another +100

and 6 useful IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Rdbl	INT	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦

North did well to avoid 3NT and opt for the diamond game instead but as the cards lay, 3NT by North cannot be defeated. On a spade lead to the ace and the ♥Q return, North simply ducks. After that, the lack of intermediates in West prevents his ♥K from being picked up; Norway +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
2♥	1♣	1♥	Dble
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♦
Dble	3NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	4♦

Here, Bocchi/Duboin were in the top spot for a while when Groetheim found a double. When Duboin ran to 4♦, Bocchi surprised the world with his pass; Italy +150 and 10 IMPs back to Norway.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

A reasonable enough auction saw the Norwegians end up at a dangerously high level. On a club lead and continuation there are three tricks for the defence, but on the actual lead of the ♥6 Helgemo was quick to seize his chance. He decided to go for the heart finesse to be right rather than the ♣A so up went the ♥Q. When this held, the rest was easy going: ♥A shedding a club, diamond to the queen, spade ruff, diamond to the ace, another spade ruff.

With both the pointed suits behaving, 11 tricks were always there; Norway +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Due to systemic reasons (2♦ being a transfer to hearts), a diamond contract was out of range when Duboin naturally rebid his spades. Nine tricks, +140 to Italy but 6 IMPs back to Norway.

On the next board, the Norwegians handed back these IMPs immediately:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

♠A and ♣AK followed by a low club ruffed and over-ruffed swiftly sealed the fate of this contract; Norway +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

A serious misunderstanding between the two Norwegians led to a surprise plus score for Italy. 1♥ of course showed spades, and 1♠ showed three-card support. On a misdefence going with the bidding misunderstanding (who is talking about Murphy there?) Duboin was allowed to make a vulnerable overtrick for +360 and 7 IMPs back.

On the next board, the Bocchi/Duboin approach showed its superiority once again over the natural bidders:

Board 19. Dealer South, E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

2♥ looks a natural enough choice, but the contract was not a success; down two, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Bocchi	Aa	Duboin
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

1♦ was a transfer again, but after 1♠ Bocchi knew partner would hold at most two hearts. So the chances were that clubs were a good alternative, and so it proved. Ten tricks, Italy another +130 and another 6 IMPs.

They had won by 41-20 or 19-11 VPs and widened the gap with the fifth-ranked team, now France, as well as put Norway out of the top five for the moment.



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Maximum number of trump tricks

Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

Many good plays were made on this hand from the Round 25 VuGraph match between Norway and Italy, which was so important for the standings at the top of the table.

Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In the closed room Bocchi/Duboin played an impeccable defence against INT played by Terja AA, sitting East. South led ♦K, and declarer somewhat dubiously won dummy's ace, cashed two high hearts followed by a spade to ♠K. A club to the jack was won by South who played a spade through. North cashed his spades and played a diamond through. Five tricks and +200 for Italy.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
1♥ Pass	1♠ 2♣	1♣ 2♥ All Pass	Pass Dbl*

Helness faced the difficult task of keeping down the loss to 3 IMPs by landing his contract. East started with two top hearts, North ruffed the second, played a diamond to the king and ruffed another heart. A diamond to the ten was ducked, too, and he ruffed dummy's last heart before putting West on play with a third round of diamonds. West switched to a club to the ten and ace and Helness asked for the established ♦6. West inserted ♠Q but Helness just discarded a club and was destined to make two more trump tricks, five in all; +110 to Norway but still an Italian win of 5 IMPs.

The contracts were the same in the Ladies Series between the world champions from the Netherlands and Denmark, who up to that point had only won one single match. This board contributed to their rather surprising doubling of that total. In one room the Danish East won her INT while in the other Charlotte Henriksen, sitting North, equalled the feat of Helness. The play was the same until West won ♦10 with her ♦A and switched to a sly trump. Henriksen, however, made no mistake, winning with the jack, going to dummy with the club ace to ruff the last heart and cash a diamond for eight tricks and 5 IMPs to Denmark who won the match 17-13 after being behind 0-26.

SESSION 26
OPEN TEAMS



Sweden v Israel



The Tuesday evening Rama match between Sweden and Israel was one between two teams who looked like having missed their chance to qualify. Still, there were a number of interesting deals, about which we will report below. The first board of the session produced a sensational slam swing in one of the Seniors matches, however.

tributed the ♣Q! West duly switched to a heart, but Bomhof ruffed, shed a diamond on the ♣K, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, drew trumps and had 12 tricks when the clubs broke.

If East does not contribute the ♣Q, declarer will ruff the heart return, shed a diamond, ruff a club with the nine, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond with the ♠J, ruff a heart, ruff a club with the ♠A and lead a spade to the ten! Contract made.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Bomhof</i>		<i>Englander</i>
	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠(!)	All Pass	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yadlin D.</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Yadlin I.</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When East failed to show his spades over partner's 2♣ overcall, this fit remained undisclosed and the opponents were allowed to play in 4♥. With the diamonds breaking there are always ten tricks; Sweden +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Herbst O.</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Herbst I.</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♠	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

Here, E/W put maximum pressure on their opponents by going to 5♠ over 5♦. The latter contract is one off, but 5♠ makes. The Herbst brothers, at their turn, did very well too when they judged to go on to 6♥. This was only one down when East returned a club rather than a spade after the lead of the ♣A and a switch to a low spade by West. Apparently East expected West to shift to the ♠K had he got it, in which case the low spade would deny the presence of the ♠K. With +620 at the other table, it did not matter very much; Sweden another +200 and 13 IMPs.

Selection method for the Luxembourg Open Team

The information regarding the team from Luxembourg was incorrect. We are grateful to their Captain for supplying us with the correct information.

