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England's Winning Debut



The Victorious England team, with Captain Jimmie Arthur and Coach Alan Mould

England duly completed the victory that has been on the cards for almost the entire tournament to become European Ladies Team Champions at the first attempt. **Nicola Smith, Heather Dhondy, Michelle Brunner** and **Sally Brock** have all won before representing Great Britain, but it was a first victory for **Rhona Goldenfied** and **Margaret Courtney**. The reigning Venice Cup Champions, **The Netherlands**, will get the chance to defend their title after finished second. **Germany** took the bronze medals despite an amazing last round collapse while **Austria** and **Italy** secured the two remaining qualifying places. These five teams will carry the hopes of Europe to Bali.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCH

OPEN ROUND 35 10.00
France v Bulgaria

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 32**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	SLOVENIA	50 - 19	21 - 9
2	GREECE	ENGLAND	40 - 74	8 - 22
3	NORWAY	SAN MARINO	76 - 25	25 - 5
4	PORTUGAL	LUXEMBOURG	56 - 23	22 - 8
5	ICELAND	IRELAND	58 - 40	19 - 11
6	ISRAEL	UKRAINE	38 - 32	16 - 14
7	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	48 - 30	19 - 11
8	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	59 - 48	17 - 13
9	CZECH REP	NETHERLANDS	47 - 57	13 - 17
10	GERMANY	SPAIN	39 - 42	14 - 16
11	WALES	FINLAND	69 - 16	25 - 5
12	ROMANIA	SCOTLAND	50 - 57	14 - 16
13	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	78 - 19	25 - 4
14	TURKEY	LEBANON	57 - 27	21 - 9
15	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	44 - 27	19 - 11
16	bye	LATVIA	0 - 0	0 - 18
17	ITALY	POLAND	32 - 57	10 - 20
18	LIECHTENSTEIN	RUSSIA	42 - 75	8 - 22

ROUND 33

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ENGLAND	DENMARK	45 - 65	11 - 19
2	SLOVENIA	NORWAY	13 - 63	5 - 25
3	LUXEMBOURG	GREECE	56 - 47	17 - 13
4	SAN MARINO	ICELAND	37 - 42	14 - 16
5	UKRAINE	PORTUGAL	53 - 26	21 - 9
6	IRELAND	HUNGARY	55 - 57	15 - 15
7	BELGIUM	ISRAEL	49 - 74	10 - 20
8	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	81 - 66	18 - 12
9	SWEDEN	GERMANY	62 - 48	18 - 12
10	FINLAND	CZECH REP	75 - 40	22 - 8
11	SPAIN	ROMANIA	53 - 29	20 - 10
12	FRANCE	WALES	38 - 29	17 - 13
13	LEBANON	SCOTLAND	40 - 64	10 - 20
14	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	42 - 26	18 - 12
15	bye	TURKEY	0 - 0	0 - 18
16	POLAND	CROATIA	58 - 30	21 - 9
17	LATVIA	RUSSIA	58 - 31	21 - 9
18	ITALY	LIECHTENSTEIN	110 - 11	25 - 0

ROUND 34

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	NORWAY	38 - 39	15 - 15
2	ENGLAND	LUXEMBOURG	31 - 55	10 - 20
3	ICELAND	SLOVENIA	37 - 49	13 - 17
4	GREECE	UKRAINE	44 - 33	17 - 13
5	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO	63 - 19	24 - 6
6	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	79 - 18	25 - 3
7	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	86 - 6	25 - 0
8	ISRAEL	GERMANY	48 - 46	15 - 15
9	BULGARIA	FINLAND	83 - 31	25 - 5
10	ROMANIA	SWEDEN	39 - 55	12 - 18
11	CZECH REP	FRANCE	60 - 20	23 - 7
12	LEBANON	SPAIN	12 - 82	2 - 25
13	SWITZERLAND	WALES	28 - 31	14 - 16
14	SCOTLAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
15	POLAND	AUSTRIA	41 - 23	19 - 11
16	RUSSIA	TURKEY	40 - 38	15 - 15
17	CROATIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	60 - 34	20 - 10
18	LATVIA	ITALY	18 - 72	4 - 25

**OPEN TEAMS RANKING
after 34 rounds**

1	ITALY	631.00
2	NORWAY	614.00
3	POLAND	609.00
4	RUSSIA	608.50
5	FRANCE	576.00
6	Israel	573.50
7	Denmark	569.00
8	Bulgaria	565.50
9	Greece	563.00
10	Netherlands	552.00
11	Turkey	550.00
12	Spain	549.00
13	England	541.00
14	Iceland	540.00
15	Austria	540.00
16	Germany	535.00
17	Scotland	528.00
18	Hungary	525.00
19	Sweden	522.00
20	Belgium	521.50
21	Lebanon	520.00
22	Wales	515.00
23	Czech Rep	502.00
24	Portugal	498.00
25	Ukraine	466.00
26	Romania	461.00
27	Finland	447.50
28	Switzerland	438.00
29	Croatia	423.00
30	Latvia	420.50
31	Ireland	409.00
32	Slovenia	397.00
33	San Marino	387.50
34	Luxembourg	376.00
35	Liechtenstein	319.00

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 32 10.00**

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

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 27 10.00**

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

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Teams 2/3/4 July

Mixed Pairs 6/7/8 July

IMP 9/10/11 July

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**LADIES TEAMS
FINAL RANKING**

1	ENGLAND	393.00
2	NETHERLANDS	378.00
3	GERMANY	362.00
4	AUSTRIA	361.00
5	ITALY	359.00
6	France	355.00
7	Israel	346.00
8	Spain	337.50
9	Czech Rep	335.00
10	Norway	329.00
11	Sweden	321.00
12	Poland	321.00
13	Russia	309.00
14	Finland	302.00
15	Greece	295.00
16	Hungary	290.00
17	Croatia	286.00
18	San Marino	257.00
19	Denmark	250.00
20	Wales	235.50
21	Scotland	204.00

LADIES TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 20**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	FRANCE	GERMANY	39 - 55	12 - 18
22	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	60 - 49	17 - 13
23	NORWAY	CROATIA	55 - 53	15 - 15
24	WALES	SAN MARINO	36 - 79	6 - 24
25	ENGLAND	POLAND	91 - 38	25 - 5
26	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN	40 - 37	16 - 14
27	ITALY	RUSSIA	50 - 34	18 - 12
28	GREECE	CZECH REP	65 - 12	25 - 5
29	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	56 - 40	18 - 12
30	FINLAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
31	SPAIN	DENMARK	40 - 33	16 - 14

ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	CZECH REP	GERMANY	77 - 37	23 - 7
22	SWEDEN	WALES	54 - 42	17 - 13
23	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	71 - 14	25 - 4
24	FRANCE	GREECE	41 - 20	19 - 11
25	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	43 - 15	21 - 9
26	HUNGARY	SPAIN	50 - 51	15 - 15
27	POLAND	ITALY	63 - 49	18 - 12
28	bye	DENMARK	0 - 0	0 - 18
29	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	53 - 33	19 - 11
30	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL	68 - 28	23 - 7
31	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	75 - 40	22 - 8

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 24**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	MALTA	73 - 29	25 - 4
42	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN I	22 - 25	14 - 16
43	ISRAEL 2	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
44	FRANCE 2	ITALY I	7 - 38	7 - 23
45	FRANCE I	LEBANON	86 - 10	25 - 0
46	POLAND I	WALES I	50 - 12	24 - 6
47	GERMANY 2	BELGIUM	12 - 25	12 - 18
48	ISRAEL I	PORTUGAL	30 - 38	13 - 17
49	SWITZERLAND	CZECH REP.	49 - 28	20 - 10
50	SWEDEN	ENGLAND 2	17 - 46	8 - 22
51	GERMANY I	WALES 2	71 - 2	25 - 0
52	IRELAND	NORWAY	9 - 40	7 - 23
53	POLAND 2	SCOTLAND	31 - 18	18 - 12
54	ITALY 2	ENGLAND I	19 - 33	12 - 18

ROUND 25

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	IRELAND	23 - 21	15 - 15
42	SWEDEN	POLAND I	11 - 20	13 - 17
43	bye	ISRAEL I	0 - 0	0 - 18
44	LEBANON	MALTA	50 - 17	23 - 7
45	SCOTLAND	ITALY 2	22 - 21	15 - 15
46	WALES 2	NETHERLANDS	33 - 13	20 - 10
47	ENGLAND 2	FRANCE 2	18 - 25	14 - 16
48	ITALY I	SWITZERLAND	49 - 50	15 - 15
49	SPAIN I	ENGLAND I	10 - 33	9 - 21
50	CZECH REP.	POLAND 2	37 - 35	15 - 15
51	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	22 - 41	10 - 20
52	WALES I	GERMANY 2	42 - 17	21 - 9
53	BELGIUM	ISRAEL 2	40 - 3	24 - 6
54	FRANCE I	GERMANY I	52 - 24	22 - 8

ROUND 26

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	WALES I	CROATIA	23 - 86	1 - 25
42	CZECH REP.	WALES 2	48 - 14	23 - 7
43	ISRAEL I	ITALY I	12 - 61	3 - 25
44	ITALY 2	IRELAND	16 - 38	10 - 20
45	ISRAEL 2	FRANCE I	20 - 49	8 - 22
46	NORWAY	SWEDEN	31 - 42	12 - 18
47	POLAND 2	LEBANON	63 - 9	25 - 3
48	MALTA	SPAIN I	14 - 31	11 - 19
49	POLAND I	GERMANY I	28 - 6	20 - 10
50	ENGLAND I	BELGIUM	66 - 21	25 - 4
51	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY 2	20 - 45	9 - 21
52	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND 2	20 - 39	10 - 20
53	FRANCE 2	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
54	SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	45 - 14	23 - 7

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING
after 26 rounds**

1	POLAND I	503.75
2	FRANCE 2	489.00
3	FRANCE I	457.00
4	Sweden	454.00
5	England 2	443.00
6	England I	443.00
7	Italy 2	436.00
8	Poland 2	435.00
9	Germany I	433.00
10	Netherlands	433.00
11	Italy I	428.00
12	Scotland	419.00
13	Germany 2	393.00
14	Norway	389.00
15	Ireland	382.00
16	Czech Rep.	379.00
17	Croatia	375.50
18	Belgium	364.00
19	Israel I	352.75
20	Switzerland	349.00
21	Israel 2	338.00
22	Wales I	331.00
23	Portugal	329.00
24	Spain I	302.50
25	Lebanon	285.00
26	Wales 2	280.00
27	Malta	268.00

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7th European Mixed Championships

Oostende, Belgium

16th - 22nd March 2002

Programme and Schedule

Mixed Pairs

Saturday 16 March

10.00 - 14.45 Registration
14.30 - 18.45 1st Qualification Session
20.15 - 24.00 2nd Qualification Session

Sunday March 17th

10.30 - 14-15 3rd Qualification Session
16.30 - 20.15 1st Final and Consolation Session

Monday 18 March

10.00 - 13.45 2nd Final and Consolation Session
15.00 - 18.45 3rd Final and Consolation Session
19.45 Prize-giving and Cocktail

Mixed Teams

Tuesday 19 March

10.00 - 13.00 Registration
14.00 1st Session (4 matches of 10 boards)

Wednesday 20th March

10.00 2nd Session (2 matches of 10 boards)
16.00 3rd Session (3 matches of 10 boards)

Thursday 21st March

10.00 4th Session (3 matches of 10 boards)
16.30 Semi-final (32 boards)
5th Session (2 matches of 10 boards)

Friday 22nd March

10.00 Final and 3rd place matches (32 boards)
6th Session (2 matches of 10 boards)
15.30 Prize-giving and Cocktail Buffet

Venue: Media Centre, Oostende, Belgium

Entry Fees: To be paid in cash (Swiss Francs) at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk in the Media Centre in Oostende as per schedule.

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US still lead Herman's Bridge Team Ratings presented by Bridge Magazine IMP

We can now present the Ladies' ratings after the European Championships.

At the top, the Netherlands has passed France and Austria, and England has moved ahead of China. Denmark dropped a few places, and the Czech Republic made the best move upwards. Spain moves a full 2VP up and arrived above average, while Hungary has the greatest change in number of places, up 12 to 29.

