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Italy's Golden Run Continues



Another title for Italy's Superstars



The Magicians from Poland

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It was business as usual for the Azzurri as Norberto Bocchi, Dano De Falco, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (Captain) & Massimo Ortensi (Coach) secured a fourth successive European Open Team Championship title for the reigning Olympiad Champions. Norway took the silver medals and Poland the bronze. Long time leaders Russia were fourth, while the exciting battle for fifth place saw Israel pip Denmark and France.

It was **Poland I**, represented by **Wit Klapper**, **Andrzej Milde**, **Wlodzimierz Stobiecki**, **Wlodzimierz Wala**, **Jerzy Russyan & Andrzej Wilkosz**, who secured the European Senior Team Championship title from the holders, **France 2** and **France I**.

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 35						
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs			
-	LUXEMBOURG	DENMARK	20 - 60	7 - 23			
2	NORWAY	ICELAND	82 - 38	24 - 6			
3	UKRAINE	ENGLAND	4 8 - 27	19 - 11			
4	SLOVENIA	HUNGARY	20 - 59	7 - 23			
5	BELGIUM	GREECE	54 - 40	18 - 12			
6	SAN MARINO	NETHERLANDS	0 -106	0 - 25			
7	GERMANY	PORTUGAL	26 - 74	5 - 25			
8	IRELAND	FINLAND	48 - 35	18 - 12			
9	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	61 - 32	21 - 9			
10	FRANCE	BULGARIA	43 - 47	14 - 16			
11	SWEDEN	LEBANON	12 - 35	10 - 20			
12	SWITZERLAND	CZECH REP	28 - 51	10 - 20			
13	bye	SPAIN	0 - 0	0 - 18			
14	WALES	POLAND	29 - 29	15 - 15			
15	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND	31 - 64	8 - 22			
16	LIECHTENSTEIN	AUSTRIA	62 - 75	12 - 18			
17	TURKEY	ITALY	47 - 55	14 - 16			
18	CROATIA	LATVIA	40 - 46	14 - 16			

Championship Diary

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

Saturday 30 June 2001

First a question? Who said I don't care what, why and how they write about me as long as they spell my name right?

Brian Senior proposes an additional priority for future Championships, that VuGraph matches should be selected by reference to the contrasts of the Countries flags in accordance with their suitability for appearance in a black and white bulletin.

As usual we eat late and are lucky enough to bump into part of the Scottish contingent. The singing and dancing goes on into the early hours and includes a trip to the Welsh bar for celebrations with the Welsh, Germans and Dutch. We encounter Scots again at breakfast and they are already talking of the need for a coach. Unclear if they mean for bridge or the airport.

In the final of the unofficial Tennis Championship, (which clearly attracted at least two entries) EBL Treasurer Marc de Pauw defeated Patrick Jourdain 6-4.

Jan van Cleeff and Ron Tacchi happened to find themselves side by side in a certain part of the building. Jan told Ron, 'I have a floppy', to which Tacchi replied 'I can see that.'

Who said it? None other than Ely Culbertson.

Sponsor's Corner

The Welsh squad thanks Gerrard, the finance Company for support in Tenerife.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING

- 1	ITALY	647.00
2	NORWAY	638.00
3	POLAND	624.00
4	RUSSIA	616.50
5	ISRAEL	594.50
6	Denmark	592.00
7	France	590.00
8	Bulgaria	581.50
9	Netherlands	577.00
10	Greece	575.00
П	Spain	567.00
12	Turkey	564.00
13	Austria	558.00
14	England	552.00
15	Scotland	550.00
16	Hungary	548.00
17	Iceland	546.00
18	Germany	540.00
19	Lebanon	540.00
20	Belgium	539.50
21	Sweden	532.00
22	Wales	530.00
23	Portugal	523.00
24	Czech Rep	522.00
25	Ukraine	485.00
26	Romania	470.00
27	Finland	459.50
28	Switzerland	448.00
29	Croatia	437.00
30	Latvia	436.50
31	Ireland	427.00
32	Slovenia	404.00
33	San Marino	387.50
34	Luxembourg	383.00
35	Liechtenstein	331.00

SENIOR TEAMS FINAL RANKING

- 1	POLAND I	519.75
2	FRANCE 2	506.00
3	FRANCE I	480.00
4	Sweden	471.00
5	England 2	468.00
6	Italy 2	461.00
7	Italy I	453.00
8	England I	453.00
9	Netherlands	449.00
10	Poland 2	448.00
11	Germany I	446.00
12	Scotland	437.00
13	Norway	409.00
14	Czech Rep.	404.00
15	Ireland	396.00
16	Germany 2	395.00
17	Croatia	389.50
18	Switzerland	374.00
19	Belgium	368.00
20	Israel I	367.75
21	Portugal	349.00
22	Israel 2	343.00
23	Wales I	338.00
24	Spain I	306.50
25	Lebanon	300.00
26	Wales 2	290.00
27	Malta	270.00