Players who want to represent Luxembourg apply as a team of six to the Selection Committee of the Federation. All players have to have a ranking of 1st Series (the top 8%) in France. With 150 members the Federation has no funds to subsidise the players so they have to pay their own expenses, including the entry fee.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yadlin D.	Bertheau	Yadlin I.	Nyström
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

After the lead of the ♦A there are several winning lines. Nyström won the second diamond with the king, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart low. A club went to the ace and another heart was ruffed with the ♠10. After the ♣K and a club ruff in dummy, the ♥Q was covered with the king and ruffed with the ♠8, West being able to overruff now with the singleton nine. The subsequent diamond return set up a trump trick for East as well; down two, Israel +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sundelin	Herbst O.	Sylvan	Herbst I.
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Nothing special, 12 tricks on a heart lead away from the king by East. Israel +480 and 11 IMPs.

On the next board to be shown, the swing came from the auction only:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ K 10 7 5		
	♥ A K Q 8 4		
	♦ Q 7 4 3		
	♣ -		
♠ 9 8		♠ J 6 3 2	
♥ -		♥ J 10 7 2	
♦ 9 5		♦ A J 8 2	
♣ AQJ1097432		♣ 8	
	♠ A Q 4		
	♥ 9 6 5 3		
	♦ K 10 6		
	♣ K 6 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yadlin D.	Bertheau	Yadlin I.	Nyström
4♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
		All Pass	

Well, double may well be the most flexible action for North over 4♣, but you certainly do not want your partner to pass with three clubs only.

The contract still went one off, but with 4♥ making, that was not enough; Sweden +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sundelin	Herbst O.	Sylvan	Herbst I.
4♣	4♥	Pass	1♣
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dble

Ophir Herbst made the practical bid of 4♥, a contract he would certainly have made. When Sundelin rebid his nine-card suit, the only sensible thing South could do was to take the penalty; Israel +500, and 7 IMPs to them.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yadlin D.	Bertheau	Yadlin I.	Nyström
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♣	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	Dble	3♠	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ showed 12-16 HCP., any distribution. Obviously, the sight of dummy must have been a disappointment for North. Even on a trump lead, this contract could not be defeated; Israel +730.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sundelin	Herbst O.	Sylvan	Herbst I.
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♥
4♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Opposite the two-suited overcall, East made a pre-emptive-looking raise, but West went on to game anyway. That was just one too high; Israel another +100 and 13 IMPs

The final result was 58-35 or a 20-10 VPs win to Israel.

Nervous Dreams

by Peter Lovasz, Hungary

Last night my wife (a player of the Hungarian Ladies Team) slept very nervously. She mumbled more than once: Oh, Jesus, one down, one down. I suppose, she dreamed about this board in the Czech Republic - Hungary match:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Topolyi		Welker	
		Pass	Pass
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	INT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♣ ⁽³⁾
Pass	2♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

- (1) Strong
- (2) Two-suiter
- (3) Asking
- (4) Spades and Clubs, minimum 5-5

Did East do well to pass the double? Who knows? Four Hearts would go down as long as the defenders manage to promote South's queen of trumps into a trick. So, what about Two Spades?

The opening lead was the queen of diamonds, followed by a second diamond.

East must switch to a heart at trick two if the queen of diamonds holds. Editor

Declarer ruffed, cashed two high clubs and played a third club, ruffed on the table. Now she played a diamond, discarding a heart from her hand. West won and played the jack of spades but it was too late. North went up with the ace and played a club and eight tricks could not be prevented.

What happens if West wins the first diamond, and switches to

the jack of spades?

North wins with the ace, plays three round clubs, ruffing the third one in dummy, but on it East discards her last diamond. Now comes a diamond from the table, a heart being discarded as before. West wins, cashes the ace of hearts and switches to a diamond.

This is the situation:

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

If North ruffs high, East discards a heart, and will have three spade tricks. If North ruffs low, East over-ruffs, plays the king of spades and the declarer cannot ruff the fourth club.

'Be easy darling!' I said.

'It was not the first time, and, - I am afraid, will not be the last'.

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Change of call

In Tuesday's bulletin it was written that in certain situations after the auction goes:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South is entitled to change his call. But the description given was a little confusing. Therefore a further clarification is in order.

When South has put the pass card without realising he did, he made an inadvertent call which may be changed until partner calls thereafter. This can be done without any penalty. But when he was aware of his pass he may not change this call once his LHO has made a call thereafter. If LHO did not make a call yet, South may summon the TD and may ask to change his call, which will be permitted under the restriction that his side can not receive more than average-minus on this board (according to the laws). The WBF and EBL have decided that in their championships played with screens this restriction is waved, so then the change can be made without this score limit.

There is another restriction when a player wants to change his deliberately made call. The information on which he bases his change needs to be available at the moment he made his erroneous call and reactions of opponents after this call may not influence his decision. If in the example given above the 1♣ bid was hidden on the other side of the screen, and by moving the tray became visible, this information was available when South passed. So he may change his pass. When South suddenly realises that his call is not in accordance with the partnership agreements he may change his call. But if he becomes aware of his mistake because he notices his LHO selecting the red bidding card with 'penalty double', he is not allowed to change it anymore.

During these championships the following happened: opening bid by East of 1♣ and an overcall of 3♥ by South, now West started thinking and apparently had not an easy choice. At that moment South decided to make life more difficult for LHO and changed her pre-emptive call to 4♥. This of course cannot be done without the approval of a TD, but it happened. Now the choice for West became much easier: 'double' and collecting 800. If South had called the TD in time he should not have allowed the change, since it was influenced by the pause for thought by West. Calling the TD sometimes is a winning option. This example makes clear that it is not always easy to distinguish between information being available in time and being created after the first call made. That too is a job for the TD to find out.