The first number is the rating, in VP, the second is the number of (16-board) matches that are taken into account for the rating.

1	United States	21.60	86	37	Iceland	12.81	45
2	Germany	20.88	104	38	Chile	12.52	16
3	Canada	20.68	65	39	Monaco	12.48	11
4	Netherlands	20.29	106	40	Portugal	12.42	7
5	France	20.13	97	41	Northern Ireland	12.41	25
6	Austria	19.95	96	42	San Marino	12.38	29
7	England	19.17	76	43	Wales	12.32	73
8	China	18.75	102	44	Morocco	12.27	21
8	Great Britain	18.65	48	45	Colombia	12.10	43
9	Israel	18.12	76	46	Singapore	11.64	24
10	Poland	17.62	75	47	China Hong Kong	11.63	74
11	Italy	17.55	77	48	Peru	10.85	12
12	Norway	17.18	95	49	Venezuela	10.84	41
13	Denmark	16.92	113	50	Ireland	10.81	55
14	Czech Republic	16.74	68	51	Bolivia	10.74	16
15	Sweden	16.54	96	52	Bermuda	10.38	12
16	Australia	15.76	84	53	Thailand	10.33	38
17	Belgium	15.56	31	54	Pakistan	10.29	57
18	Finland	15.52	90	55	Uruguay	10.21	12
19	Spain	15.26	73	56	Tunisia	9.74	19
20	South Africa	15.25	61	57	Trinidad & Tobago	9.57	6
21	Switzerland	15.09	7	58	Malaysia	9.40	4
22	Chinese Taipei	15.01	82	59	Sri Lanka	9.27	38
23	Argentina	14.72	59	60	Jordan	9.26	33
24	Egypt	14.57	63	61	Zimbabwe	9.26	3
25	Mexico	14.50	29	62	Reunion	8.93	26
26	Russia	14.37	73	63	Bahrain	8.86	18
27	Indonesia	14.32	59	64	Faroe Islands	8.06	14
28	Brazil	14.00	59	65	Philippines	7.27	29
29	Hungary	13.61	56	66	Paraguay	6.85	12
30	New Zealand	13.60	84	67	South Korea	6.56	38
31	Greece	13.46	73	68	Barbados	6.55	8
32	India	13.37	81	69	Jamaica	6.37	38
33	Japan	13.36	69	70	Guadeloupe	4.54	13
34	Croatia	13.30	72	71	Mauritius	3.51	3
35	Turkey	13.21	47	72	Martinique	-0.56	5
36	Scotland	13.21	76				

SESSION 30
OPEN TEAMS



France v Italy



Thursday's first match was scheduled to kick-off at 13.45 hrs., so the non-Seniors present here were supposed to enjoy a morning off. In the programme, two matches drew attention: Norway v. Bulgaria, possibly the opportunity for the latter to continue the good work of the day before, and for the former an important match as well, because a loss might result in Norway dropping out of the top five again. The other interesting-looking match of course was the derby between two of the all-time greats in European bridge: France and Italy. Tradition has it that this match will always go on Rama, no matter what the rest of the schedule looks like. Once again, the decision to put this match on Rama proved an excellent one. We saw some wonderful bridge, but certainly the French would have preferred to see a less one-sided match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
2♣	4♠	Pass	1♠
Dble	All Pass	5♣	5♠

This straightforward auction made it difficult for South to take the right decision over 5♣. The contract went down two; 500 to Italy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Versace</i>
2♣	4♦	Pass	1♠
All Pass		5♣	Dble

Lorenzo Lauria had a subtle device at his disposal. Knowing about partner's shortness in diamonds, Versace had little trouble in going for the penalty. Well done, Italy another +300 and the first 13 IMPs.

In Norway v Bulgaria we saw the same two auctions. As Helness too bid 4♦, the Norwegians registered the same favourable swing as the Italians.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
3♠	2♥	Pass	2NT
	4♥	All Pass	

Maybe, Multon's 4♥ was a bit hasty. Had he passed, Quantin would no doubt have doubled and the French would have collected a large penalty. Note that only a diamond lead beats 4♥, if played by North; France +620. How to induce partner to lead a diamond? Boye Brogeland found the solution. After Two Hearts by North and Two No trump by South he simply overcalled 3♦. North bid Three Hearts, but now partner came to life at what very much looked the wrong moment by bidding Five Diamonds. South duly doubled this, but on less than perfect defence Brogeland managed to collect eight tricks. So -500 to go with +620 from the other table brought Norway another 3 IMP swing.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Versace</i>
4♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

Look at the advantage of bidding 4♥ without further ado. Who would not bid, green v. red, on the West hand? WRONG! You will get doubled for down five and -1100; Italy another 10 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Multon	Bocchi	Quantin
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♠

Apparently, Quantin treated 4NT as RKC with diamonds as trumps. Maybe, had he been able to respond with clubs as trumps, the slam on a finesse would have been avoided. In a pairs event, six of a minor down one would not be a dramatic result: if you get the ♥Q lead against 3NT you are bound to finesse the clubs for your contract, but it loses and you will lose five more spades to go down two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Lauria	Allegrini	Versace
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			3NT

Here, a spade was led so the defenders took five tricks and there it rested. The hand was a push after all.

On the next board, a brave double by Allegrini brought the French a small gain instead of another huge loss:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Multon	Bocchi	Quantin
2♣	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3♣

2♣ showed both majors. The contract went down one; Italy +100.



Patrick Allegrini, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Lauria	Allegrini	Versace
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♣
All Pass			

3♦ showed both majors. Lauria, holding the best hand around the table, had to take some action when 3♥ came back to him. He made a successful shot by bidding 3NT, but how could Versace know?

When Alfredo ran to 4♣, +750 turned into -200. France off the mark with 3 IMPs where they could well have lost another 12.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Multon	Bocchi	Quantin
INT	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
		6♦	All Pass

Forcing relay and good hand, after which a natural continua-

tion saw them reach the correct slam without much trouble; Italy +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Lauria	Allegrini	Versace
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Either player might have done a little more here; France +620, but another 13 IMPs gone.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Multon	Bocchi	Quantin
	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
3♥			Dble
All Pass			

Guided by the double, Giorgio Duboin turned the play of this hand into the highlight of the afternoon's Rama session. An initial spade lead probably defeats the contract, but, quite understandably, Multon cashed two top diamonds first, before switching to a spade. Duboin took the ace and advanced the ♥10, covered by South and won by the queen in hand. Next came three rounds of clubs, Duboin ruffing out South's queen. Now the moment had come for the key play: the last diamond from hand, on which dummy threw a spade! Multon won and returned a fourth diamond, but Duboin could ruff this with the ace (throwing a spade from hand) and play a club through South, ruffing in hand to ruff his last spade with the eight and finishing off the trump coup against South with another club; Italy a beautiful +590.

In another match, Alain Labaere for Belgium showed how to make 4♥ without the help of a double. North had opened and rebid diamonds and supported partner's spades. He led three top diamonds. Labaere ruffed the third diamond with the ace and next ran the ♥10 which held the trick. With the ♠A still there as an entry, he could afford now to ruff out the clubs and give South his trump trick. After that, South, with only spades left, had to surrender. Very well conceived indeed and a useful +420 to Belgium.

Back now to our Rama match:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Lauria	Allegrini	Versace
			Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Palau would have had some reason to copy Labaere's line of play, but when he ruffed the third diamond with the ♥10 in dummy South could overruff and lead a spade. With the side entry to the clubs gone, the contract could no longer be made; Italy another +100 and 12 IMPs.

Near the end, we saw the French close the gap a bit with some useful partscore swings, until we reached the penultimate board. As usual, this hand had been the first to be displayed in the Rama room, and it looked like a big swing to France. This is what had happened:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Multon	Bocchi	Quantin
	1♦	2♦	Pass
1♣	Dble	4♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♥			Dble
All Pass			

Both 2♦ and 4♦ were transfers. 2NT refused hearts but was forward-going, hence the jump to 4♦ by Bocchi. For once in this match, the Italians were very much on the wrong side of the score. On perfect defence, the contract went down three: ♦A, diamond ruff, ♠A, ♠J to queen and king, ♣A (!) and another diamond ruff. Six tricks, 800 to France. To the Rama audience, it looked as if it would be a tense match, but this did not quite come true.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Lauria	Allegrini	Versace
			Pass
1♣	1♦	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The same defence here as in the Open Room, but as the level was not so high the damage was only 500; France +7 IMPs. The final score, however, was 56-23 or 22-8 in VPs to Italy. They were catching up on Russia more and more, whereas France got further behind the top five for the moment.

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 Cleopatra Hall on the ground floor

9.30 p.m. - Show in the Auditorium (entrance through Hotel Marco Antonio)

Please be punctual!

Following the Prize-giving in the Auditorium at 5.45p.m., the **dinner** will be held in the **Cleopatra Hall** on the ground floor instead of the Roman Pool. This decision has been made to avoid disturbance from the demonstrators. At 9.30 p.m., as planned, we will enjoy the *Show of Carmen Mota* in the Auditorium and after the show we will all meet again at the **Roman Pool for the FINAL SURPRISE.**

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

The best slam

by Svend Novrup, ebridge correspondent

With a 5-4 fit in one suit and 4-4 in another, we all know that usually it is better to play to use the eight-card fit as trumps as that will present you with a discard in the play. That this is not always the case was proved by the Turkish pair Salvador Assael/Nafiz Zorlu in their match against Ukraine.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West

2♣
4NT
6♣

East

1♦
3♠
5♥
Pass

Assael/Zorlu, sitting East/West, bid like this in a most natural way. 3♣ was a splinter bid agreeing clubs, 4NT asked for aces, and voila! 6♣ was easy with two diamond discards on the hearts, ruffing two spades in dummy.

At the other table the Ukraine North/South pair came to rest in 6♦, which had an unavoidable trump loser in addition to the spade; down one and a swing of 14 IMPs to Turkey.

Play of A Champion

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

Irving Gordon, World Senior Pairs Champion (with Boris Schapiro) made an excellent play to land his Four Heart contract for Scotland Seniors when they beat France 117-13.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass 4♥	3NT All Pass	Dble	Pass 4♣

North started with three rounds of diamonds, declarer pitching a spade from dummy on the third round. A fourth round was played and dummy ruffed with the eight of trumps and South correctly discarded a spade, the best defence, and declarer a club. Gordon now played the ten of hearts from dummy and when South did not cover he allowed it to run. That was followed by the ace and king of clubs and a club, ruffed by declarer. A heart to the ace was followed by winning clubs, finishing South as declarer still had the ace of spades in dummy as an entry if and when South ruffed. *Bien Joué.*

Yes indeed, but the last paragraph gives the clue to the winning defence. North must switch to the king or ten of spades at trick two. If Declarer ducks, North goes back to diamonds, promoting a trump trick for South. If declarer wins, a vital entry has been removed from the dummy. Editor

SESSION 17
LADIES TEAMS



England v Austria

by Tony Gordon



England led Austria by 6 VPs going into this crucial top-of-the-table clash, and were doubtless hoping to consolidate their advantage as the race for the title entered its closing stages.



Michelle Brunner, England

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West Brunner 2♥ 3♦ 4♥	North Erhart Pass Pass All Pass	East Goldenfield 1♠ 3♣ 3♥	South Smederevac Pass Pass Pass
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Her chunky heart suit and club fit persuaded Michelle Brunner to settle for 4♥ at her third turn, and Maria Erhart led the ♦3. Jovi Smederevac won the ace and returned the queen and

Brunner played a spade to the king. When that held, she drew trumps and played a low club. Erhart made the textbook play of rising with the ♣K, and then gave an amused laugh when Brunner won the ace and crossed back to her hand with the queen. There was only the ♠A to come for the defence and England scored +450.