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 27					
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs		
41	CROATIA	NETHERLANDS	37 - 44	14 - 16		
42	ENGLAND I	NORWAY	26 - 46	10 - 20		
43	ITALY I	MALTA	62 - 3	25 - 2		
44	FRANCE I	WALES I	48 - 14	23 - 7		
45	bye	SCOTLAND	0 - 0	0 - 18		
46	GERMANY 2	CZECH REP.	32 - 88	2 - 25		
47	BELGIUM	ITALY 2	12 - 59	4 - 25		
48	IRELAND	POLAND I	35 - 40	14 - 16		
49	WALES 2	PORTUGAL	30 - 51	10 - 20		
50	GERMANY I	FRANCE 2	27 - 35	13 - 17		
51	SPAIN I	ENGLAND 2	5 - 49	4 - 25		
52	SWEDEN	POLAND 2	32 - 22	17 - 13		
53	LEBANON	ISRAEL I	0 - 0	15 - 15		
54	ISRAEL 2	SWITZERLAND	25 - 64	5 - 25		

Italy take top position in Herman's Bridge Team Ratings presented by Bridge Magazine IMP

Herman invites all interested parties to visit his website: (www.gallery.uunet.be/hermandw) and/or

e-mail: (hermandw@village.uunet.be) him for further details. After the Europeans, the ratings have become: (Open

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.

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Adios Amigos

As the Championship comes to an end spare a thought for the people who ensured you had something to read over breakfast or by the pool or on the plane going home. Bulletins do not appear by magic, but by the expending of a large amount of effort. It takes skill, dedication, a sense of humour and the willingness to work in harmony in a tightly knit unit for two weeks.

The people who created this bulletin have all these qualities in spades.

Franco Broccoli and Jos Jacobs combined to produce some outstanding match reports, probably the best ever seen at this level of competition. They were ably assisted in their efforts by Roefi Nurmohamed who helped them to co-ordinate their information

Brian Senior ensured that the women's event enjoyed the coverage it deserved and was our most consistent proof reader.

Philippe Brunel did sterling work - his profile of the French Open Team is a model for everyone. **Stelios Hatzidakis** - 'please, just write one more line', was our outstanding Layout Editor, who made even the mundane look good.

Ron Tacchi was sensational, his contribution including taking more than 2,000 photographs and writing a program to allow us to input hands rather than type them, therby saving us hours of work.

As usual we were aided in our efforts by a host of other people. We cannot mention them all, but a special thank you to **Svend Novrup**, the e-bridge correspondent who ensured we did not miss some of the best deals of the Championship, **Mabel Bocchi** for her stunning series of interviews which were enlightening and inspirational, **Tony Gordon** for his excellent series of articles, **Maggie Pierce** for all the gossip and **Alan Mould** for being Alan Mould.

We appreciate every contribution, however small, and will always try to include it, even when it is delivered ten minutes before the last bulletin is about to be delivered. Make sure you bring one next time!

As a final thought, I leave you all with the words of my good friend the Rabbi Leonard Helman. Take them to heart and your bridge and your lives will be enriched.

Smile in Adversity.

Mark Horton

Editor

An Open Letter to the Editors from A. Humbug

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, Humbug means 'a hoax, a jesting or befooling trick.'

Dear Sirs,

This has been a most unusual Daily Bulletin. Almost perfect analysis, brilliant interviews, superb profiles (alas not from every team), wonderful photographs, humour, competitions and so on.

From the difficulty we have had in obtaining a copy we can be sure that our opinion is shared by everyone.

However young sirs What we want, nay, what we demand, is more columns of results, more cross tables, more league tables, more Butler IMP breakdowns, more statistics and complete results from Wimbledon. Match reports should go through every hand, in detail, complete with a full copy of the system in use at each table. This is your clear duty, and if you stopped trying to entertain your readers you would have the time and the space to fulfil these obligations.

We do not want it said in the world at large that Bridge is an activity that anyone can enjoy, or that has any human qualities whatsoever. What would happen then, I ask you?

Yours,

A. Humbug (Alan Mould, coach England Ladies)

The music has a bias

by Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

For 16 days the Officials, bulletin writers, EBL executives, journalists, not to mention the hard working ebridge staff, has listened to the same tape with classical music. A potpourri of favourite Pavarotti airs, movements from symphonies, little popular pieces of different kinds, much of it with obvious comments on the bridge.

When you play a difficult contract, what could be on the sound track but the Nutcracker? You play like a child and are defeated. Oh, here comes the Childrens' Symphony by Haydn or maybe "Carnival of the Animals". You lose by 0-25 and are humiliated with "I've got plenty of Nothing" from Porgy and Bess. You lose heavily and find your tickets to Bali far away -- you will listen to Beethoven's fifth, the "Destiny Symphony". You have a maximum win and hear at the same time "Ode to Joy", fourth movement of Beethovens ninth symphony. You are working late at night and prefer "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" ("A Little Night Music") much to Pavarotti singing "Nessun dorma" (Nobody shall sleep) from Turandot.

We could go on for as long as the tape which has a length of a couple of hours, but suffice it to say one thing: We find that the tape is biased as every now and then it will play a movement from Mendelsohn-Bartholdy's fourth symphony, "The Italian"!



EBL PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

Gianarrigo Rona EBL President

Authorities, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends,

The curtain falls on the 45th Generali European Championships. Two weeks have passed since the start of this event. Two weeks that saw you as protagonists of a very hard competition, conducted with loyalty in an atmosphere of extraordinary fairplay and friendship. These are, in my opinion, the real characteristics of sport, of our sport, bridge.

Success in a championship is very important and represents the objective of all competitors, but results can have high and low points, like in any other area of life. What is really important is friendship, serenity, the pleasure of being together, enjoying ourselves all together. In events like this one in Arona there are no losers. Tonight we will celebrate the victory of all of you. Congratulations to all of you players, the true protagonists of this event.