Ton Kooijman

2001 Zonal Championships Book

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

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

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

SPORTS NEWS

Football

South American football authorities are to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the kidnapping of the vice-president of the Colombian Football Federation. Next month's Copa America - due to be held in Colombia - may have to be postponed after Hernan Campuzano was seized.

He was on his way to the south-western town of Pereira, where some of the matches are to be played. Police have blamed rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the Farc for the kidnapping.

Athletics

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has been ordered to pay 1.2m Deutschmarks (£374,000) compensation to former world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe by a Munich court over the length of a drug-related suspension. The court also ruled that the IAAF must pay 4% in annual interest since 1994 on the sum awarded.

Cycling

Lance Armstrong destroyed the opposition to win the seventh stage of the Tour de Suisse on Tuesday and reclaim the leader's yellow jersey. Armstrong romped home a full minute and 25 seconds clear of runner-up Gilberto Simoni in the mountain time trial. Armstrong's US Postal Service team-mate Tyler Hamilton finished third. Armstrong leads overall, Giro d'Italia winner Gilberto Simoni is one minute and one second behind in second place, and fellow Italian Vladimir Belli dropped from first to third trailing by one minute and 33 seconds.

Wimbledon Tennis

Men Round 2: A Vinciguerra bt 28-F Squillari 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 6-4; G Canas bt 32-G Gaudio 1-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; R Federer bt X Malisse 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3; 13-A Clement bt G Puentes 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; G Rusedski bt B Black 6-1, 6-3, 6-4; G Ivanisevic bt 21-C Moya 6-7, (6-8) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; 8-J C Ferrero bt J Stoltenberg 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3;

Ladies Round 2: Lilia Osterloh bt 13-S-Vicario 7-6, (7-4) 7-5; 10-E Dementieva bt B Lamade 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; 32-T Panova bt T Pisnik 7-6, (7-3) 2-6, 6-2; A Huber bt M Weingartner 7-5, 6-1; 15-S Testud bt K Habsudova 6-0, 6-1; 8-J Henin bt K Boogert 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; 19-C Martinez bt S Cacic 7-5, 6-4; 5-S Williams bt B Rittner 6-4, 6-0; 28-L Raymond bt K Cross 6-0, 6-1; 31-T Tanasugarn bt C Black 7-5, 6-7 (2-7), 6-3;



The French Team Open Soci t  G n rale

The French Bridge Federation and Soci t  G n rale have done their utmost to enable the French Open team to come to Tenerife to play these championships under the best possible circumstances. This close knit team now has to prove it is worthy of the confidence they have been given by winning at the table... they have not yet fully accomplished this task.

Below you will find pen pictures of the eight members of the Soci t  G n rale Open Team of France.

MICHEL AB CASSIS



Michael Abecassis, 49, divorced, two children (Valentine and Victor) and one dog (Prune).

He graduated as a doctor of medicine, but stayed in this profession for one year only because of his passion for bridge. This incurable disease has left numerous traces: European Pairs Champion in 1991 and 1993, second in 1997. He has also been accumulating French national titles. He is making his third appearance in the French Open Team

at European Championships after Brighton in 1987 (with Philippe Soulet) and Killarney in 1991 (with JCQ).

He also is an excellent Poker player, his speciality being the Omaha high-low, and just came fourth in Las Vegas at the recent World Championships.

He is gifted with much imagination and judgement, but can sometimes be too much of a perfectionist (he has been known to stop and think for half an hour before taking a decision). It is a pleasure, however, to see this intelligent, but sometimes nervous man, playing here and becoming more and more relaxed as the tournament progresses.

PATRICK ALLEGRINI

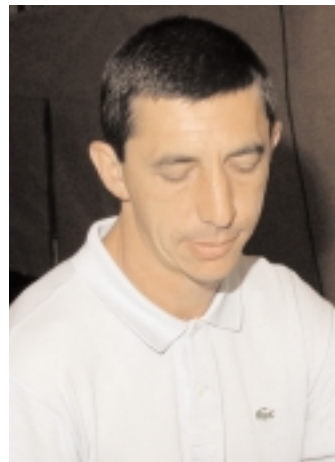


Patrick Allegrini, 44, bachelor, is a bridge professional who runs the Concorde Bridge Club in the city where he was born, Marseilles. His passion for the game dates from very long ago, from the time he was playing chess (he was the best player in the apartment house where he lived) in the back-room of a little restaurant in Marseilles. He found this game not very sociable so he offered to be a fourth with three old fishermen. This really was like in a play by Marcel Pagnol, "Tu me fends le coeur !" he

would say when he had drunk too much Pastis, but he is sober as a judge. Nicknamed the Chechnian because his style of play is so far away from the "standard franais," this warrior from the mountains feels like a sheep when he sees the aggressive systems he is confronted with here.

He is a great cook, especially of fish, a lover of football and women and this is the second time he is playing for the French Open Team.

FRANK MULTON



Frank Multon, 36, married, one daughter, Laura (10).

A bridge professional who runs a club in his home town of Nice, "Le Colonial". Already at the age of 15, he preferred playing bridge over going to school. As his father was also a player, he had to go to a different club in order to avoid him! As a Junior, he became European Champion as well as Runner-up in the World Championship. Later, he became an Olympic Champion in 1996 and a World Champion

in 1997.

Thanks to his wife, Cath rine, he is always very well dressed. She not only is the master of the house, but also a runner-up at the European Pairs championships. Frank himself is very much like the Beau Brummel of bridge who radiates a friendly and easy-going atmosphere around him. He loves good food (his favourite restaurant is Charlot the First in Cagnes sur Mer) and has a healthy appetite. At the table, he is a "killer", this lover of team sports has only one shortcoming, he hates losing.