West Weigkricht 2♦ 3♣ 3NT	North Smith Pass Pass All Pass	East Fischer INT 2♥ 3♠	South Dhondy Pass Pass Pass
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When Doris Fischer decided to open INT with the East hand the auction proceeded almost inevitably to 3NT. Heather Dhondy led the ♦Q and Fischer won dummy's king and finessed the ♣J. When that held, five rounds of hearts followed. Nicola Smith could afford to discard two spades, but the last heart squeezed her in the other three suits. She discarded a diamond, but Fischer read the hand accurately and continued with a spade to establish her ninth trick; +400 to Austria, but 2 IMPs to England.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West Brunner Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass	North Erhart 1♥ 2♣ 2♠ 3♦ 4♦ 6♣	East Goldenfield Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass	South Smederevac 1♠ 2♦ 3♣ 3♥ 4NT
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Erhart and Smederevac use a canapé-style approach, hence the early bidding. Clubs were then agreed and cuebids followed. 4NT was ace-asking, but Erhart closed proceedings by jumping to 6♣. Rhona Goldenfield led the ♦J and declarer won in hand, perforce. As a trump had not been led, the slam depended on the ♠A being onside, but declarer quickly knew her fate when she played a spade to the king at trick two and it lost to the ace. Brunner then cashed the ♠Q, but Erhart had the rest when Brunner did not have another spade to play; +100 to England.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Dhondy's 2♣ was game forcing, but as the hands did not seem to fit too well the English pair stopped in 5♣. Fischer led the ♦J and Smith ruffed her low heart in dummy at trick two and cashed the ♦K discarding a spade. Now she ruffed a diamond and led a spade to the king. Terry Weigkricht took the ace and switched to a trump, so declarer won cheaply in hand and ruffed another heart. She now played dummy's last diamond and when Weigkricht did not ruff she carefully discarded her last spade. Now she could safely cross-ruff the last five tricks for +600 and 12 IMPs to England. If Weigkricht had ruffed the last diamond, Smith would have had to over-ruff and fall back on the ruffing heart finesse, but her loser-on-loser play meant she did not have to rely on the whereabouts of the ♥A.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brunner</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
	Pass (!)	2♠	Pass
3♣	5♥ (!)	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

A typical effort by Maria Erhart that barely caused a raised eyebrow when the bidding tray was returned to the other side of the screen. Goldenfield led the ♣10 against 5♥ doubled and when it held the trick she switched to the ♠Q. There was no way for declarer to avoid going one down and England scored +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
	4♣	Pass	4♥
4NT	5♥	All Pass	

Smith began with a Namyats 4♣ with her solid heart suit and when Weigkricht showed the minors with her 4NT overcall she persevered with 5♥. No one saw fit to disturb that contract, which at least had the merit of being played by South so the defence had no quick route to success. Weigkricht led a diamond and Dhondy ruffed in dummy and immediately led the ♠3 and ducked the trick to Weigkricht's ♠9. It must have seemed to Weigkricht that declarer's spade suit was a potential source of tricks as she went into a long huddle before playing the ♣A and

presenting declarer with her contract; +450 and 11 IMPs to England.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brunner</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	1♠ ⁽¹⁾	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

⁽¹⁾ Canapé-style

Smederevac was no doubt pleased with the final contract, but less pleased when her opening lead of the ♠10 was covered in turn by the jack, king and ace. Goldenfield cashed the ♠Q and continued with the ♠3. To defeat the contract by two tricks Smederevac needed to ruff the spade and switch to a diamond, but she discarded a heart instead so dummy's ♠9 won the trick. Declarer now cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart and exited with a diamond. Smederevac won her queen and continued diamonds and Erhart won the next diamond and played her trump. The ♣K was taken by the ace and Smederevac continued with the ♣J. However, declarer could win with the queen and play her last diamond, and as she had ♣764 remaining compared with South's ♣1085, she could ruff the next trick with the ♣7 and make the ♣6 at trick thirteen for one down and -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The same contract was reached here as well but, as Smith had been able to open her longer and stronger suit, Dhondy led the ♥2 and Fischer was not as well placed as Goldenfield had been at the other table. She won the ♥A at trick one and led dummy's trump; however, that route led to three down when she eventually played spades from her own hand; +500 and 9 IMPs to England.

That result put England ahead by 44-3 and the final score was England 54 Austria 4. England's 25-5 VPs win pushed Austria down to third and left England 25 VPs ahead of the Netherlands.

Correction

In the EBL Official TD Register **Gérard Tissot** is appointed Chief Tournament Director and **Massimo Ortensi** Assistant Chief Tournament Director.

SESSION 3 I
OPEN TEAMS



Russia v Poland



On Thursday night, it was Poland's turn to start their biggest challenge: playing Russia in one match and Italy in the next. Of course, both matches appeared on Rama, so elsewhere in this issue you should be able to find the report on Poland v. Italy. A remarkable aspect of this match was the very good atmosphere between the players: they were seen exchanging high fives after the match was over to celebrate the Polish victory.

The match started well for Russia when a very light two-suited opening caught the Poles off-balance:



Vadim Kholomeev, Russia

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
	2♥	Dble	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

It looks very much a matter of style. Missing a non-vulnerable game, however, is not as expensive as missing a vulnerable one.

Poland +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Without intervention, the Russians had no trouble in arriving at the proper contract after Gromov refused the transfer showing bad hearts at the same time; Russia +420 and the first 6 IMPs of the match.

There was more to come for them:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
		Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	INT	2♦
All Pass			

Sound bidding; Russia +130 when ten tricks were made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The spade lead from East immediately removed dummy's entry. When the diamonds did not behave either, Balicki went two down in what very much looked an over-ambitious contract anyway; Russia +200 and 8 more IMPs.

After two quiet boards we saw the first slam:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Alexander Petrunin, Russia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

A simple, natural auction saw the Poles end up in a touch-and-go but perfectly playable slam. North led a club, which Kwiecien was obliged to run to his queen. This first hurdle taken, Kwiecien still had to play very carefully: ♦A, heart to the queen, diamond ruffed with the jack, getting the bad news, ♥A getting the good news, club to the ace and spade to the ten. When this all worked, he could ruff a club and discard a spade on the ♦K, just conceding one more spade. Just made, a great +980 to Poland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrunin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Russians were not so ambitious, and maybe they were right. On this board it cost them 11 IMPs, however.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K J 8 ♥ J 5 ♦ A 9 8 6 2 ♣ 10 4 2	<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 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ Q J 10 7 4 ♣ 8	♠ A 10 9 ♥ A 9 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ K ♣ J 9
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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ A K J 7 2											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		Pass

The ♥A was led, after which East cashed his ♦K and played another heart to dummy. When South led the ♠5, West rose with the king to play the ♦9 to prevent any spade ruffs. On this defence, declarer could not avoid down three; Poland +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrunin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
	Pass	1♥	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Dble	4♦	Dble	3NT
			All Pass

Here, East did not find the shift to the ♦K, but started off with two rounds of hearts. This way, declarer was able to score a spade ruff in dummy and went off only two; Russia +500 but 7 IMPs to Poland.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Admire the nice tactical bidding from Zlotov here. When Kwiecien doubled, Kholomeev had his anxious moments before making the contract. Pszczola led a diamond, won with the queen by Kwiecien who continued the ♥7. After a long huddle, Kholomeev played low. When this forced the ace from East, all declarer had to do was to play ♠A and another; Russia +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
1♣	2♠	Dble	3♣
3♥	4♣	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

On this auction, the hand looked to belong to N/S, so West decided to bid one more. Right he was: one down only but a very cheap save; Poland +100, but 12 IMPs to Russia.

Funny things happened on the next board:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Heart lead to the jack, king and ace. After three top spades, East discarding the ♣8, declarer played the ♠10 from dummy. Kwiecien rose with the ace, and now the clubs were blocked. West cashed the ♠J and returned a heart, so East could cash four tricks in the suit plus the ♣K before he had to lead away from the ♦K; one down only, Poland +100.

All would have been well had West ducked the ♠10, but East might have contributed the ♣K under the ace as well. Now, if West cashes the ♠J and plays a heart, declarer will be squeezed. He has to blank his ♦A in order to keep his ♣Jx, so East can exit with a diamond after the hearts; down two, the par score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
Pass	Pass	1♠	
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Here, declarer did not play the ♥J from dummy to the first trick. The play then went the same: three spades, East discarding the ♣8, and the ♣10. West won the ace and cashed his ♠J, but now East had to concede a heart to North's nine. As he had forgotten to cash his now blank ♣K before doing so, he was thrown in again with this card to lead away from his ♦K as well. Contract made; Poland another +90 and 5 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

A perfectly natural auction by the Poles. 2♦ was natural and forcing to game, 4♠ a cuebid and 5♥ thus showed first-round control in hearts and second-round control in clubs as well, since West had skipped this suit; Poland +1370.

In the other room, the Russian relay auction worked as effectively:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

East had been relaying all the time, and West had shown four spades to the AK and four diamonds to the queen in an 11-12 HCP. hand. At the same time, he had denied the presence of the



Jacek Pszczola, Poland

♣A and the ♥K. So slam was a reasonable enough shot, even more so when once again a vital jack happened to be one of dummy's assets.

On the simple slam below, Gromov made what looks like a nice assumption play:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
2♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♠	Pass

Pszczola won the ♣K lead and took the finesses in both major suits to land his contract; Poland +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
2♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
4NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♥	Pass

On the same lead, Gromov's next move was a spade to the ACE. South was likely to hold at least one major suit king for his 2♣ overcall, vulnerable. If that's the ♥K, North may make his ♠K; if it's the ♠K, however, it might be blank... Russia +1010 and 1 IMP but well played.

And the next board:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Kholomeev	Pszczola	Zlotov
Pass	2NT	3♠	2♥
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4NT
Dble	5♥	Dble	5♣
			All Pass

Too much action by the Russians after yet another very light twosuit opening; Poland +800 on a trump lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Balicki	Gromov	Zmudzinski
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		2NT

A more normal auction here led to +620 to Russia. This board sealed the Polish victory by 52-27 or 20-10 VPs.

Polish Seniors Congress
 Sopot near Gdansk (birthplace of Solidarity)
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The Polish Seniors Congress announced in yesterday's Bulletin has been postponed and will now be staged next year.

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Braveheart found the right declarer play

by Heinz Guthwert

The Finnish team in the Open Series has made many unforced errors in these Championships, which easily could have been avoided, and turned several defeats into victory. But once in a while, like on this board in the match against Lebanon, one of the players was able to shine.

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	
♣ A Q J 10 9 7 4 3 2		♣ 8	
	♠ A Q 4		
	♥ 9 6 5 3		
	♦ K 10 6		
	♣ K 6 5		
West	North	East	South
	Koistinen	Pass	Kiema
		All Pass	Pass
5♣	5♥		

If one wonders why South passed in the first place, there is a good reason for it. The Finnish pair is playing the Swedish system Carrot Club, where one of a major shows four cards. So the only choice was One Heart with that meagre suit. To enter the five level with North's hand shows a brave mind.

Koistinen ruffed the club lead, cashed one heart and got the bad news. Next came three rounds of spades and a spade ruff in dummy. A heart to the king and a diamond to the ten gave some good news. Back to hand with a trump and another diamond. East had to play low and dummy's king took the trick. Now Koistinen ruffed a club with his last trump, East could over-ruff but finally had to concede a trick to declarer's diamond queen. This meant 10 IMP:s to Finland when West was declarer at the other table in Four Clubs doubled and went one down.

Christian "Criss-Cross" goes public

by Jon Sveindall

Some 30 years ago, Christian Vennerød was a very talented bridge player in Bergen in Norway. He was particularly interested in the subtleties of the game, and I remember him as one who first examined the possibility for a criss-cross squeeze, went down the line technique-wise, and only took a finesse as a last resort. However, his strong character enabled him to concentrate on his economic studies - so he more or less put bridge away for a quarter of a century.

When a member of the Norwegian Senior team took ill a few days before the tournament, Christian was happy to fill in as a substitute. His thoroughness and lack of routine makes him spend a lot of time at the table, but the time was put to exceptionally good use on the first board against Lebanon in the 21st Senior match.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

⁽¹⁾ Majors

A small club was led, ducked in dummy and won by North's ace. Three rounds of diamonds followed, and Christian realised that his only hope for an entry to dummy to take the spade finesse, was the 10-9 doubleton in hearts with South. So he ruffed with the jack! With a big grin on his face he found the bridge goddess answering his prayers, so ace-king of hearts and a heart to the eight was followed by the queen of spades. Contract landed!