I hope you had a pleasant stay in this wonderful place, this magnificent venue which, let me repeat, almost seems to have been built specially for bridge competitions. During these last two weeks, behind the scenes, we have had to face many mistakes, many difficulties, and today we are still, and probably tomorrow we will be again facing problems. However, this our duty and the important thing is that you were able to fully enjoy the event.

To run the championships here and to see them through to the end, our staff, believe me, performed miracles, overcoming all the difficulties, often unexpected, and each doing the work of two people. I hope you will forgive our mistakes - we did everything possible, and also the impossible, to prevent them.

Is my pleasure now to introduce to you some extraordinary people, asking them to stand up to receive your applause, which is their greatest gratification.

My dear friend and colleague, the Chairman of the Championships, Jean-Claude Beineix; the Championship Managers, Ton Kooijman and Ghigo Ferrari; the I.T. Services Manager, Gianni Baldi; the Staff of Technological Services led by Gianni Bertotto; the Line-Up Staff led by Jan Louwerse; Grattan Endicott, the Manager of the Convention Cards Desk; Silvia Valentini, Maggie Pierce and Maria Luisa Bondia for the Information and Hospitality; Fulvio Colizzi and his boys from the Main Office (I think a system to measure the kilometres they have walked does not exist); Elly Ducheyne and her assistants of the Press Room; Mark Horton and all the journalists of the Daily Bulletin; Panos Gerontopoulos and the operators of the EBL Internet Service; the Rama Commentators, Jean-Paul Meyer, Jan van Cleeff and Eric Kokish, (Eric came from Canada to be with us); Annie Chekroun and the staff of Duplication who prepared more than fifty thousand boards; the EBL Secretariat: Christina MacEachen, Federica Zorzoli and Andrea Pagani - to work with me is very difficult, but here it was terrible; the Tournament Directors led by Antonio Riccardi, Max Bavin, and Dimitri Ballas for the Seniors; the Appeal Committee which has a thankless task because, of course, its decisions displease some people at the most intense moments of the competition, but this is its role and all the decisions must be accepted calmly. I thank also the Facilities Manager, Sebastian Jimenez, who always tried to solve our problems; and last but not least, the Lavazza Girls, who with kindness and charm offered us in these last two weeks, over seventy-five thousand coffees and teas, thanks to our great friend, the Lavazza Company.

I also wish to thank the I.B.P.A. Officers and journalists, who are always at our side and continuously motivate us with their suggestions, helping us in developing bridge.

Thanks also to the Canary Government, the Tenerife Cabildo, and the Alcalde of Arona, the owners and Management of Mare Nostrum Resort for their welcome, hospitality and support. In these Championships we encountered many problems with the organisers and I hope, and I am confident, that we will soon find the best solution, because I put friendship and loyalty above all business. However, I wish to thank one particular person, the only person, who every day, alone, rushed around trying to solve our ever increasing problems: Don Aureliano Yanes Herreros.

In any case, dear friends, I am confident that you appreciated the place, the venue and the championship and will go home taking with you a wonderful memory of the "Happy Islands". For all of us this would be the best gratification for our efforts.

Thank you, dear friends, for your patience and attention.

Russia Have Drawn the Short Straw

by Iain Sime, Scotland

The draw has been organised mainly in lines. If you met Scotland in the morning you play Spain in the afternoon and Sweden at night. Of course there are some kinks, so that Scotland can play Spain for example, but that is the principle.

In theory there is an advantage to being sandwiched between two strong teams, others may choose your match to rest a key pair or even mentally 'switch off.'

Similarly there should be a disadvantage if you are next to a weak team. However, Poland have not done too badly despite being next to Liechtenstein.

What about Russia? They seem to have the shortest straw playing most teams after they have had a bye. Meeting rested opponents does not seem to have handicapped them.

Despite this, it would have been fairer if the matches had been randomised.

Profiles of the Israeli Open Team

The Israeli Team is unique in having two pairs of brothers, the Yadlins and the Herbsts, whose grandfather, Professor Lev Rozeanu, played for Israel in the 1964 Olympiad.

ISRAEL YADLIN, 51, married, father of five children. He owns and operates an air conditioning firm and played in the Israeli Open Team in Malta (1999) and Maastricht (2000). He shares a hobby with former US President Bill Clinton: playing the saxophone.

DORON YADLIN, 46, married and father of four children. Electronic engineer. He is playing for the third time in the Israeli Open Team with his brother Israel.

ILAN HERBST, 33, married, father of a two-year-old daughter. Computer engineer, working for the Microsoft branch office in Haifa. He started to play bridge at the age of 16 and he won the 1988 Israeli Open Pairs Championship at the age of 20, playing with his brother Ophir. Since then, he won the Israeli Pairs Championship six times and the Israeli Team Championship eight times. He played four times for the Israeli Junior team in European and World Championships, winning one silver medal, and also four times in the Israeli Open Team, as well as in the Generali Masters and the CAP Volmac.

OPHIR HERBST, 30, just married to lovely Anat. Electronic engineer and entrepreneur in high tech companies. He started playing bridge at the age of 13, and won the Israeli Pairs Championship with his brother Ilan at the age of 17. He played five times for the Israeli Junior Team in European and World Championships, winning one silver medal, and four times in the Israeli Open team. He also won eight Israeli Team Championships.

YORAM AVIRAM, 35, married, father of one daughter. Successful investor/manager in options, as well as a University student in philosophy. Member of the Israeli Junior team from 1986 till 1991 and of the Israeli Open team in 1991 (Killarney). Three times winner of the team event at the Israeli Bridge Festival in Tel Aviv & Eilat, and twice of the Israeli State Cup.