JEAN-JACQUES PALAU



Jean-Jacques Palau, 48, divorced, one son, Guillaume

He has adopted Nice on the C te d'Azur as his home, though he was brought up in Africa (he learnt to play bridge in Madagascar). He likes good food, folk music (among others Pete Seeger) and lounging on his sofa at home watching football. He works for a large French bank.

He too is nicknamed the Chechnian because he and Patrick Allegrini make up a pair that plays in a hair-raising style. He is a pairs specialist who has won Juan-les-Pins three times.

He has the demeanour of a quiet man who never smiles, but he has a wonderful dry sense of humour.

JEAN-CHRISTOPHE QUANTIN



Jean-Christophe Quantin, 35, bachelor.

Bridge professional, who became Editor of the "Le Bridgeur" magazine some months ago. He was born in Royan, a small seaside resort on the Atlantic, where his family has run for several generations the best patisserie in the region, particularly famous for its chocolate specialities.

JCQ already has a rich career behind him: European Junior Champion, runner-up in the World Junior Championship,

two gold medals and one silver medal at the European Pairs Championships with Michel Abécassis (1991, 1993, 1997). This is the third time he is playing in the French Open Team at a European Team Championship. He finished second in Turku, 1989, playing with Christian Mari.

He loves movies and big cigars (will he become the Orson Welles of bridge later?), he is discreet yet passionate at the same time. He is the complete player, and an excellent partner too, but his main virtue is....his table presence.

PHILIPPE SOULET



Born in Marseilles, 47, married, two children (Alexandre and Diane).

He also is a bridge professional, he runs one of the biggest clubs in Paris: France Bridge.

He is simultaneously a journalist, a writer, an organiser of simultaneous tournaments and he really is a one man bridge show. He is a tireless worker (average 16 hours per day) so during these championships he can afford to relax

a little.

His record is impressive: two World Championships, in 1980 and 1982, European Champion in 1983, bronze medal in Beijing in 1995. He is very pleased to be back in the French Open Team after an absence of five years. It reminds him of the time when he was young (he was already playing with Michel Abécassis in the 1974 European Junior Championships in Copenhagen) and is delighted to have regained a place in this team of friends. He is a bridge player from the tips of his fingers to the tips of his toes

(his lucky number is 1) but he is also a lover of art and Bordeaux wines, who knows better than most where to find a good bargain. His enthusiasm makes him a great team-mate.

HERVÉ MOUIEL - TEAM COACH



Hervé Mouiel - Team Coach, Married, two children, Jérémie et Rudy.

Hervé was elected by the players because of his long international experience (twice Olympic Champion, in 1992 and 1996, and winner of the Bermuda Bowl in 1997) and because of his tremendous desire to win. He accepted the invitation because he finds it a pleasure to coach a team of good friends but also because he thinks that the team has the potential to win the championship.

"If not," he says, "I would never have accepted the job." He suffers more from every bad board than if he had been playing himself, but his most important work has been done before the championships started. This consisted of analysing the opponents' systems and preparing defences against them. He also is a friend to each individual "as we come closer to the end of the tournament, the more important the psychological side of the coaching job becomes. We are fortunate in that we now

have a Bridge Federation who provide us with the means to succeed. For about ten years now, if you are to win a European or a World Championship you have to be and act like a professional!"

GÉRARD TISSOT - NPC



Gérard Tissot, 58, married, two children (Frédéric and Rodolphe), two grandchildren (Elliott and Jules).

A bridge professional after retiring from business (he was director and pilot at a helicopter company), this lonely mountain bear now lives in a little village in the Haute-Savoie, somewhere between Geneva and Chamonix.

He was elected by the players to become captain (he was captain of the Ladies Team in Maastricht) and he has all the

qualities to do this job well. He has played bridge at top level in the past, becoming French champion six times. He has been an international Tournament Director since 1976, and so helps his players avoid lodging useless appeals.

He very much loves skiing (his son is trainer of the French National Skiing Team), going through the gates of the giant slalom with the same ease as he goes through the matches here.

Good/Bad Six Clubs

by Maureen Dennison

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 9 7 ♥ A Q 10 8 5 4 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 4 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		♠ — ♥ 3 ♦ A Q J 8 3 2 ♣ A K Q 9 6 5	♠ A J 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ J 10 8
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There were a variety of results on this deal from Round 24. 6♣ was a popular contract. Two examples of this were Gunnar Hallberg of the English Open team playing against Liechtenstein and Irving "Haggis" Gordon for Scotland against England 1 in the Senior Series.

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	4NT	3♠
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
			All Pass

After South, Sergio Arnaboldi and Bill Hirst had opened Three Spades, the bidding saw West declaring Six Clubs. A spade was led and ruffed. Then came the ♣A on which both South's smoothly dropped the ♣J! Combined with the pre-empt this was enough to lead declarer down the wrong path. West entered his hand with ♥A and tried the diamond finesse. When this failed, he used his diamond entry to finesse in clubs!

You might have some sympathy for Gunnar but Haggis should have known better. His only card of re-entry was the ♦9, which is known as The Curse of Scotland and so nothing good could come of it!

Liechtenstein stopped in 5♣ and just played trumps from the top, making six. Hirst's other pair played 5♦ after the sequence 1♠ - Pass - 2♠ - (2NT) - 4♠ - Pass - Pass - (4NT) - Pass - 5♦ so who can blame Tony Waterlow, sitting East, for giving up on slam.

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Red faces on Tenerife

by Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

Coming to Tenerife from a place where the spring has not offered the opportunity to achieve a nice suntan you could really have a red face in no time. If, however, you play so much bridge that you have had no time for the sun you could get your red face for another reason. Let us take a look at this deal from Round 25 which left many players, declarers and defenders alike, with red faces.

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

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The bidding took many roads depending on West's first action. At some tables he opened 1♠, at others 2♠, and at many tables he/she passed, planning to show his/her majors later on. 4♣ is the best game contract which will never be defeated but it is very easy to end up in 4♥. An exciting contract - will it make?