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Final Ranking

1	Paddy JOURDAIN	Andy PAGANI	244.0	63.54%
2	Maureen DENNISON	Hans-Olof HALLEN	221.0	57.55%
3	Irena CHODOROWSKA	Slawek LATALA	215.0	55.99%
4	Nissan RAND	Pinhas ROMIK	208.0	54.17%
5	Martin SCHALTZ	Svend NOVRUP	207.0	53.91%
6	Alec MONTWILL	Seamus DOWLING	202.0	52.60%
7	Russ NICHOLSON	Fredrik WAHLBERG	196.0	51.04%
8	Tonje AASAND	Christina KLEMMENSEN	195.0	50.78%
9	Fillipo PALMA	Ana PRADOS	190.0	49.48%
	Mario DIX	Ron TACCHI	190.0	49.48%
11	Loek VERHEES	Hans VAN WOENSEL	183.0	47.66%
12	Claus DAEHR	Simon WIERSEMA	181.0	47.14%
13	Mikhail ROSENBLUM	Kees TAMMENS	180.0	46.88%
14	Jon SVEINDAL	Esad KULOVIC	168.0	43.75%
15	Bronius ZIBAITIS	HermY DE WAEL	162.0	42.19%
16	Marijke BLANKEN	Annamaria TORLONTANO	130.0	33.85%

PROFILES OF THE DUTCH LADIES

With a sensational finish the Netherlands won the Venice Cup in Bermuda by the incredible margin of just 0.5 of an IMP from U.S.A.



Bep Vriend & Marijke van der Pas



Anneke Simons & Jet Pasman



Femke Hoogweg & Wietske van Zwol

BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend, a bridge teacher from Amstelveen learned bridge in 1965. With her partner Carla Arnolds she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. With her she became fifth during the World Ladies Pairs in Lille 1998. Since 1994 she partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep and her husband Anton Maas (a frequent member of the Dutch Open Team) form one of the Dutch leading Mixed Pairs. In 1994 Vriend-Maas with van der Pas-Tammens won the European Mixed Teams. After Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991 and Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her 4th Venice Cup appearance. Bep played six Olympiads. Bep Vriend is a honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April, 1998 she received for her merit for bridge a Royal decoration. In Tenerife she is playing her thirteenth European Championships.

MARIJKE VAN DER PAS

Marijke van der Pas from Utrecht, has been playing bridge since 1967. She first played in the Dutch Ladies team in 1979. With her previous partner Elly Schippers she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1980. She is a bridge journalist and works for the Dutch Bridge Magazine. Marijke is living together with Jaap Trouwborst, captain of the Dutch Open Team. Since 1994 she partnered Bep Vriend. In 1994 van der Pas-Tammens with Vriend-Maas won the European Mixed Teams. After Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991, Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her 4th Venice Cup appearance. Marijke played six Olympiads. In Tenerife she is playing her twelfth European Championships.

JET PASMAN

Jet Pasman comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village north of Amsterdam. She started bridge in 1974. From 1989 to 1993 Jet was captain of the Dutch Ladies team during 3 European Championships, one Olympiad and 2 Venice Cups. Since 1979 she has been partnering Anneke Simons. Jet Pasman, a sports teacher, is married to the coach of the Ladies team: Chris Niemeijer, a former player of the Dutch Open team. After Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her 2nd appearance in the Venice Cup. Jet played three Olympiads. In Tenerife she is playing her sixth European Championships.

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens a bridge journalist and their son Bas aged 18. Anneke learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979

she has been playing with Jet Pasman. In 1988 she gave up bridge for six years. After Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her 2nd appearance in the Venice Cup. Anneke played three Olympiads. In Tenerife she is playing her sixth European Championships.

WIETSKA VAN ZWOL

Wietske van Zwol lives in Tilburg and is married to Carel Berendregt. She has a degree in business economics and works at the Tilburg University as a controller. Apart from bridge, music is her great hobby. She likes to sing and to play the guitar. Wietske also likes sports: jogging, skating, skiing if she can find the time. In 1982 she learned to play bridge. In 1996 Wietske won with Ine Gielkens the European Union Ladies Pairs in Belgium. From 1997 until 2000 Wietske played with Martine Verbeek. Wietske played in the team that won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000. After the Olympiad in Maastricht 2000 Wietske formed a partnership with Femke Hoogweg. In Tenerife Wietske is participating for the fourth time in a European Teams Championship.

FEMKE HOOGWEG

Femke Hoogweg, a native from Schiedam, is now living in Nieuw-Vennep together with Ricco van Prooijen. She studied Technical Mathematics at the University of Delft. She works as a scientific researcher at the Ministry of Defence. At the age of 12 she learned to play bridge. In 1996 she won the European University Teams. Since September 2000 she forms a partnership with Wietske van Zwol. In Tenerife (Spanje) Femke will make her first appearance at the European Championships.

ED FRANKEN, lives in Haarlem (west of Amsterdam). He is the team manager and captain of the Dutch Ladies Team since the European Championships in Vilamoura, 1995. Under his leadership the team won the world title in 2000. With a sensational finish the Netherlands won the Venice Cup in Bermuda by the incredible margin of just 0.5 of an IMP from U.S.A. Tenerife will be his fourth European Championships as a Captain.



Chris Niemeijer

CHRIS NIEMEIJER is the coach of the Dutch Ladies Team since 1987. He is married to Jet Pasman and is a former player of the Dutch Open team. Tenerife will be his seventh European Championships as a coach.

SESSION 32
OPEN TEAMS



Italy v Poland



On Friday morning, four rounds from the end of the championship, the last of the really important matches, that's to say those in which two of the leading teams had to face each other, was scheduled. As a consequence, a certain element of luck would creep into the eventual outcome of the championship: how many V.P. would each of the contenders for the title get from their last three matches against less well-placed teams?



Cezary Balicki, Poland

With the score at 3-2 for Poland, this was board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
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♠ Q J 10 3
♥ K
♦ K J 9 8 6
♣ 9 6 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Pszczola graciously offered the Italians all the bidding space they wanted. Thus Versace was able to find out that Lauria held at least four diamonds, but only three spades. He thus settled for 5♦, a contract that could not be made when the ♠K proved to be offside. Poland +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Bocchi's 2♥ took some bidding space away from the Poles. Thus, Zmudzinski made a practical shot by jumping to 3♠, raised to game by Balicki. With spades 3-3, this proved an unbeatable contract.

Poland another +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 7 4
♥ 8 2
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♠	2♥	All Pass	

The normal contract: Italy +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
Pass	1♥	INT	Dble
2♣	4♥	All Pass	

Bocchi led a trump, won by declarer's ten. He then won the return of the ♥J with the ace and proceeded to play the ♣A, presenting declarer with his contract as the cards lay. Poland +620 and another 11 IMPs.

The next four boards did not trouble the scorers at all, but then came:



Michal Kwiecien, Poland

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Dble	2♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♦	Dble	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

After 2♦, Kwecien could make a normal take-out double, so the double fit nature of the E/W was immediately revealed. Of course, Pszczola went on to slam, be it for insurance reasons only, though in fact all 13 tricks are there for E/W. When South went on to 6♠ all Pszczola could reasonably do was to double, so Poland scored +500 here when the defence got three aces and a diamond ruff. Special mention should be made of the fact that when West cashed his aces in the rounded suits, South each

time had to follow suit with a blank king!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

Here, Duboin could not double the splinter of 4♣ for systemic reasons. When South next cuebid 4♥, he did double, but it was too late already, given the state of the vulnerability (the red v. green syndrome, as it is often called). So the Italians subsided rather early, defeating 4♠ by just one trick for +50. Poland had scored another 10 IMPs.

More rueful tidings were to follow for the Italian tifosi in the Rama Room:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Even more so if you look at the west hand from a rubber bridge angle, 4♠ looks an obvious shot; Poland +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
		1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Science failed again where a practical approach would have worked. Duboin showed spades with INT and described a six-card suit and invitational values. When Bocchi decided that his AK and A were not enough, a good game proposition was gone. Italy +170 and 10 IMPs more to Poland.

On the next board, the Italians registered the first of a few partscore swings in their favour when an aggressive raise of partner's overall paid off:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

West no doubt fancied his defensive prospects, but the contract proved an easy make. Italy +110 (nine tricks).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	All Pass		Pass

After the aggressive raise, North could not really make another move. Italy another +140 and 6 IMPs back.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♥	2♣	1♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	2♥	3♣

A normal enough auction, but why did Kwiecien go down? He

won the club lead and proceeded to cash the ♥AK. Curtains. He went on, however, to take a direct spade finesse which worked. So why not do so immediately? He then would have found out that North held at least four spades with his clubs and thus might have been induced to finesse the hearts at any time, using the club ruffs as entries to dummy. Anyway, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠	Dble	1♦	Pass
4♥	4♣	2♥	2♠
		Dble	All Pass

Duboin was showing hearts with 1♠, but when Balicki doubled this, Zmudzinski understandably expected a better spade holding with his partner. When this was not the case, the Poles for once were far off target. The contract went down four, Italy +800 and 14 IMPs back.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Dble	3♣	Pass	1♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			Dble

One down, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Dble	3♣	Pass	1♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		5♠

Zmudzinski apparently realised that with four trumps opposite, the chances were that 5♠ would still make. Right he was, though it will not occur frequently that you can make 11 tricks missing the trump AKQ! Poland +650 and another 11 IMPs. They had won the match 52-27 or 20-10 in V.P. and Russia thus were back in the lead. All would depend on how many V.P. each of the title contenders would score against some of the lesser gods...



Appeal No. 27



Appeals Committee:

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

England v Poland

Open Teams Round 23

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vulnerable.

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

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West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Liggins	Balicki	Fawcett
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	2♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

Comments:

1♣ is either natural, 5+ clubs or balanced 11-14/18-19, 2+ clubs
1♠ shows 5 clubs and 4 spades
2♦ is a transfer to hearts

Contract: Four Spades, played by West.

Result: 8 tricks, N/S +200

The Facts:

South had alerted his bid of 1♠ to West and explained it as per agreement. North had not alerted it. East had not enquired about the meaning of the bidding.

After the play, East/West had called the Director to complain about the failure to alert 1♠ by North. East claimed he had intended 3♣ as a natural bid, while West, who had known about the 5 card club suit in South, had interpreted it as a cue-bid.

The Director:

Took into consideration that the opening of 1♣ is accurately described on the Convention Card and that East could have protected himself better.

Ruling: Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 75A.

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players and the Captain of Poland.

The Players:

East explained that this was almost like a Polish Club. He never expected that North needed to reply INT with any of the balanced meanings, and when 1♠ was not alerted to him, he expected a balanced hand, not necessarily with five clubs. If he needed to consult the Convention Cards for every bid, he would never be able to finish the matches in time.

West explained that they play a special defence over conventional clubs. The Pass shows either no overcall or a 16+ hand. East/West had clearly agreed to treat this 1♣ opening as conventional.

North stated he never alerts this 1♠ bid, although he does alert the INT response, which can be made with four spades. North did not know why South alerted it. South added that West had even asked him why he thought he needed to alert this natural bid.

North/South pointed out that when East was going to bid clubs, a suit bid by his opponents, he might have been more careful in checking with his opponents how many clubs had been promised.

North/South further pointed out that their line of defence had allowed West to make his contract. North had led his singleton club, but South could not read this, as he would also lead the 4 from 10-4. South had played the Queen of Hearts, which West had ducked, and on which North had given suit preference. Now South gave his partner the club ruff. North pointed out that West, who did know the full club position, should have taken the ♥Q and played three rounds of trumps, with a chance of making the contract if he played the ♠10 to the third round of trumps. West replied that to play three rounds of trumps that way would have been against the odds. When South did not play clubs to the second trick, West was hoping he would not do so in the third either.

The Committee:

Found that East had been careless in not checking his opponents' systems more completely.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit:

Forfeited.

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.



BRIDGE PLAZA

As many bridge players know, during the last five years there has been a web site that provides complete coverage of nearly all major bridge events worldwide. The site is named BRIDGE PLAZA and can be reached by typing www.bridgeplaza.com in your browser's address box. The site has published online vugraph of two matches each round of these European Championships, in addition to results, bulletins and player info. All information on BRIDGE PLAZA has been and will be completely free of charge.