MICHAEL BAREL, 31, born in Russia, emigrated to Israel in 1977. A highly attractive bachelor, manager in a high tech company. Played in the Israeli Junior Team in 1993 and 1995 and in the Israeli Open team at the 1996 Rhodes Olympiad. He has been captain of the Israeli Junior Team from 1998 till now.

NIR GRINBERG, n.p.c., 42, married, father of three duaghters. An economist at a leading Israeli firm. He played for the Israeli Junior Team three times and four times for the Israeli Open Team. He won the Bonn International teams Tournament once, and the Israeli Cup Competition four times. Nir was known as a great chess master and was World Youth Champion in Chess at the age of 17 in 1976, winning a bronze medal at the World Chess Championships for Juniors (up to 20 years of age) in 1977. He is a very devoted, hard working captain, never seen without his team.

NOAH TYMIANKER, Head of the Israeli Delegation, 48, married, father of four children. Noah is the General Manager of the Israeli Bridge Federation. He also achieved some nice results in Israeli bridge, winning two simultaneous pairs events as well as the pairs championship of his district. Noah is better known as Colonel Tymianker, who won a medal for bravery.

RAMI PORAT, coach, 43, available divorcee, father of one daughter. A computer expert who is a bridge professional. He played on the Israeli Open Team at the 1987, 1991 and 1993 European Championships. He is a big fan of Chelsea Football Club.

WHAT A DULL SET OF BOARDS!

A number of players complained about the wild boards that we saw here in Arona. For Tournament Directors, wild boards (two suiters, misfits, etc.) mean more bidding problems, more calls, more work. We do like the work, of course, but some sessions were very tough for all (TDs and players). The "guilty", of course, is the hand generator.

We used a program developed by Gianni Baldi and his son Matteo, both mathematicians.

After the complaints, we wondered... "-Could it be, that this program was performing under par?" We compiled all 700 hands from the main teams event and ran a small sample of statistics (more to be run when we return to base camp). And we are sorry to report that... the hands were dull! In some respects, the "wildness" was less than expected. Each one can read the data tables and reach its own conclusions, but we noticed the following interesting details:

- Everybody had a fair number of cards on each suit, honors, points, singletons, doubletons, voids.
- Nobody got a 10-card suit, which is fair, because the average number expected over 700 deals was only 0.04. However, West was a "lucky" man, being dealt 3 times 9 cards, when the expectancy is around 1 only.
- Neither N/S nor E/W can brag about a 13-card fit. Nobody had one...

However, the most interesting conclusions that we can draw at 2:00 AM, without our math books to calculate other stats, is that the average distribution was rather dull. There were 13.5% more 4-3-3-3 distributions than expected, and almost exactly the expected number of 4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2, 5-4-2-2 and 5-4-3-1 (and these distributions cover 70% of all the possibilities). The most striking difference, however, was the fact that, considering all 7-card and longer distributions, there were 96 individual hands instead of the 112 expected... So, we will all miss the 16 sevencard or longer suits that we didn't get to see!

Talking seriously, it does look that the card distribution is very close to what was expected and any goodness-of-fit test would certainly be satisfied. We can trust the Baldis'...

Rui Marques

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Saturday morning half an hour before the last match I was inspecting the playing rooms when I discovered that on table I7 the identifying sign had been replaced with a sign of 'I6+'. The match scheduled on table I7 was Italy versus Turkey and upon further investigation I discovered that the Italian captain was superstitious of the number I7 and for this reason he had changed it. When I met with the Turkish captain a few minutes later I felt obliged to ask him to ensure that his team beat the Italians. How else can we rid the Italian captain of these superstitions.