One pair played the contract from the East hand and when South led a diamond, the contract posed no problems at all but, at the many tables where West was declarer, North invariably led a top club, and declarer was in some trouble. Most declarers ruffed and played a spade to the king, taken by South with the ace.

In the post mortems these actions will have caused many, many red faces as West should not ruff the club, and South should not win his spade ace. If he ducks, declarer will go down. When he plays another spade South will win and force declarer with a second club after which he will lose control. One Lebanese defender realised that and ducked but we will not mention his name, anyway, as he later fell from grace, and the contract was made.

That is not quite right, as if South ducks the ace of spades declarer plays a second spade. South wins and plays a club. Declarer ruffs, cashes a top heart and now plays on spades, discarding diamonds from the dummy. Editor

Despite that, the hand was a piece of Lebanese brilliancy as Michel Eidi in the other room made the brilliant play he had promised e-bridge when he discarded diamonds on the ♣A as well as the ♣K. Now he could no longer be defeated! The bidding shown above, by the way, is from his table in the drawn match against the Netherlands.

Try asking around. How many faces can YOU collect by means of this hand?

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 29

Player		avg.	Boards									
		IMPs										
1 Bocchi N	ITA	0.88	460	Herbst I	ISR	0.19	419	Thomas A	WAL	-0.09	380	
Duboin G	ITA	0.88	460	Herbst O	ISR	0.19	419	Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.09	400	
2 Helgemo G	NOR	0.82	460	Lauria L	ITA	0.19	420	Matheson J	SCO	-0.09	400	
Helness T	NOR	0.82	460	Versace A	ITA	0.19	420	52 Aviram Y	ISR	-0.10	299	
3 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.73	360	31 Whittaker W	SCO	0.17	419	Barel M	ISR	-0.10	299	
4 Gromov A	RUS	0.68	420	Steel L	SCO	0.17	419	53 Maas A	NET	-0.11	440	
Petrudin A	RUS	0.68	420	32 Lindermann A	AUS	0.16	320	Ramondt V	NET	-0.11	440	
5 Multon F	FRA	0.66	420	Saurer B	AUS	0.16	320	54 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.12	380	
Quantin J	FRA	0.66	420	33 Ludewig B	GER	0.15	400	55 Szalay G	HUN	-0.15	360	
6 Eidi M	LEB	0.62	520	Reps K	GER	0.15	400	Baroudi N	LEB	-0.15	300	
Harfouche G	LEB	0.62	520	Simon J	AUS	0.15	379	Nasr C	LEB	-0.15	300	
7 Trendafilov	BUL	0.61	380	Terraneo C	AUS	0.15	379	56 Vozabal D	CZE	-0.21	380	
8 Balicki C	POL	0.57	400	34 Svoboda O	CZE	0.14	380	Zadrazil M	CZE	-0.21	380	
Kwiecien M	POL	0.57	480	Kannavos P	GRE	0.14	320	57 Szilagyi L	HUN	-0.24	320	
Zmudzinski A	POL	0.57	400	Kapayannides K	GRE	0.14	320	58 Capucho M	POR	-0.25	360	
Pszczola J	POL	0.57	480	35 Kurka J	CZE	0.13	380	Lara M	POR	-0.25	360	
9 Dubinin A	RUS	0.56	340	36 Kirchoff E	NET	0.12	200	Matei C	ROM	-0.25	420	
Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.56	340	Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200	Rotaru I	ROM	-0.25	380	
10 Yadlin D	ISR	0.52	360	37 Allegrini P	FRA	0.10	360	59 Micescu V	ROM	-0.26	360	
Yadlin I	ISR	0.52	360	Palau JJ	FRA	0.10	360	Savin D	ROM	-0.26	400	
11 Zorlu N	TUR	0.51	540	38 Schaltz D	DEN	0.08	400	Lamza V	CRO	-0.26	379	
Assael S	TUR	0.51	540	Schaltz P	DEN	0.08	400	Tomic T	CRO	-0.26	379	
12 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.47	380	Kiema O	FIN	0.08	559	60 Briolini G	SMR	-0.28	380	
Magnusson M	ICE	0.47	380	Koistinen K	FIN	0.08	559	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.28	380	
13 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.46	400	39 Nikolayenko	UKR	0.07	380	Tesla M	CRO	-0.28	440	
Liarakos S	GRE	0.46	400	Rybnikov G	UKR	0.07	380	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.28	440	
14 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.45	360	40 Hegedus G	HUN	0.06	360	61 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.29	279	