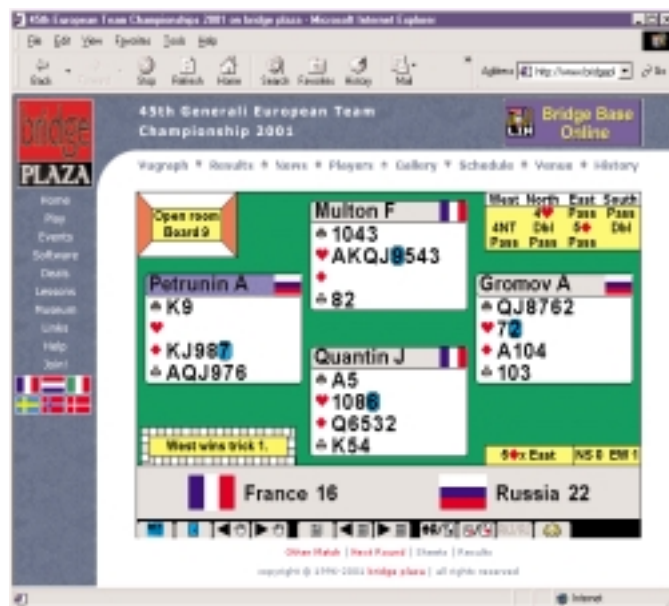
BRIDGE PLAZA started in August of 1996 with an online VuGraph broadcast of the Spingold final in Miami between teams Nickell and Schwartz. The site is owned and maintained by Dutchman Koen Gijsman, in close co-operation with his friend and business partner Fred Gitelman of Bridge Base Inc. in Toronto, Canada.

Koen is a 37-year old independent internet consultant, who has his offices at one of the truly beautiful canals of Amsterdam. By far the hardest tasks of his job is to keep focusing on his computer screen rather than gazing at the spectacular view over two old Amsterdam bridges through the large windows in front of him. Koen is unmarried, his star sign is Gemini, and he has no kids or pets. After finishing Dutch Gymnasium, Gijsman went to study biochemistry for one year in the States, then started Amsterdam medical university. Halfway through his studies, he made a radical career switch by becoming a partner in Bridgesoft, a Dutch company specialising in bridge computer programs. His job was to manage the development of several bridge computer programs, including Endless Bridge, which has been the best selling package in Holland for many years since then.

In the Summer of 1995, mutual friends Eric Kokish and Simon Wiersema brought Koen in contact with Fred Gitelman and Sheri Winestock, who were then on a visit to the Netherlands. As a result of this rendez-vous, Koen translated their brilliant software product Bridge Master into Dutch, and sold nearly 10,000 copies of it in the Netherlands. Bridge Master is a computer program that teaches the user declarer play in a very smart way. You have to play the hand precisely correct, or else the program will defend in such a way that you are defeated. Sometimes this is done by switching cards between defenders, in order to show you the distribution against which you should have guarded.

Then, BRIDGE PLAZA was born. Because the first tournament broadcasts were so well visited and a lot of fun to produce, Koen and his colleague Onno Eskes went on to do a very large number of them. Tournament organisers like Cap Gemini Ernst & Young's Henk van Dalen immediately saw the value of a high-quality internet coverage of their events and asked BRIDGE PLAZA to do online VuGraph of his invitation tournament. Koen liked this superb event so much that he decided to broadcast all 150 hands at all eight tables, a total of six thousand bidding and play sequences over the latest five editions of this 'Wimbledon of Bridge'. Also, WBF President José Damiani was impressed by the quality of the presentations and invited BRIDGE PLAZA for internet VuGraph coverage of the 1997 and 1998 World Champi-

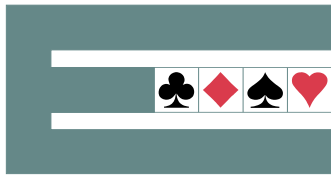
onships, 1998 and 2000 Generali Masters Individual and of the 1998 and 1999 IOC Grand Prix in Lausanne. Other tournaments on BRIDGE PLAZA include the latest five editions of the Forbo-Krommenie Nations Cup and Teams, five times the Dutch Teams Final, four Cavendish Invitationals and many others.



In 1997, the BRIDGE PLAZA boys were asked by the sponsors of the 2000 Orbis Bermuda Bowl to do online VuGraph and detailed results of their upcoming event, which rated to be one of the finest World Championships ever held. You can find the result of this ambitious project in the VuGraph area at www.bermudabowl.com. The new element in the Bermuda project was the coupled presentation of detailed results and VuGraph, using a specialised system developed by database programmer Onno Eskes. Also, the organisers of the 2000 Maastricht Olympiad invited BRIDGE PLAZA to do a partially live web-broadcast of the two VuGraph theatres, as well as the detailed results pages that were so well visited during the Bermuda event. You can find the Maastricht stuff in the VuGraph area of www.bridgeolympiad.nl.



In BRIDGE PLAZA's view, it is quite important for the future of bridge that internet VuGraph of major bridge events remains free of charge for you, the visitor. Some other websites charge their users money to be allowed to access the bridge.



EBL Press Conference

Spain in danger of exclusion from the EBL

by Svend Novrup, ebridge correspondent and the Editor

The EBL, represented by The President, Gianarrigo Rona, The Honorary Secretary, Panos Gerontopoulos, and Committee Member Jens Auken were joined by the Vice President of the IBPA Jean-Paul Meyer at a Press Conference held yesterday.

After a short opening statement by the President stressing the importance of gaining Olympic recognition and the restructuring of the Championships, the floor was opened to those present. **Nissan Rand**, who has a regular column in one of Israel's newspapers, asked a question on behalf of **Patrick Jourdain**, Daily Telegraph, London about the restructuring. The President pointed out that it was important that the new style event did not take place in a Rosenblum year, hence the necessity of staging the Championships in even numbered years. It was hoped that the new format would make it easier to attract a major sponsor. The reason the only one senior team from each country will be able to play is that probably more NBOs will select and support such a team. Next year the championships will be in Salsomaggiore which is known as the perfect venue, and hopefully this will mean that in any case more ladies teams will participate.

The timing of the various events would be determined once the number of entries was known.

Maureen Dennison, IBPA Secretary, asked about the possibility of events being timed so as to allow competitors to take advantage of package deals. The President confirmed he was aware of this problem but difficulties were caused by the number of teams taking part, keeping in mind there are now 45 potential entrants.

Heinz Guthwert, Hufvudstadsbladet, congratulated the EBL on the choice of Salsomaggiore for next year's Championship, but complained that no transfers had been available from the airport. Other speakers pointed out they had encountered no such difficulties and the President was confident there would be no problems next year.

Daniel Auby, Dagens Nyheter confirmed that the Swedish players were happy with the venue but was concerned about brown sticker conventions and HUM systems. He thought that the players using them were not careful enough with their descriptions.

Jens Auken, chairman of the EBL system committee said: 'We have made great progress in the handling of HUMs and brown-sticker conventions but of course there have been problems, and I am grateful for the work you have done in that respect. Your team has a pair playing a HUM system, and I think that you and others will have to be very careful to explain everything as clearly as possible or it may be totally forbidden to play them. It is forbidden in ACBL, and people of strong influence want the same thing in Europe. So pairs playing these things, please be very careful with what you do – or the right to play them may be taken away'



from left Jean-Paul Meyer, Gianarrigo Rona and Panos Gerontopoulos

Kees Tammens, Bridge Utrecht, asked about the possibility of the Championship being split into divisions and the President indicated that he was in favour of this idea.

Nissan Rand asked why the Seniors had not been on Vu-Graph and in response, Jean-Paul Meyer pointed out the considerable technical problems one of them being that with matches of just 14 boards the session would be too short, and you wanted to follow the scoring of 20 boards from the matches on the Open and Ladies Series which would

then not be possible while play was still in progress.

Jean-Paul Meyer asked why no hand records had been available and for the position concerning the financial contribution of the Generali Group and the Spanish Federation.

The President cited the tremendous staffing problems and difficulties with the photocopiers but confirmed Hand records from every single match will be back for Salsomaggiore. The position with Generali was unclear but the money promised by the Canary and the Spanish Federations has not been paid, and if this is not done ahead of the end of the championship, the Spanish Federation will be considered not in good standing and will be excluded from the EBL as of July 11. This will mean that Spanish players can not participate in neither international or national events as every NBO in Europe has to respect such an exclusion.

He said 'This is very sad, and we did not want to punish the Spanish players here in Tenerife as we know that they have been paying most of their own expenses.'

Daniel Auby raised the matter of the money deposit when you lodge an appeal, as some nations can not afford to lose such money and are afraid to appeal. Instead it was suggested that a frivolous appeal could cost a penalty of 1 or 2 VPs. The President said that the money would only be taken if an appeal was ridiculous, and the players should be able to see when their appeal had absolutely no merit. Maureen Dennison told that in some British tournaments you have a person which you can consult before appealing. If he says that your appeal is of a certain merit, you can appeal without danger of losing your money.

Jens Auken thought that it would create too much tension if you took VPs in matters from the appeals committee, and that an extra link in the appeal's process would be too much but there were very positive reactions from the floor in general to the idea of such a consultant.

The press conference lasted for more than one hour in a good atmosphere probably because it was felt that Gianarrigo Rona spoke out openly and never side stepped any question.

English Womens' team

SALLY BROCK



Sally Brock, 48, married (3 times and counting) with two children from this marriage (Toby, 7 and Briony, 5), and also a 24 year old son (Ben) from a previous marriage. Sally is married to Raymond Brock, who amongst many bridge achievements, managed to sit opposite Tony Forrester for in excess of 10 years - a feat never achieved before and unlikely to be repeated again. During that time Raymond

won silver medals at both the European Championships in Brighton, 1987, and also the Bermuda Bowl in Jamaica in the same year. Sally lives in High Wycombe (about halfway between London and Oxford) and runs her own typesetting and editing company, which deals with both bridge and non bridge related work. Sally is returning to international competition after an absence of nearly 10 years (she gave up in 1993 because of her children), tempted out of retirement by the extraordinary promise of her new partner, Margaret Courtney. Previously, she had some small success(?) as a player, winning two European championships (1979 and 1981) and two Venice cups (1981 and 1985), all in tandem with Sandra Landy. The current position of the English team suggests that she has lost none of her ability!

MICHELLE BRUNNER



Michelle Brunner, 47, single (well sort of, she has been partners with John Holland - in all senses of the word - for many years now), and has no children. Michelle lives in Manchester with her two cats, where she was a travel agent until giving it up about 5 years ago to work as a full time bridge teacher, writer and player. Her first book has recently been published and I am sure she can offer you very reasonable rates

on signed copies. Michelle has a long history of international competition with many different partners. She has won Gold in the European Championships in 1979 and the Common Market Championships in 1977, both with Rosie Hudson, and won the Venice Cup in 1985, partnering Gill Scott-Jones. Add to that a silver medal at the 1988 Olympiad opposite Sandra Landy and a bronze in the 1980 Olympiad in tandem with Pat Davies and you

can see her versatility. She is also making a name for herself in the open game, having played several Camrose matches over the past few years with John Holland. Her partner in these Championships is Rhona Goldenfield. They made their international debut as a partnership at the Olympiad in Maastricht two years ago.

MARGARET COURTNEY



Margaret Courtney, 33, married with one child (Ana, aged 2). Margaret lives in London and works in computing for a large telecommunications company. She is playing in her first European, and her second international competition (the first being the "Lady Milne", the British home international women's event between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland). This is a truly remarkable

achievement given that just four years ago Margaret could be found attending her first beginners' class! She contributes her rapid improvement at the game to a variety of "teachers"; Neil Rosen, her husband and partner Michael Courtney, her partner Sally Brock and Raymond Brock, and the (relatively) cheap lessons that she got playing high stake rubber bridge against the likes of Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmoud and Michael Kwiecen. On one memorable occasion she end-played Bob Hamman; it was just a pity he was her partner at the time!