Ton Kooijman

	North	East	South	West	NS	EW	
Average number of Spades	3.25	3.26	3.28	3.21	6.53	6.47	
Average number of Hearts	3.27	3.21	3.23	3.29	6.50	6.50	
Average number of Diamonds	3.23	3.34	3.24	3.19	6.47	6.53	
Average number of Clubs	3.25	3.19	3.25	3.31	6.50	6.50	
Average number of Aces	1.00	0.96	1.08	0.96	2.08	1.92	
Average number of Kings	1.03	0.98	1.04	0.95	2.07	1.93	
Average number of Queens	0.96	0.95	1.03	1.07	1.98	2.02	
Average number of Jacks	0.95	1.00	1.04	1.01	1.99	2.01	
Average number of points	9.97	9.68	10.53	9.82	20.50	19.50	
Frequency of voids	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.12	
Frequency of singletons	0.36	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.65	0.59	
Frequency of doubletons	0.79	0.83	0.82	0.79	1.62	1.62	
Singleton Aces	20	10	20	19	40	29	
Singleton Kings	15	25	19	13	34	38	
Singleton Queens	14	12	11	15	25	27	
Singleton Jacks	20	15	18	19	38	34	
Vine under Ass (see 11)	174	107	200	171	274	3/7	
King under Ace (onside)	174	196	200	171	374	367	
over Ace (offside)	160	164	163	174	323	338	
Queen under King (onside)	151 157	148 182	180 179	162	331	310 420	
over King (offside)	157	182	179	238 180	336 333	368	
Jack under Queen (onside)	197	163	174	183	333	346	
over Queen (offside)	17/	163	107	103	300	340	
Length of fit = 0	25	38	34	44	0	0	
Length of fit = I	249	206	207	207	0	2	
Length of fit = 2	555	581	577	553	7	11	
Length of fit = 3	796	826	839	848	44	56	
Length of fit = 4	693	655	648	670	223	200	
Length of fit = 5	333	355	367	342	452	459	
Length of fit = 6	128	118	103	107	697	649	
Length of fit = 7	20	17	23	24	649	697	
Length of fit = 8		4	2	2	459	452	
Length of fit = 9	0	0	0	3	200	223	
Length of fit = 10	0	0	0	0	56	44	
Length of fit =	0	0	0	0	11	7	
Length of fit = 12	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Length of fit = 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Card Distributions (percent)	N	E	S	W	TOTAL	Theoretical	
4-4-3-2	22.29	20.14	20.14	22.86	21.36	21.55	
4-3-3-3	11.71	10.86	12.71	12.57	11.96	10.54	
4-4-4-1	3.29	3.71	2.86	2.57	3.11	2.99	
5-3-3-2	13.43	16.86	17.00	14.00	15.32	15.52	
5-4-3-1	13.86	12.00	11.43	13.14	12.61	12.93	
5-4-2-2	9.43	11.43	10.57	9.57	10.25	10.58	
5-5-2-1	4.00	2.57	4.14	3.71	3.61	3.17	
5-4-4-0	0.71	1.29	1.86	1.14	1.25	1.24	
5-5-3-0	0.43	1.43	1.00	1.14	1.00	0.90	
6-3-2-2	5.29	6.57	6.14	5.86	5.96	5.64	
6-4-2-1	6.14	3.57	3.71	3.00	4.11	4.70	
6-3-3-1	3.29	4.00	2.57	3.57	3.36	3.45	
6-4-3-0	1.43	1.29	1.00	1.43	1.29	1.33	
6-5-1-1	1.14	0.43	0.71	0.14	0.61	0.71	
6-5-2-0	0.14	0.71	0.57	1.00	0.61	0.65	
6-6-1-0 Other distributions	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.14	0.18	0.07	
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France v Bulgaria

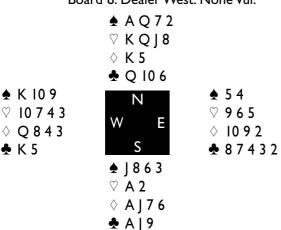


The Suspense Of The Last Session

Looking at this morning's schedule, it was easy enough to predict that a sensational finish would be in store for the Rama audience. France were playing Bulgaria, a tough opponent. Two other contenders for the fifth ticket to Bali, Israel and Denmark, were playing less tough opponents, at least on paper. With the running scores in all matches being displayed and updated continuously, it was possible to see the virtual ranking at any time right through the last session. It turned out that there were three interesting moments during the session, where the virtual fifth place changed hands.

After seven boards, France were cruising well against Bulgaria, leading 12-5. Israel were down 1-24 against Romania and looked completely out of contention. Denmark were leading Luxembourg 26-0 and thus were virtually on 589 V.P. against France's 592. Then came the board below:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Multon	Karaivanov	Quantin
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3◊
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Karaivanov could deduce from the bidding that a club control was lacking in North. So he led the \$\ddot 3\$ which gave declarer a serious problem. South he take the finesse or should he play the ace, cash two rounds of trumps finessing the king (it might be

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doubleton after all) and throw the club losers on the hearts? This line was followed by a Dutch declarer, we gathered, but Multon decided to finesse the clubs. One down. Bulgaria +50.

Closed Room

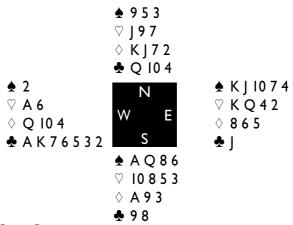
West	North	East	South
Palau	Karaivanov	Allegrini	Trendafilov
	I♣	Pass	ΙŸ
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

After the transfer response, the spade slam would be played from the wrong side of the table once again. Allegrini, on lead, pondered for a long time, but finally chose the \$10. This card was welcomed by some Danish roars in the Rama Theatre. Bulgaria +980 and in the lead: 19-12.

On the next board, Denmark effectively rose to virtual fifth when they registered another game swing against Luxembourg.

With France recouping a lot of IMP's and Luxembourg coming back a little, these were the scores when board 18 arrived: France +19 or 595 V.P., Denmark +27 or 589 V.P. Israel level or 588..5 V.P. - or at least that was what we could see in the Rama Theatre. In reality, Israel were already leading by 14, so on 591.5 V.P. at the time. Then:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Multon	Karaivanov	Quantin
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	3♦	Dble	All Pass

The immediate redouble worked out very well for the Bul-

garians. The defence was easy and merciless: ♣J to the king, ♣A, \heartsuit A. low heart to the queen, \heartsuit K on which West's singleton spade went away, another heart ruffed by West with the queen, club to declarer's ten and a diamond finesse which lost to the ten in West. Down three, Bulgaria +800 out of the blue, it seemed.

Closed Room

 \Diamond

West	North	East	South
Palau	Karaivanov	Allegrini	Trendafilov
		Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	I♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

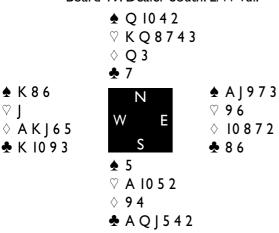
To make things worse for France, Karaivanov led a diamond here to put this contract very swiftly two down. Bulgaria +100 and 14 IMP's. France were down to 592 V.P. again, virtually speaking.