Zlotov D	RUS	0.45	360	41 Hanlon T	IRE	0.05	420	Ucar A	TUR	-0.29	279	
15 Jansma J	NET	0.41	480	McGann H	IRE	0.05	420	62 Senk M	SLO	-0.31	560	
Verhees L	NET	0.41	480	42 Rometi F	ROM	0.04	340	Kranjc G	SLO	-0.31	560	
16 Carcassonne	BEL	0.39	380	Valeanu V	ROM	0.04	340	63 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.37	359	
Labaere A	BEL	0.39	380	43 Knap A	SPA	0.03	378	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.37	359	
17 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.38	439	Wasik A	SPA	0.03	378	64 Dousse J	SWI	-0.46	320	
Magnusson T	LAT	0.38	439	44 Fawcett J	ENG	0.01	380	Levy R	SWI	-0.46	400	
18 Brogeland B	NOR	0.34	360	Liggins G	ENG	0.01	380	Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.46	400	
Saelensminde	NOR	0.34	360	45 Jansa Z	CZE	0.00	340	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.46	320	
Hopfenheit G	GER	0.34	360	Mihov V	BUL	0.00	360	65 Helling S	LUX	-0.47	359	
Retzlaff R	GER	0.34	360	Nanev I	BUL	0.00	360	Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.47	279	
19 Skoularikis F	GRE	0.33	400	Jonsson Th	ICE	0.00	380	Utter L	FIN	-0.47	279	
Zotos L	GRE	0.33	400	Thorvaldsson	ICE	0.00	380	66 Renno I	LUX	-0.51	339	
20 Honti L	HUN	0.32	320	Gal P	HUN	0.00	359	67 Fahs B	LEB	-0.58	260	
21 Stamatov J	BUL	0.31	380	Kaplan A	BEL	0.00	340	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.58	260	
Blakset L	DEN	0.31	400	Polet G	BEL	0.00	340	68 Novak M	SLO	-0.61	560	
Bruun M	DEN	0.31	400	46 Goded F	SPA	-0.01	419	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.61	560	
22 Hallberg G	ENG	0.30	359	Lantaron L	SPA	-0.01	419	O'Briain P	IRE	-0.61	360	
Simpson C	ENG	0.30	359	Baldursson J	ICE	-0.01	360	Roche T	IRE	-0.61	360	
De Falco D	ITA	0.30	240	Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.01	360	Ananijev B	CRO	-0.61	300	
Ferraro G	ITA	0.30	240	Winkler G	HUN	-0.01	519	Sasek T	CRO	-0.61	300	
23 Caspersen H	DEN	0.29	320	47 AA T	NOR	-0.03	300	69 Alfejeva E	LAT	-0.62	359	
Norgaard T	DEN	0.29	320	Groetheim G	NOR	-0.03	300	Gonca V	LAT	-0.62	359	
24 Goodman P	WAL	0.27	360	Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.03	340	70 Rapoport O	UKR	-0.64	380	
25 Burn D	ENG	0.26	380	Arigun C	TUR	-0.03	340	Volkov O	UKR	-0.64	380	
Callaghan B	ENG	0.26	380	48 Barbosa J	POR	-0.06	380	71 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.65	380	
Mraz T	CZE	0.26	380	Pinto R	POR	-0.06	380	Zucchini G	LIE	-0.65	380	
26 Rees T	WAL	0.24	340	Lesniewski M	POL	-0.06	280	72 Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.70	400	
27 Abecassis M	FRA	0.23	340	Martens K	POL	-0.06	280	Schaaper M	LUX	-0.70	400	
Soulet P	FRA	0.23	340	Murdoch J	SCO	-0.06	339	73 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.71	380	
28 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.22	400	Walker D	SCO	-0.06	339	Turletti G	LIE	-0.71	380	
Hausler H	GER	0.22	360	49 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.07	360	74 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.74	340	
Splettstosse	GER	0.22	360	Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.07	360	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.74	340	
Gloyer A	AUS	0.22	419	50 Pownall M	WAL	-0.08	400	75 Filippi F	SMR	-0.79	380	
Schifko M	AUS	0.22	419	Andersson L	SWE	-0.08	340	Pizza E	SMR	-0.79	380	
29 Sundelin P	SWE	0.20	420	Nystrom F	SWE	-0.08	360	76 Pesonen J	FIN	-0.82	280	
Sylvan J	SWE	0.20	420	Gullberg T	SWE	-0.08	340	Stubb S	FIN	-0.82	280	
Engel Z	BEL	0.20	400	Bertheau P	SWE	-0.08	360	77 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.86	400	
Van Middeltem	BEL	0.20	400	Debonnaire J	POR	-0.08	380	Palmieri C	LIE	-0.86	400	
30 Frances A	SPA	0.19	360	Teixeira A	POR	-0.08	380	78 Richter C	LUX	-0.88	379	
Torres J	SPA	0.19	360	Duong H	SWI	-0.08	400	79 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.94	359	
				Yalcin T	SWI	-0.08	400	80 Purgajlis M	LAT	-1.12	360	
				51 Denning P	WAL	-0.09	380	Romanovskis	LAT	-1.12	360	