HEATHER DHONDY



Heather Dhondy, 35, married, with no children. Heather lives in London and works as an accountant and team manager for a mortgage company. Heather is playing her third European championship and so far her record is two out of two (gold at both the last two Europeans) which ain't bad. Other international honours include a gold medal in the first ever world mixed teams champion-

ship. Most of these successes and both of the previous golds were in partnership with Liz McGowan (though she does list "various Icelanders" as her previous partners - a reference to the Mixed Teams Gold), but devolution caused the unfortunate break up of this partnership as Liz now plays for Scotland. However,

with the retirement from international competition of Nicola Smith's long time partner Pat Davies, Heather has formed an extremely effective partnership with Nicola Smith. Just how effective? Take a look at the Butler IMP rankings. Heather (with Nicola) are the "iron women" of the English team, having played every board in the competition to date.

RHONA GOLDENFIELD



Rhona Goldenfield, 57, married with two full grown children (Anthony and Mandy) and six grandchildren. Rhona lives in Manchester and describes her job as "looking after Bernard", her husband, who is playing in the Seniors here. She likes to concentrate on the important things in life; golf, bridge and the purchasing of bags. Rhona has played in three Lady Milne competitions, two Common

Market Mixed Championships (which included a bronze medal) and the last Olympiad in Maastricht, where the team reached the quarter finals. Rhona and Michelle's partnership has developed apace since then, as again a look at the Butler rankings will testify. The only other person that she plays with regularly is her husband Bernard.

NICOLA SMITH (M.B.E)



Nicola Smith (M.B.E), ageless, married with two children (Katherine, 16 and Joshua 14). Nicola lives in London and works as a Bridge teacher. Nicola is the most capped member of the team, and has been in British (and now English) teams constantly since 1971. Previous successes have been legion, and include five European Championships with three different partners (starting in 1975 and including the last

two), two Venice Cups (1981 and 1984), the first women's world individual (1994), silver medals in four different Olympiads starting in 1974, and so the list goes on! Her previous partners have included Pat Davies, with whom she played for over 20 years, and before that Sandra Landy and Rita Oldroyd. Currently she is partnered by Heather Dhondy, with whom she just seems to be carrying on where she left off with Pat Davies. Together with Heather, they are the "iron women" of the team. She was awarded the M.B.E. for services to Bridge in 1994. How she fits it in we do not know, but she practices Yoga daily, and is also a fanatical Liverpool supporter. (*What has happened to Queens Park Rangers? Editor*)

JIMMIE "THE GAZELLE" ARTHUR (NPC)



Jimmie Arthur, 72, married with two children (Christine, 36 and Iain, 34). Jimmie lives in Dunblane and is a retired insurance official. Jimmie is a Scot, so the current placings in this championship are a source of torment to him. However, being professional, he has announced that he is "English for a fortnight" which is not something that you will easily get a Scot to say, and no doubt there is a special place that

he will be nailed to when he gets back to his native country. Jimmie is a fine player in his own right, having represented Scotland in Camrose matches on numerous occasions in the 1980s. He is also a fine table tennis player. Jimmie has had enormous success as a captain in a long career. He has captained the Scottish women's team, the Scottish Open Team, and the British and now English women's team, including at two Europeans, two Venice cups and one Olympiad. He has piloted the British women's team to Gold at both of the last two Europeans, and is dearly hoping to make it a hat trick here. He always has invaluable help and support from his wife Jill, who tells him that she will kill him if he does not say that.

ALAN MOULD (COACH)

Alan Mould, 43, single (well sort of, he has had the same girlfriend - who does not play Bridge, Thank God - for the last 15 years). Alan is a mathematics lecturer at a Further Education College in Manchester. Alan has played four Camrose matches for England, and represented Great Britain at the European Championships in Malta in 1999. Due to a combination of his team withdrawing around him and the current English Open Team consistently beating him (which he thinks is completely unfair), Alan offered his services as coach. His net contribution to the team so far has been one game swing in the out column when, under instructions from him, Rhona Goldenfield led dummy's first bid suit from a holding of KJ10x. This found Axxx in dummy and Qx in declarer's hand, and was the only lead to let the contract make.

HOBBS (MASCOT)

Hobbes, age unknown. Hobbes is a small tiger purchased as a mascot for the coach by Michelle & Rhona. Immediately after arriving, the team lost 12-18, but everyone is entitled to acclimatise to their new home. Since settling in, Hobbes has led the team to important 18-12 and 25-5 wins over rivals. Hobbes will certainly not be leaving his position attached to the front of the coach's shorts for the duration of the event, so if you see anyone bending over stroking the front of Alan's shorts, you will know what they are doing! Hobbes is named after the famous tiger in the "Calvin & Hobbes" comic strip.

How many defenders got it right?

by Sven-Olov Flodqvist

One deal in Round 29 posed an interesting defensive problem.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



♠ Q 7
♥ Q 5 3
♦ K 8
♣ A K 8 4 3 2

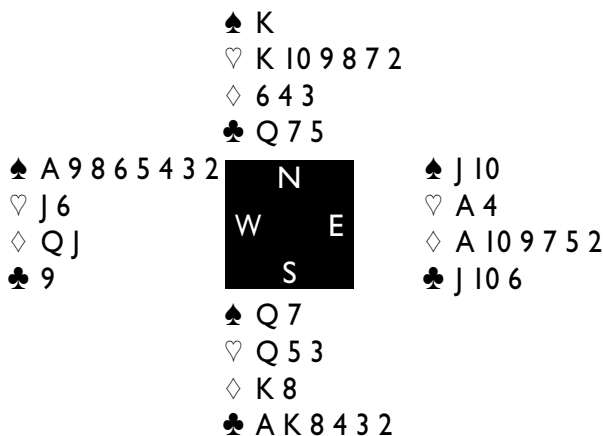
West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	4♠	1♣ All Pass

Partner leads the ♣5 and as you win with the king declarer follows with the nine. How do you want to defeat the contract?

Declarer seems to have seven spades to the AK plus the two aces in dummy. With three diamonds in his hand he will always come to ten tricks, so where I was dummy in the Senior tournament East tried to prevent declarer from getting a heart ruff in dummy, by switching to his low trump.

The problem is that if declarer has AK to seven spades and 3-2-1 in the side suits, the contract will always make. He will win the trump and duck a diamond. Now you have to attack the heart entry, but declarer ducks again. Since you cannot play both spades and hearts, he will get his ruff or enjoy the diamonds.

So you have to bet on the actual layout and return a heart at trick two:



It would be interesting to know how many defenders beat the game for the right reasons.

Journalists

Journalists are kindly requested to pay their telephone and/or fax bills in the press room.

Elly Ducheyne

SPORTS NEWS

Olympics

Bribery charges against the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics bid chiefs have been upheld by a US judge. The bid officials stood accused of influencing IOC members who awarded them the 2002 Winter Olympics. The ruling confirmed charges of mail, wire and honest-services fraud against bid leader Tom Welch and his deputy Dave Johnson. US magistrate Ronald Boyce previously upheld conspiracy and racketeering charges.

Cycling

Jan Ullrich is equal favourite to win the Tour de France this year with defending champion Lance Armstrong, according to the German's team boss Walter Godefrout. The Deutsche Telekom chief, who predicts a tight battle between the two in this year's event, made the statement as he unveiled his nine-strong team for the race that starts on 7 July.



Golf

With a few players still to finish their second round, the leaderboard of the Murphy's Irish Open was as follows:

	Score	Hole
C Montgomerie	-10	F
A Wall	-8	F
B Lane	-7	F
T Bjorn (Den)	-7	F
T Levet (Fra)	-7	F
A Scott	-7	F
F Henge (Swe)	-7	F
G Evans	-6	F
D Lynn	-6	F
P Lawrie	-5	F

Wimbledon Tennis

Men Round 3: Rusedski bt Ferrero 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; Ivanisevic bt Roddick 7-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Federe bt Bjorman 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; Clement bt Sluiter 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4; Stoliarov bt Pioline 3-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 12-10; Sampras bt Sargsian 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; Martin bt Larsson 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 7-5; Safin bt Prinosil 7-6, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3.



Ladies Round 3: Capriati bt Panova 6-4, 6-4; S. Williams bt Gagliardi 6-1, 6-2; Testud bt Sugiyama 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; Maleeva bt Frazier 6-3, 6-2; Martinez bt Osterloh 6-2, 6-3; Huber bt Dementieva 6-0, 6-2; Krasnoroutskaya bt Schwartz 6-3, 6-4;

Muchas Gracias

I would like to thank the organisation and all the people who worked for it, for everything they have accomplished in spite of the many problems they had. We had a wonderful time with lots of sunshine and good food. A special thank you to my two assistants, Michele and Tania, who did a very good job, and luckily they enjoyed the tournament as well. To Gianarrigo Rona I would like to say "keep up the good spirit". To all my friends "safe trip back home and see you somewhere some time soon."

Elly Ducheyne

INTERVIEW

A Direct Line with Michael Abecassis

"La classe"



49 years old last Friday. French. Graduated in medicine, journalist, former editor of French "Elle" magazine. Divorced, with two children: Valentine, 15, and Victor, 13. Began playing bridge in 1968. Won numerous French Championships in partnership with Quantin and also two gold medals in the European Pairs Championship in '91 and '93, silver in '97, and the MEC Team Championship in '85. Starsign: Cancer. His hobbies include cinema, golf, and poker.



Q. Abecassis the journalist judging Abecassis the man...

A. Firstly he would say that it's certainly not easy to speak about oneself.... however, I'll try. I believe I'm an intelligent person, but completely lacking in physical and mental "lightness".

Q. And what about Abecassis the bridgeplayer?

A. He is a difficult partner (although doing his best to improve), but this negative characteristic is compensated by an immense will to win and great creativity.

Q. Your leaving your position as editor of Le Bridgeur two months ago was a big shock to the bridge world which recognised the excellent work you did there...

A. I think that even now I too find it difficult to believe. I was really upset because this was the fulfillment of a dream I'd had for a long time. I knew that the owner, who is neither a journalist nor bridgeplayer, did not appreciate me but I could never have foreseen that outcome. He must have been influenced by some evil spirit ... in fact now I have taken him to court.

Q. Will you continue with your writing?

A. Definitely yes, even though I'm not yet sure where or for whom.

Q. One of your French colleagues, Paul Chemla, stated that intelligence is a handicap for a bridge player. Do you agree?

A. Paul, who is and always will be an idealist, wishes that all champions were particularly gifted mentally and so he's disappointed when he realises that this is not the case. I believe that bridge and intelligence are not directly linked and that bridge players simply represent a cross-section of society in which people of very different characteristics live together.

Q. You have a degree in medicine but you only practised for a year. If you could turn the clock back, would you choose to do the same?

A. Yes, but I'd try to do things better.

Q. What do you dislike about yourself?

A. Many, many things; in fact my analyst keeps telling me I've got to like myself more.

Q. Do you think there's a secret recipe to become a winner?

A. No secrets, only a lot of work to improve both your technique and mental attitude. And the latter is especially important because without being sufficiently relaxed it's impossible to reach any goal.

Q. He who makes fewest mistakes wins in bridge. And in life?

A. Also, but not only. The ideal would be to be able to have at the same time a wide perspective on aspects of life, and the ability to perceive and appreciate the value of all the little things.

Q. What place does love hold in your life? And friendship?

A. Both of them first place, since one cannot exist without the other.

Q. What do you consider your biggest mistake?

A. In bridge I've made so many that it's difficult to specify just one. In life, above all others, the mistake of not having had a closer and more constructive relationship with my father.

Q. What disconcerts you most about the world today?

A. Violence in all forms: that of war, against one's fellow man, but also that which with great presumption is being waged against nature, progressively destroying it.

Q. And in bridge?

A. It's absurd how after making a mistake we bridge players manage to put our whole selves under debate, provoking incalculable damage. This seems to be strictly our prerogative because other competitors avoid such a perverse mechanism at all costs.

Q. You are also an excellent poker player. Are there any similarities between these two games which appear to be so different?

A. There are many common aspects. Both require deduction, analysis, mental and technical capacity. A good bridge player is usually also a good poker player.