On this same board, Israel made 34 in one room and defeated 3NT by two in the other, so these 5 IMP's helped them to a virtual 592.5 V.P., just ahead of France now. This however was not made known to the Rama audience, we were left thinking that the Israel-Romania match was still about level.

Denmark were still leading by 29 after this board, thus staying at a virtual 590 V.P.

On the penultimate board, things changed again. Both Israel and Denmark gained double-figure swings whereas France went down at both tables.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Multon	Karaivanov	Quantin I ♣
I ♦	Ι♡	2◊	2♡
3◊	4♡	All Pass	

When East did not show his spades and West did not make any stronger effort, the suit was lost, sop the French were allowed to play 40 which failed by two tricks when declarer did not go for the ruffing finesse in clubs. Bulgaria +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Karaivanov	Allegrini	Trendafilov
			2♣
2♦	2♡	3♦	4♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here, Palau did suggest spade values with his subsequent double, so Allegrini introduced the suit. The Bulgarians took the good save, but then Allegrini pushed once too often, only to go down himself. Heart to the ace, ♣A and ♣Q ruffed gave the defenders three tricks. There it reted when Allegrini went on to take the right view in trumps and, more or less as a consequence, in diamonds too. Still, Bulgaria +200. They were back in the lead, 45-43.

As this would convert into 15-15 V.P. France were now on 591. After the swings to them, Denmark were on 592 and Israel had suddenly gone up to 594.5. This news gradually spread into the Rama Theatre just about when the last board arrived.

This board was a slam, bid at all four tables in the other two matches. Bulgaria had already missed it, so if Palau-Allegrini would bid it, they might still qualify, we thought, until it was stated very clearly that Israel had in fact won 21-9 and thus reached 594.5 V.P. and 5th place for sure. making the outcome of this board of academic interest only. When the French also missed the slam, their match ended 15-15, so France finished this championship in a disappointing way, coming only 7th, just behind Denmark whom we had not seen this high during the tourna-

GENERALI TROPHY

PAIRS TEAMS

COUNTRY	OPEN	LADIES	MIXED	SENIORS	JUNIORS	OPEN	LADIES	MIXED	SENIORS	JUNIORS	SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Italy	77	33	52	27	18	160	72	-	50	8	4	501
Poland	77	16	45	29	30	128	-	-	100	-	40	465
France	2		39	2	20	64	60	42	90	56	32	408
Netherland	48	15	6	28	19	22	108	-	20	72	-	338
Norway	10	-	19	9	-	144	12	-	-	80	36	310
Israel	9	33	-	12	4	96	48	-	-	64	8	274
England	6	-	-	36	8	-	120		60	-	26	256
Denmark	34	-	45	-	П	80	-		-	48	-	218
Germany	15	30	24	20	-	-		96	-	16	-	201
Sweden	45	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	70	32	20	184

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Netherlands v Austria

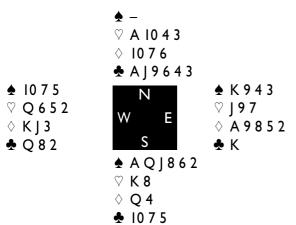


With two rounds to play, The Netherlands still had a remote chance of the gold medal in the Ladies series, while Austria's form appeared to have deserted them at a critical time and they were in serious danger of not making the trip to Bali. A crucial match, then, for both teams.



Maria Erhart, Austria

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

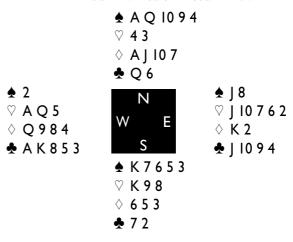


West Terraneo	North Pasman	East Erhart	South Simons
Pass All Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht ♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass Pass	3 ♣ 5 ♣	Pass All Pass	4♣

Two Spades proved to be a fairly comfortable make. Anneke Simons won the heart lead in hand and played two more rounds of hearts, ruffing. She continued with a club to dummy and another heart ruff, and could not be prevented from coming to three more trump tricks for +110.

Fischer's slightly looser style of two-over-one response got the Austrians to game when Weigkricht invited and Fischer could not resist bidding one for the road. Bep Vriend led the seven of hearts to dummy's eight and Marijke Van der Pas chose not to put in her queen. With the $\heartsuit 8$ holding the trick, Fischer was in with a chance. She cashed the $\heartsuit K$ and played ace of spades, pitching a heart, then the queen of spades. When Van der Pas played low without effort, Fischer ruffed in hand and played the ace of hearts, throwing a diamond from dummy, then gave up a diamond. Van der Pas won that with the king and returned a spade, ruffed by declarer who continued with a diamond ruff, a spade ruff (West throwing her last diamond) and another diamond ruff. When Van der Pas could over-ruff the diamond and play the queen of hearts through, that was one down, the &K being promoted as the second defensive winner; -50 and 4 IMPs to The Netherlands.

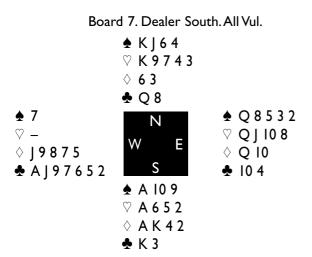
Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Terraneo I♦ All Pass	Pasman I♠	Erhart Pass	Simons 3♠
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
Vd Pas I♣	Fischer ♠	Vriend Dble	Weigkricht 3♠

When Erhart, who was facing a hand that had been unable to open with a strong club bid, chose not to make a negative double, the Austrians were shut out of the auction by Simons' preemptive spade raise. Uninspired defence led to Jet Pasman making an overtrick for +170.