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SENIOR TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 20

Player		avg. Boards													
		IMPs													
1	Berglund SE	SWE	1.49	70	25	Piekenbrock	GE2	0.36	266	Townsend B	EN2	-0.28	154		
2	Flodqvist S.	SWE	1.36	84		Uhlmann HD	GE2	0.36	266	Badir F	BEL	-0.28	266		
3	Adad P	FR2	1.06	182		Jeziro A	PO2	0.36	280	Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.28	266		
	Aujaleu M	FR2	1.06	182		Zaremba J	PO2	0.36	280	52	Parente M	POR	-0.29	182	
4	Rue D	EN2	0.97	196		Baroni F	IT2	0.36	181		Ribeiro G	POR	-0.29	182	
	Sowter T	EN2	0.97	196		Ricciarelli	IT2	0.36	181		Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.29	168	
5	Delmouly C	FR2	0.93	196	26	Nosek J	CZE	0.27	168	53	Krizek F	CZE	-0.30	182	
	Roudinesco J	FR2	0.93	196		Hebak P	CZE	0.27	168		Subrt J	CZE	-0.30	182	
6	DeVrij H	NET	0.76	98	27	Marcowicz V	PO2	0.25	196	54	Boesiger H	SWI	-0.33	266	
	Polle W	NET	0.76	98		28	Imhof H	SWI	0.24	266		Splengler W	SWI	-0.33	266
	Klapper W	POI	0.76	252		Frei J	SWI	0.24	266		Peri S	ISI	-0.33	126	
	Russyan J	POI	0.76	252	29	Bettinetti G	IT2	0.23	181		Shachar L	ISI	-0.33	126	
7	Schroeder D	GE1	0.75	210		Marino L	IT2	0.23	181		Longinotti E	ITI	-0.33	154	
	Schwenkreis	GE1	0.75	210	30	Hirst M	WAI	0.21	210	55	MacKenzie G	IRE	-0.39	210	
8	Brkljadic M	CRO	0.72	196	31	Rebattu M	NET	0.17	223	56	Goldenfield	ENI	-0.42	168	
9	Wala W	POI	0.71	224		Van Oppen C	NET	0.17	223		Hirst B	ENI	-0.42	168	
	Wilkosz A	POI	0.71	224	32	Helleman H	NOR	0.16	180	57	Arachtinsi	LEB	-0.52	126	
10	Hackett P	ENI	0.68	140		33	Nordby H	NOR	0.14	236		MacHale J	IRE	-0.52	210
	Harper R	ENI	0.68	140	34	Gomes DaCost	POR	0.13	168	58	Merhy G	LEB	-0.54	238	
11	Protega B	CRO	0.65	224		Oliveira J	POR	0.13	168	59	Boyadji E	LEB	-0.56	168	
	Mari C	FR2	0.65	182	35	Ekberg S	SWE	0.09	238	60	Caric J	CRO	-0.62	154	
	Leenhardt F	FR2	0.65	182		36	Brav B	ISI	0.07	224		Debbane J	LEB	-0.62	196
12	Diamond D	SCO	0.64	180		Zilberbush S	ISI	0.07	224		Greenstein M	ISI	-0.62	210	
13	Bomhof J.W	NET	0.60	209	37	Collings J	EN2	0.06	182		Harduf M	ISI	-0.62	210	
	Englander N	NET	0.60	209		Jones D	EN2	0.06	182	61	Isla J	SPI	-0.63	210	
	Klukowski J	PO2	0.60	224	38	Frew D	SCO	0.03	180		JimenezHuert	SPI	-0.63	210	
14	Hallen H.O	SWE	0.58	238		39	Alfredsson L	SWE	0.00	210	62	Parry E	WAI	-0.76	264
	Hugonet T	FR1	0.58	196		40	Luck J	WAI	-0.02	238		Powell A	WAI	-0.76	264
	Peyronnie C	FR1	0.58	196			Levit Y	IS2	-0.02	210	63	Almeida E	POR	-0.80	182
15	Backstrom L	SWE	0.57	224			Sagiv Y	IS2	-0.02	210		Ferreira H	POR	-0.80	182
16	Maci G	ITI	0.56	196	41	Chmelik N	GE1	-0.05	168		Leighton C	MAL	-0.80	264	
	Mismetti C	ITI	0.56	196		Hoger W	GE1	-0.05	168		Leighton M	MAL	-0.80	264	
17	Humburg H	GE1	0.54	182	42	Knutsen K	NOR	-0.07	208	64	Reddy T	WAI	-0.83	252	
	Mattsson G	GE1	0.54	182		43	Gromoeller W	GE2	-0.08	266	65	Eidi G	LEB	-0.88	140
	Battistoni G	IT2	0.54	168			Schneider W	GE2	-0.08	266		Mannor M	IS2	-0.88	168
	Bertolucci E	IT2	0.54	168	44	Jourdain P	WAI	-0.10	154		Sharon A	IS2	-0.88	168	
18	Panto J	ENI	0.52	224		45	Sveindal J	NOR	-0.14	194	66	Patrick D	WAI	-0.90	264
	Waterlow T	ENI	0.52	224		46	Gleit M	BEL	-0.15	266		Patrick J	WAI	-0.90	264
19	As I	IS2	0.45	154			Henry J	BEL	-0.15	266		Moe J	NOR	-0.90	70
	Megged A	IS2	0.45	154			Goldberg V	SCO	-0.15	196	67	Perasic D	CRO	-0.93	210
20	Reurer JM	FR1	0.44	182			Gordon I	SCO	-0.15	196		Dix M	MAL	-0.93	264
	Coppolani M	FR1	0.44	182	47	Filip A	CZE	-0.16	182		ParnisEnglan	MAL	-0.93	264	
21	Baxter K	SCO	0.43	180			Jires P	CZE	-0.16	182	68	Alcaraz R	SPI	-0.94	154
22	Jackson D.A	IRE	0.41	210			Maclaren J	SCO	-0.17	180		DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.94	154
23	Beineix JC	FR1	0.40	154	48	Mykiety N	PO2	-0.23	140	69	Fayad G	LEB	-0.95	140	
	Stoppa JL	FR1	0.40	154		50	Montwill A	IRE	-0.25	224	70	Gagne P	WAI	-0.97	210
24	Bardin A	ITI	0.39	182	51	Manglano J	SPI	-0.28	168	71	Tedeschi E	CRO	-1.09	126	
	Bettoni T	ITI	0.39	182			Molero E	SPI	-0.28	168	72	Sver B	CRO	-1.11	210
							Stanley K	EN2	-0.28	154	73	Milde A	POI	-1.49	56
												Stobiecki W	POI	-1.49	56