Q. For one day I would wish to be...

A. Fred Astaire, because of my heaviness.

Q. What about if you could be Chirac. What would you do?

A. I would abolish nuclear arms.

Q. The next day you take the place of Damiani just for a day.

A. I consider him a good president and in one day I'd probably do very little. But there is at least one initiative I'd take: dividing all International Championships into two levels, A and B.

Mabel Bocchi



Appeal No. 28

**Appeals Committee:**

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

Lebanon v Iceland

Open Teams Round 23

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Eidi	Jonsson	Harfouche
			1♠
2♣	2♥	4♣	Pass ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Comments:⁽¹⁾ forcing⁽²⁾ RKCB**Contract:**

Six Spades, played by South.

Result:

12 tricks, N/S +1430.

The Facts:

West called the Director, claiming that the tray had stayed on the North/East side for some time before returning with 5♦. South did not agree to this, and the Director asked on the other side. North admitted that he had needed some time to consider his response, since he could show his void if he had held an Ace, but not in the case of the fifth key-card. East said it had taken some 15 seconds, and the scorer, who was Polish, also said 15 seconds.

The Director:

Ruled that according to the Code of Practice, a delay of 15 seconds in the return of the tray does not carry any unauthorized information.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 16A.**East/West appealed.****Present:**

All players and both Captains.

The Players:

East/West stated that while it is not always easy to bid in proper tempo, it should be possible to give the answer to a Blackwood question in less than 15 seconds. The hesitation shows something extra, and this makes bidding 6♠ easier.

North agreed that he had paused, thinking about showing his void in clubs and deciding against it without a true Ace.

West told the Committee that at the table, everybody had agreed about the hesitation. The Director had written "agreed hesitation" before leaving the table to consider the case. He thought there should be no more discussion about that part of the ruling.

South stated that he already knew partner had the void in Clubs. After all, the opponents are World Champions and they have bid 2♣ and 4♣. If partner had shown two key-cards, he would have bid Seven Spades.

West further stated that South had been fiddling with his bidding card of 5♠, but South denied this. West had not told this to the Director at the time of the ruling.

The Committee:

Read the relevant part of the Code of Practice: "The WBF considers it desirable that players should vary the tempo randomly when returning the tray under the screen. Where North and South are the players with next turn to call when the tray is received, these are the players who are responsible for the movement of the tray. It is considered there can be no implications if a tray returns after 15 seconds or less. This period may be extended in the later stages of a complicated or competitive auction without necessarily creating implications."

The Committee found that the Director had been correct, in accordance with the Code of Practice, in ruling there had been no misinformation.

On a lighter note, the Committee also considered the bidding, finding that South had been correct in assuming that partner had a void in clubs. Opponents' bidding suggested they had 9 clubs (or even 10) and added to his 4, this did not leave many for partner.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit: Returned.

Message from the Appeal Committee

All the appeals that are heard are written up, and numbered consecutively. After the Championships, the complete set will be published on the Web and in a booklet. However, the Bulletin only publishes a selection of Appeals, on the basis of interest and space.

OPEN TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 34

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Bocchi N	ITA	0.94	560	Lantaron L	SPA	0.17	479	Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.09	440
Duboin G	ITA	0.94	560	28 Burn D	ENG	0.14	480	50 Duong H	SWI	-0.10	460
2 Helgemo G	NOR	0.74	560	Callaghan B	ENG	0.14	480	Yalcin T	SWI	-0.10	460
Helness T	NOR	0.74	560	Svoboda O	CZE	0.14	420	51 Debonnaire J	POR	-0.12	440
3 Gromov A	RUS	0.66	520	Hopfenheit G	GER	0.14	420	Teixeira A	POR	-0.12	440
Petrinin A	RUS	0.66	520	Retzlaff R	GER	0.14	420	52 Fawcett J	ENG	-0.13	420
4 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.64	420	Schaltz D	DEN	0.14	460	Liggins G	ENG	-0.13	420
5 Kwiecien M	POL	0.63	560	Schaltz P	DEN	0.14	460	53 Kaplan A	BEL	-0.14	420
Pszczola J	POL	0.63	560	Simon J	AUS	0.14	479	Polet G	BEL	-0.14	420
6 Brogeland B	NOR	0.58	460	Terraneo C	AUS	0.14	479	54 Szalay G	HUN	-0.15	360
Saelensminde	NOR	0.58	460	29 Goodman P	WAL	0.13	440	Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.15	439
7 Trendafilov	BUL	0.55	440	Gloyer A	AUS	0.13	479	Matheson J	SCO	-0.15	439
Multon F	FRA	0.55	520	Schifko M	AUS	0.13	479	55 Tesla M	CRO	-0.18	520
Quantin J	FRA	0.55	520	30 Kirchhoff E	NET	0.12	200	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.18	520
8 Zorlu N	TUR	0.54	620	Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200	56 Baroudi N	LEB	-0.20	360
Assael S	TUR	0.54	620	31 Kannavos P	GRE	0.11	360	Nasr C	LEB	-0.20	360
9 Balicki C	POL	0.52	480	Kapayannides K	GRE	0.11	360	57 Senk M	SLO	-0.21	660
Zmudzinski A	POL	0.52	480	32 Rees T	WAL	0.10	420	Kranjc G	SLO	-0.21	660
10 Yadlin D	ISR	0.51	440	33 Ludewig B	GER	0.09	500	58 Zadrzil M	CZE	-0.22	440
Yadlin I	ISR	0.51	440	Reps K	GER	0.09	500	Matei C	ROM	-0.22	479
Honti L	HUN	0.51	400	34 Nikolayenko	UKR	0.08	440	59 Savin D	ROM	-0.23	459
11 Eidi M	LEB	0.50	620	Rybnikov G	UKR	0.08	440	60 Briolini G	SMR	-0.25	440
Harfouche G	LEB	0.50	620	Engel Z	BEL	0.08	460	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.25	440
De Falco D	ITA	0.50	260	Van Middeltem	BEL	0.08	460	61 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.29	279
Ferraro G	ITA	0.50	260	35 Nystrom F	SWE	0.07	440	Ucar A	TUR	-0.29	279
12 Dubinin A	RUS	0.41	400	Bertheau P	SWE	0.07	440	62 Vozabal D	CZE	-0.30	460
Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.41	400	36 Jonsson Th	ICE	0.06	460	63 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.39	440
13 Jansma J	NET	0.39	580	Thorvaldsson	ICE	0.06	460	64 Renno I	LUX	-0.40	399
Verhees L	NET	0.39	580	Gal P	HUN	0.06	459	Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.40	439
Blakset L	DEN	0.39	500	Abecassis M	FRA	0.06	380	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.40	439
Bruun M	DEN	0.39	500	Soulet P	FRA	0.06	380	Micescu V	ROM	-0.40	420
14 Ingimarsson	ICE	0.38	460	37 Aviram Y	ISR	0.05	339	65 Helling S	LUX	-0.41	459
Magnusson M	ICE	0.38	460	Barel M	ISR	0.05	339	Lamza V	CRO	-0.41	419
15 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.37	479	Kiema O	FIN	0.05	659	Tomic T	CRO	-0.41	419
Magnusson T	LAT	0.37	479	Koistinen K	FIN	0.05	659	66 Dousse J	SWI	-0.43	380
16 Hallberg G	ENG	0.36	419	38 Kurka J	CZE	0.04	480	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.43	380
Simpson C	ENG	0.36	419	Murdoch J	SCO	0.04	419	67 Alfejeva E	LAT	-0.49	419
17 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.35	400	Walker D	SCO	0.04	419	Gonca V	LAT	-0.49	419
Zlotov D	RUS	0.35	400	39 Winkler G	HUN	0.03	619	68 Levy R	SWI	-0.50	480
18 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.32	480	40 Lindermann A	AUS	0.02	360	Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.50	480
Liarakos S	GRE	0.32	480	Saurer B	AUS	0.02	360	69 Fahs B	LEB	-0.52	300
19 Stamatov J	BUL	0.30	440	41 Barbosa J	POR	0.01	460	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.52	300
20 Lauria L	ITA	0.29	500	Pinto R	POR	0.01	460	Ananijev B	CRO	-0.52	380
Versace A	ITA	0.29	500	Maas A	NET	0.01	540	Sasek T	CRO	-0.52	380
21 Herbst I	ISR	0.28	499	Ramondt V	NET	0.01	540	70 Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.54	319
Herbst O	ISR	0.28	499	42 Jansa Z	CZE	0.00	360	Utter L	FIN	-0.54	319
Carcassonne	BEL	0.28	440	43 Denning P	WAL	-0.01	460	71 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.58	400
Labaere A	BEL	0.28	440	Thomas A	WAL	-0.01	460	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.58	400
22 Mraz T	CZE	0.23	480	Andersson L	SWE	-0.01	400	72 Novak M	SLO	-0.69	660
Allegrini P	FRA	0.23	420	Gullberg T	SWE	-0.01	400	Spiljak	SLO	-0.69	20
Palau JJ	FRA	0.23	420	Hanlon T	IRE	-0.01	500	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.69	640
23 Whittaker W	SCO	0.22	459	McGann H	IRE	-0.01	500	Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.69	480
Karaivanov I	BUL	0.22	460	Rometi F	ROM	-0.01	420	Schaaper M	LUX	-0.69	480
Skoularikis F	GRE	0.22	480	Valeanu V	ROM	-0.01	420	73 O'Briain P	IRE	-0.70	420
Zotos L	GRE	0.22	480	44 Pownall M	WAL	-0.03	440	Roche T	IRE	-0.70	420
Caspersen H	DEN	0.22	360	AA T	NOR	-0.03	300	74 Rapoport O	UKR	-0.72	440
Norgaard T	DEN	0.22	360	Groetheim G	NOR	-0.03	300	Volkov O	UKR	-0.72	440
Steel L	SCO	0.22	459	45 Baldursson J	ICE	-0.04	400	Pesonen J	FIN	-0.72	340
24 Frances A	SPA	0.21	420	Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.04	400	Stubb S	FIN	-0.72	340
Torres J	SPA	0.21	420	46 Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.05	420	75 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.75	420
Sundelin P	SWE	0.21	480	Arigun C	TUR	-0.05	420	Zucchini G	LIE	-0.75	420
Sylvan J	SWE	0.21	480	47 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.06	420	76 Richter C	LUX	-0.78	399
25 Knap A	SPA	0.20	458	Lesniewski M	POL	-0.06	280	77 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.83	419
Wasik A	SPA	0.20	458	Martens K	POL	-0.06	280	78 Filippi F	SMR	-0.85	440
26 Hegedus G	HUN	0.19	420	48 Mihov V	BUL	-0.07	440	Pizza E	SMR	-0.85	440
Hausler H	GER	0.19	400	Nanev I	BUL	-0.07	440	79 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.86	440
Splettsosse	GER	0.19	400	Szilagy L	HUN	-0.07	380	Turletti G	LIE	-0.86	440
27 Goded F	SPA	0.17	479	Capucho M	POR	-0.07	420	80 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.90	460
				Lara M	POR	-0.07	420	Palmieri C	LIE	-0.90	460
				49 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.09	440	81 Purgajlis M	LAT	-1.09	420
								Romanovskis	LAT	-1.09	420