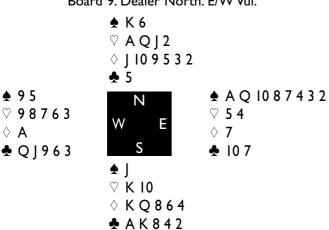
Vriend did make a negative double at the other table and that got her side to game when Van der Pas had an easy responsive double over the same pre-emptive raise. When Vriend got the clubs right she had ten tricks for +620 and 13 IMPs to The Netherlands.



West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons I ◊
Pass	I♡	Pass	2NT
Pass All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♡
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht ♣
3♣	Dble	Pass	3◊
Pass All Pass	3♡	Pass	4 ♡

The bidding made it clear for Doris Fischer to play the spade suit successfully for +620. However, Pasman had not heard any opposition bidding - which I find quite remarkable but who can argue with success? Maria Erhart led the ten of hearts and Pasman won in dummy and considered her play. It seems to me that it can cost nothing to play on diamonds now - it does not do any harm that East is over-ruffing the third round. When the 5-2 diamond break shows up, declarer might reflect on the fact that West's first discard was a club, suggesting that her clubs were of at least equal length to the diamonds. Now she might have a chance of picking the spade position correctly. But Pasman could not imagine that anyone would have passed over I♦ if holding such extreme distribution and cashed the ace of spades at trick two. That meant one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Austria.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

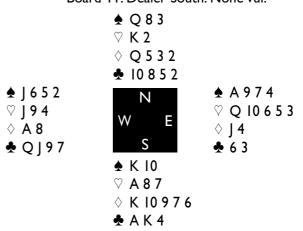


West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
	I ♦	3♠	4♠
Pass	5◊	Pass	6≎
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
	Ι♡	3♠	Dble
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5◊
All Pass			

Terry Weigkricht was in the fortunate position of having room to check for aces and settled for game on finding that two were missing; +400. Would 4NT have been Blackwood in the Dutch auction? If so, it would perhaps have been a wiser choice, but maybe the Dutch play it as a take-out bid in these competitive sequences. We can see why Blackwood would have been a good idea as Simons heard her partner sign off over the 4♠ bid but was then tempted to bid the slam anyway. Still, all was not yet lost. On a club or a heart lead, declarer makes her contract by playing three rounds of hearts. East ruffs and is over-ruffed and now declarer comes back to hand in clubs to play the fourth heart, pitching dummy's losing spade.

The vugraph audience held its collective breath but Erhart's fingers reached unerringly for the ace of spades; one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Austria.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons I ◊
Pass All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht ♣
Pass	ΙŸ	Pass	2♦
Pass	3◊	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Playing from the South seat, Weigkricht received the lead of the queen of clubs. She was a tempo ahead now and needed only to play the diamonds in normal fashion to make her contract;



Sylvia Terraneo, Austria

Erhart led her five-card heart suit, of course. Pasman won and played a diamond and Sylvie Terraneo won and returned a heart; down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Austria, who had moved into the lead in the match.

Of course, declarer could guess to play a spade at trick two and make her contract by then switching to diamonds, but why should she guess to do so? Apart from its being a blind guess which missing ace was with the long hearts (assuming that hearts were not 4-4), that play could sometimes lose with spades 5-3.

Board 12. Dealer West, N/S Vul. ★ KQ 109764 ♥ A K 5 3 \Diamond 3 **♣** Q **♠** 3 **★** 8 5 ♡ 9 ♥ Q | 8 6 2 ♦ AKJ987 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ A 10 9 6 5 ♣ K | 4 **♠** A | 2 ♥ 1074 ♦ Q 6 2 8732

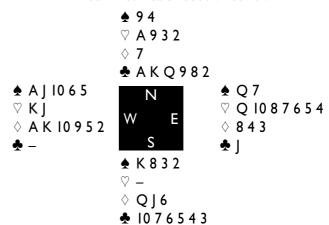
West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
I♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
I♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

When Fischer doubled 5♦ to show a good 4♠ bid, Weigkricht,

whose values were mostly in spades, had a clear removal to 5\(\Delta\). That contract had to lose one trick in each side suit for down one; -100.

Erhart no doubt chose clubs rather than diamonds over Terraneo's 4NT bid because that way she would be declarer. If so, she had to justify her decision by bringing home her contract. Simons led the ace of spades and switched to a low heart to the king. Pasman switched back to spades and Erhart ruffed in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a low club to the queen and king. This was the critical moment of the hand. Erhart took a couple of seconds then led low to the seven of diamonds, drew trumps and claimed the rest; +400 and 7 IMPs to Austria.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

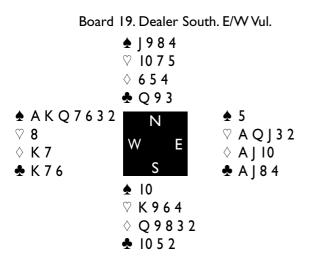


West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
			Pass
l ♣	2♣	Pass	3♣
4♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
			Pass
1♦	2♣	2♡	4♡
4♠	4NT	5◊	Dble
All Pass			

Five Diamonds doubled proved to be no more problem to Van der Pas. Fischer led ace and another heart for Weigkricht to ruff, but now the third diamond was an entry to the long hearts and declarer did not even require the spade finesse; +550.