LADIES TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 17

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Dhondy H	ENG	0.90	318	19 Lancova M	CZE	0.20	160	36 Nehmert P	GER	-0.20	220
Smith N	ENG	0.90	318	Tomcikova Z	CZE	0.20	160	Rauscheid A	GER	-0.20	220
2 Avon D	FRA	0.78	260	Erhardt M	AUS	0.20	240	Birman D	ISR	-0.20	180
Lustin C	FRA	0.78	260	Smederevac J	AUS	0.20	240	Liberman R	ISR	-0.20	180
Brunner M	ENG	0.78	180	20 Brock S	ENG	0.18	138	Evelius-Nohr	SWE	-0.20	159
Goldenfield	ENG	0.78	180	Courtney M	ENG	0.18	138	Karlsson-Uis	SWE	-0.20	159
3 DeLucchi F	ITA	0.75	300	21 Erdeova J	CZE	0.17	240	37 Clench G	WAL	-0.22	220
Rosetta A	ITA	0.75	300	Hnatova D	CZE	0.17	240	Harris D	WAL	-0.22	220
4 Levit-Porat	ISR	0.73	300	22 Tomaszewska	POL	0.15	240	SteenLybaek	NOR	-0.22	198
Zur-Campanil	ISR	0.73	300	Wojtyra A	POL	0.15	240	Wennevold I	NOR	-0.22	198
5 Farwig K	GER	0.72	120	23 Hugon E	FRA	0.09	200	38 Barlund B	FIN	-0.29	200
Stawowy B	GER	0.72	120	Fishpool C	FRA	0.09	200	Niemisto R	FIN	-0.29	200
6 Matut M	SPA	0.70	240	24 Pilipovic M	CRO	0.05	280	39 Kyriakidou A	GRE	-0.34	220
Santos C	SPA	0.70	240	Sver N	CRO	0.05	280	Lambrinou S	GRE	-0.34	220
7 Auken S	GER	0.64	300	Ferlazzo C	ITA	0.05	160	40 Mezzer K	HUN	-0.36	260
Von Arnim D	GER	0.64	300	Manara G	ITA	0.05	160	41 Perlini MC	RSM	-0.39	180
8 Redermeir A	AUS	0.61	160	25 Gromova V	RUS	0.02	200	Stacchini LM	RSM	-0.39	180
Terraneo S	AUS	0.61	160	Khonicheva E	RUS	0.02	200	42 Bilde L	DEN	-0.42	260
9 Andersson P	SWE	0.59	240	26 Dumon S	FRA	0.01	180	Henriksen C	DEN	-0.42	260
Larsson J	SWE	0.59	240	Clement M	FRA	0.01	180	43 Casey J	WAL	-0.51	220
10 Pasman J	NET	0.55	180	27 Sarniak A	POL	0.00	260	Kurbalija D	WAL	-0.51	220
Simons A	NET	0.55	180	Welker J	HUN	0.00	300	44 McGowan L	SCO	-0.61	280
11 Pascual M	SPA	0.45	220	Grunt A	POL	0.00	260	McQuaker F	SCO	-0.61	280
Viola C	SPA	0.45	220	28 Tichy E	HUN	-0.02	320	45 Kulmala S	FIN	-0.65	180
12 Hoogweg F	NET	0.42	200	29 Backstrom S	FIN	-0.07	300	Savolainen P	FIN	-0.65	180
Van Zwol W	NET	0.42	200	Koistinen R	FIN	-0.07	300	46 Filippi M	RSM	-0.71	220
13 Hegedus O	HUN	0.40	180	30 Arrigoni G	ITA	-0.08	179	Urbani AM	RSM	-0.71	220
Svobodova P	CZE	0.40	240	Olivieri G	ITA	-0.08	179	47 Njaradi I	HUN	-0.79	80
Pokorna J	CZE	0.40	240	31 Romanowska M	RUS	-0.09	220	Babot M	SPA	-0.79	180
14 Melech H	ISR	0.38	160	Volina V	RUS	-0.09	220	Sanchiz N	SPA	-0.79	180
Naveh N	ISR	0.38	160	32 Mueller R	CRO	-0.13	200	48 Alexander M	SCO	-0.80	260
15 Fisher D	AUS	0.34	240	Jurisic I	CRO	-0.13	200	Outred V	SCO	-0.80	260
Weigkricht T	AUS	0.34	240	Farholt S	DEN	-0.13	240	49 Baldini P	RSM	-0.85	240
16 Van der Pas	NET	0.33	260	Rahelt M	DEN	-0.13	240	Tantini R	RSM	-0.85	240
Vriend B	NET	0.33	260	Kanellopoulou D	GRE	-0.13	180	50 Greenland L	WAL	-0.97	200
17 Hellmann A	NOR	0.31	258	Ekonomou L	GRE	-0.13	180	Hirst A	WAL	-0.97	200
Malinowski A	NOR	0.31	258	33 Gothe E	SWE	-0.15	240	51 Brkljadic T	CRO	-1.03	160
18 Macieszczak	POL	0.24	180	Midskog C	SWE	-0.15	240	Petrovic I	CRO	-1.03	160
Siwek M	POL	0.24	180	34 Topolyi M	HUN	-0.17	140	52 Kirstan M	DEN	-1.28	180
Kailiakmani A	GRE	0.24	240	35 Heitmann E	NOR	-0.18	180	Krefeld C	DEN	-1.28	180
Mamidaki L	GRE	0.24	240	Langeland A	NOR	-0.18	180	53 Gerrard C	SCO	-1.39	140
				Kulichkova O	RUS	-0.18	220	McGeagh A	SCO	-1.39	140
				Ponomareva T	RUS	-0.18	220				

Championship Diary

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

Wednesday 27 June 2001

The English Women's Captain arranged for a suitably large brown envelope to be deposited in the Bulletin Office, so the gazelle & warthog story will have to wait for another Championship.

The indisposition of Eric Kokish meant I was roped in to do a little commentary on one of yesterday's matches. Nisan Rand tells me he laughed twice. We managed to introduce a new concept - that of the undefeatable contract, henceforth to be described as 'Tacchi Proof' and as you might imagine that has to be a very solid contact indeed.

One of the players who has appeared on VuGraph more than once sports a very trendy pair of sunglasses. Some of his actions have led one or two of the spectators to suspect that they may be rose coloured.

Ron Tacchi and Herman de Wael both had the same idea - to include a photograph of the mascot of one of the Countries. We were about to say 'Great minds think alike' when someone reminded us that 'fools seldom differ'.

Michelle Brunner was kind enough to supply Brian Senior's telephone number. He has now forgotten his room number. We doubt Michelle can help with that one.