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SENIOR TEAMS

Butler Ranking

AFTER ROUND 26

Player		avg. Boards												
		IMPs												
1	Berglund SE	SWE	1.49	70	28	Battistoni G	IT2	0.25	224	50	MacHale J	IRE	-0.18	280
2	Klapper W	POI	0.99	336		Bertolucci E	IT2	0.25	224	51	Mykietyk K	PO2	-0.22	168
	Russyan J	POI	0.99	336	29	Jackson D.A	IRE	0.23	280	52	Parente M	POR	-0.29	182
3	Delmouly C	FR2	0.87	238	30	Alfredsson L	SWE	0.22	280		Ribeiro G	POR	-0.29	182
	Roudinesco J	FR2	0.87	238	31	Frew D	SCO	0.21	236		Levit Y	IS2	-0.29	280
4	Schroeder D	GE1	0.86	280	32	Knutsen K	NOR	0.19	278		Sagiv Y	IS2	-0.29	280
5	Brkljacic M	CRO	0.82	238		Bettinetti G	IT2	0.19	237		Peri S	ISI	-0.29	140
	Wala W	POI	0.82	308		Marino L	IT2	0.19	237		Shachar L	ISI	-0.29	140
	Wilkosz A	POI	0.82	308	33	Humburg H	GE1	0.18	238	53	Gomes DaCost	POR	-0.32	252
	Adad P	FR2	0.82	238	34	DeVrij H	NET	0.14	154		Oliveira J	POR	-0.32	252
	Aujaleu M	FR2	0.82	238		Polle W	NET	0.14	154	54	Manglano J	SPI	-0.35	238
6	Flodqvist S.	SWE	0.79	140		Nosek J	CZE	0.14	223		Molero E	SPI	-0.35	238
7	Schwenkreis	GE1	0.78	280		Hebak P	CZE	0.14	223		MacKenzie G	IRE	-0.35	266
	Rue D	EN2	0.78	266		As I	IS2	0.14	182	55	Badir F	BEL	-0.37	350
	Sowter T	EN2	0.78	266		Megged A	IS2	0.14	182		Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.37	350
8	Beineix JC	FR1	0.72	210	35	Hirst M	WAI	0.13	294	56	Goldenfield	EN1	-0.39	224
	Stoppa JL	FR1	0.72	210	36	Chmelik N	GE1	0.10	182		Hirst B	EN1	-0.39	224
9	Hackett P	EN1	0.70	182		Collings J	EN2	0.10	210	57	Boesiger H	SWI	-0.51	350
	Harper R	EN1	0.70	182		Jones D	EN2	0.10	210		Splengler W	SWI	-0.51	350
10	Panto J	EN1	0.69	294	37	Hellemann H	NOR	0.06	236	58	Merhy G	LEB	-0.54	238
	Waterlow T	EN1	0.69	294		Stanley K	EN2	0.06	224	59	Perasic D	CRO	-0.55	266
11	Protega B	CRO	0.68	280		Townsend B	EN2	0.06	224	60	Almeida E	POR	-0.56	266
12	Hugonet T	FR1	0.67	252	38	MacLaren J	SCO	0.05	236		Ferreira H	POR	-0.56	266
	Peyronnie C	FR1	0.67	252	39	Piekenbrock	GE2	0.03	350	61	Greenstein M	ISI	-0.57	266
13	Bomhof J.W	NET	0.65	279		Uhlmann HD	GE2	0.03	350		Harduf M	ISI	-0.57	266
	Englander N	NET	0.65	279	40	Rebattu M	NET	0.01	265	62	Alcaraz R	SPI	-0.62	238
14	Diamond D	SCO	0.64	236		Van Oppen C	NET	0.01	265		DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.62	238
15	Klukowski J	PO2	0.62	293	41	Imhof H	SWI	0.00	350	63	Isla J	SPI	-0.64	224
16	Maci G	IT1	0.60	238		Frei J	SWI	0.00	350		JimenezHuert	SPI	-0.64	224
	Mismetti C	IT1	0.60	238		Sveindal J	NOR	0.00	250	64	Parry E	WAI	-0.66	348
17	Backstrom L	SWE	0.58	266	42	Gleis M	BEL	-0.01	350		Powell A	WAI	-0.66	348
18	Hallen H.O	SWE	0.47	322		Henry J	BEL	-0.01	350	65	Tedeschi E	CRO	-0.67	154
	Baxter K	SCO	0.47	236		Goldberg V	SCO	-0.01	252		Boyadji E	LEB	-0.67	252
19	Mari C	FR2	0.45	224		Gordon I	SCO	-0.01	252	66	Debbane J	LEB	-0.69	280
	Leenhardt F	FR2	0.45	224	43	Luck J	WAI	-0.04	322	67	Arachtinsi	LEB	-0.71	196
20	Marcowicz V	PO2	0.43	237		Montwill A	IRE	-0.04	294	68	Leighton C	MAL	-0.77	348
21	Baroni F	IT2	0.42	237	44	Hoger W	GE1	-0.05	168		Leighton M	MAL	-0.77	348
	Ricciarelli	IT2	0.42	237	45	Caric J	CRO	-0.09	224	69	Gagne P	WAI	-0.84	280
22	Mattsson G	GE1	0.38	252		Gromoeller W	GE2	-0.09	350	70	Reddy T	WAI	-0.89	308
23	Nordby H	NOR	0.35	320		Schneider W	GE2	-0.09	350		Dix M	MAL	-0.89	348
	Bardin A	IT1	0.35	252	46	Jourdain P	WAI	-0.10	196		ParnisEnglan	MAL	-0.89	348
	Bettoni T	IT1	0.35	252	47	Filip A	CZE	-0.11	238	71	Moe J	NOR	-0.90	70
24	Jeziro A	PO2	0.34	349		Jires P	CZE	-0.11	238	72	Mannor M	IS2	-0.92	210
	Zaremba J	PO2	0.34	349		Brav B	ISI	-0.11	294		Sharon A	IS2	-0.92	210
25	Ekberg S	SWE	0.29	322		Zilberbush S	ISI	-0.11	294	73	Patrick D	WAI	-0.93	348
26	Barry P	IRE	0.28	280	48	Longinotti E	IT1	-0.14	210		Patrick J	WAI	-0.93	348
27	Reurer JM	FR1	0.26	238		Resta G	IT1	-0.14	210	74	Sver B	CRO	-0.98	238
	Coppolani M	FR1	0.26	238	49	Krizek F	CZE	-0.15	237	75	Eidi G	LEB	-1.02	182
						Subrt J	CZE	-0.15	237	76	Fayad G	LEB	-1.26	196
						Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.15	238	77	Milde A	POI	-1.49	56
											Stobiecki W	POI	-1.49	56

LADIES TEAMS

Final Butler Ranking

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Brunner M	ENG	0.85	260	Manara G	ITA	0.22	180	36 Topolyi M	HUN	-0.21	160
Goldenfield	ENG	0.85	260	20 Brock S	ENG	0.18	138	37 Clench G	WAL	-0.22	260
2 Avon D	FRA	0.71	340	Courtney M	ENG	0.18	138	38 Birman D	ISR	-0.23	200
Lustin C	FRA	0.71	340	Gromova V	RUS	0.18	260	Liberman R	ISR	-0.23	200
DeLucchi F	ITA	0.71	360	Khonicheva E	RUS	0.18	260	39 Nehmert P	GER	-0.24	260
Rosetta A	ITA	0.71	360	21 Melech H	ISR	0.16	220	Rauscheid A	GER	-0.24	260
3 Auken S	GER	0.68	380	Naveh N	ISR	0.16	220	40 Bilde L	DEN	-0.26	300
Von Arnim D	GER	0.68	380	22 Hugon E	FRA	0.09	200	Henriksen C	DEN	-0.26	300
4 Dhondy H	ENG	0.63	398	Fishpool C	FRA	0.09	200	41 Gothe E	SWE	-0.27	280
Smith N	ENG	0.63	398	23 Erhardt M	AUS	0.06	320	Midskog C	SWE	-0.27	280
5 Redermeir A	AUS	0.61	160	24 Tomaszewska	POL	0.05	280	42 Baldini P	RSM	-0.28	320
6 Levit-Porat	ISR	0.59	380	Sarniak A	POL	0.05	300	Tantini R	RSM	-0.28	320
Zur-Campanil	ISR	0.59	380	Wojtyra A	POL	0.05	280	43 Mezey K	HUN	-0.29	320
7 Matut M	SPA	0.57	320	Pilipovic M	CRO	0.05	340	44 Njaradi I	HUN	-0.31	120
Santos C	SPA	0.57	320	Sver N	CRO	0.05	340	45 Kanellopoulou D	HUN	-0.38	220
8 Pasman J	NET	0.56	240	Lancova M	CZE	0.05	200	Ekonomou L	GRE	-0.38	220
Simons A	NET	0.56	240	Tomcikova Z	CZE	0.05	200	Kulichkova O	RUS	-0.38	260
9 Hellmann A	NOR	0.51	338	Barlund B	FIN	0.05	240	Ponomareva T	RUS	-0.38	260
Malinowski A	NOR	0.51	338	Niemisto R	FIN	0.05	240	46 Perlini MC	RSM	-0.49	220
10 Farwig K	GER	0.49	160	Grun A	POL	0.05	300	Stacchini LM	RSM	-0.49	220
Stawowy B	GER	0.49	160	25 Macieszczak	POL	0.00	220	47 Kyriakidou A	GRE	-0.50	280
11 Andersson P	SWE	0.47	320	Siwek M	POL	0.00	220	Lambrinou S	GRE	-0.50	280
Larsson J	SWE	0.47	320	Romanowska M	RUS	0.00	280	48 Kulmala S	FIN	-0.53	200
12 Van der Pas	NET	0.45	340	Volina V	RUS	0.00	280	Savolainen P	FIN	-0.53	200
Vriend B	NET	0.45	340	26 Backstrom S	FIN	-0.02	360	49 Filippi M	RSM	-0.54	260
13 Hoogweg F	NET	0.34	220	Koistinen R	FIN	-0.02	360	Urbani AM	RSM	-0.54	260
Van Zwol W	NET	0.34	220	Evelius-Nohr	SWE	-0.02	199	50 Casey J	WAL	-0.62	280
14 Fisher D	AUS	0.31	320	Karlsson-Uis	SWE	-0.02	199	Kurbalija D	WAL	-0.62	280
Weigkricht T	AUS	0.31	320	27 SteenLybaek	NOR	-0.03	238	51 Alexander M	SCO	-0.65	320
15 Hegedus O	HUN	0.28	220	Wennevold I	NOR	-0.03	238	Outred V	SCO	-0.65	320
Kailiakmani A	GRE	0.28	300	28 Arrigoni G	ITA	-0.04	259	52 Babot M	SPA	-0.76	200
Mamidaki L	GRE	0.28	300	Olivieri G	ITA	-0.04	259	Sanchiz N	SPA	-0.76	200
16 Terraneo S	AUS	0.25	220	29 Mueller R	CRO	-0.06	280	53 McGowan L	SCO	-0.77	340
17 Smederevac J	AUS	0.24	260	Jurisic I	CRO	-0.06	280	McQuaker F	SCO	-0.77	340
18 Erdeova J	CZE	0.23	300	30 Dumon S	FRA	-0.08	260	54 Greenland L	WAL	-0.99	280
Hnatova D	CZE	0.23	300	Clement M	FRA	-0.08	260	55 Hirst A	WAL	-1.01	260
19 Svobodova P	CZE	0.22	300	31 Farholt S	DEN	-0.13	300	56 Brkljacic T	CRO	-1.04	180
Pokorna J	CZE	0.22	300	Rahelt M	DEN	-0.13	300	Petrovic I	CRO	-1.04	180
Pascual M	SPA	0.22	280	32 Tichy E	HUN	-0.14	400	57 Kirstan M	DEN	-1.29	200
Viola C	SPA	0.22	280	33 Harris D	WAL	-0.17	240	Krefeld C	DEN	-1.29	200
Ferlazzo C	ITA	0.22	180	34 Heitmann E	NOR	-0.19	220	58 Gerrard C	SCO	-1.39	140
				Langeland A	NOR	-0.19	220	McGeagh A	SCO	-1.39	140
				35 Welker J	HUN	-0.20	380				

Championship Diary

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

Friday 29 June 2001

A Captain was approached by one of his players at breakfast and asked for his intentions. The Captain informed the player that there was no match in the morning, that the partnership would be rested in the afternoon and the team had a bye in the third match. 'So', said the Captain, 'You have the day off. You wanted to go to the beauty salon'. 'I've been.' was the reply. With so few Captains providing us with profiles it might be an idea for the Conditions of Contest to require each country to provide the information along with their entry.

A host of people who are leaving tomorrow called in to say goodbye and congratulate us on the content of the Daily Bulletin. Several of them asked if we could email a copy of the last two bulletins to them, not realising that they could download them from the Championship web site, www.eurobridge.org

Following yesterday's revelation concerning the person who played at both tables we can now reveal that in Round 24 of the Seniors, the Lebanon pair Boyadi and Debbane were both appearing as North in the Closed Room.

Herman de Wael (who suggested this be published) was relaxing with some friends and told them 'I'm a very bad bridge player.' 'Herman, you overestimate yourself' they all replied.