I was surprised by Simons' simple 3♣ raise in the other room, expecting a jump to game. However, 3♣ proved to be quite sufficient to make life tough for the Austrians. Terraneo showed a big two-suiter with her cuebid but could not have been very happy when she saw her partner's leap to 6♥. That contract is not completely horrible, and had actually been made at a few tables after a low spade lead - Declarer takes the spade finesse, repeats it and plays the ace of spades. If North ruffs, declarer can over-ruff and afford to ruff her club in dummy as North's hearts have been shortened. If North does not ruff, the club goes away and declarer plays on trumps. She now switches her attention to trumps and North is powerless. Declarer can reach hand by ruffing the fourth spade, at the same time establishing an extra spade trick on which to get rid of her third diamond.

But Simons led a club, forcing dummy to ruff and there was nothing Erhart could do to neutralise North's nine of hearts. She was one off for -50 and 12 IMPs to The Netherlands.



West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
			Pass
l ♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
			Pass
I♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
5♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Six No Trump is not the best spot - with a bad spade break, it might even go down while 6\$\Delta\$ is making, and the spade grand slam is the percentage contract. However, 6NT was quite enough on this particular occasion. Indeed, more than half the field was going down in seven so that +1440 was just fine for the Dutch pair. Weigkricht led a diamond, so declarer did not have to guess which finesse to take for her twelfth trick - only a spade lead avoids solving the problem, of course.

The Austrians had swapped their partnerships around and Erhart has been playing that a $2\lozenge$ response to a strong club opening is weak with six hearts in her other partnership. The standard Blue Club meaning of $2\lozenge$ is to show six controls and clearly one member of the partnership thought that these standard responses were in use while the other thought the new version applied. You can work out for yourself who was playing which method. Austria might have got very lucky had the Dutch bid the grand slam, but justice was served when their score of +200 cost them 16 IMPs.

The Netherlands won the match by exactly the swing on the above board, 56-40 IMPs, 18-12 VPs. They were almost certainly going to play the last match to decide the colour of their medal, while Austria would be fighting for a qualifying place.

A Systemic Matter

To clear up any misunderstanding the only team playing a HUM System is Luxembourg. Of the Countries using Brown Sticker Conventions, it was generally considered that the Swedish players were a model when it came to presenting the appropriate information.

Tenerife, joining the bridge islands

What a disadvantage to live on a continent when islands exist. WBF and EBL seem to have noticed this and are very much attracted by islands. We have had a row of very pleasant championships near beaches and palm trees last years and Tenerife is worthy of being added to that row. What about the organisation? Let me evaluate the different departments.

The Italian staff was superb and given the conditions here we needed that quality. You didn't witness their work in the first days when they unloaded tons of cargo all themselves and really suffered (and you will not be there when they do the reverse thing next Monday). And you just read your bulletins, not having any clue about the efforts it needs to produce them. Three people were working for ten days to prepare the forms and sheets for the matches, did you realise that? Five more were working daily to enter your results in the computer, needed for the VuGraph and the butler scores. That the Rama show and results sometimes had shortcomings was due to a shortness of computers, which this island seems to suffer from. Gianni Baldi was the center of the data-network and I really enjoy working with him. How to convince him that withdrawing from this job, with which he once in a while is threatening me with, can't be a serious option?

Duplication was done by a very experienced team. They produced 48.000 boards and did some 5000 extra for the world pairs in Poland in the beginning of July. We noticed three mistakes. Thank you dear ladies and gentlemen. Line up ran efficiently and there I like to give a compliment to all captains who almost without exception presented their selections in time. True discipline.

The caddies we had the second week worked efficiently and were friendly youngsters. A pity we couldn't find them a week earlier. With less help from the island as usual more jobs were asked from the TD's and I feel grateful they helped me as much as possible.

It took some time to let the hotel understand that a European Bridge Championship is more than a routine job handling guests. But this morning the lights in the playing room were put on only three minutes after asking for it. Of course you enjoyed the lovely Italian ladies offering you your hourly Lavazza coffee. Try to convince the customs that there is just coffee in those cans.

When I really needed some relaxed moments I found my way to the daily bulletin staff, offering me a joke and a cup of wine to continue running around. A good fortnight it was here on Tenerife.

Ton Kooijman

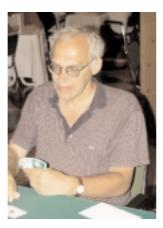
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Six trumps are enough for game

Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

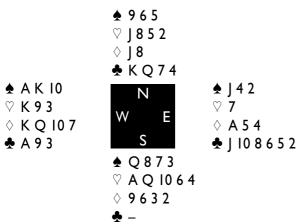
or a long time eight trumps were considered to be necessary for a suit contract. Then Alfonse Moyse pointed out the advantages of the 4-3 fit, since then called "the Moysian fit", but later years have seen pairs playing successfully in 4-2 or 3-3 fits, even with a 4-2-fit at grand slam level. Some years ago the Danish Blakset brothers redoubled a lead directing double of 30 with 3-3 in the suit, making 10 tricks and a load of IMPs in the Cap Gemini tournament in the Netherlands, and probably Anton Maas was present on that occasion. In any case he decided to play 4♠ on



Maas – preferring the 3-3 trump suit successfully

Board 6 in the match against Croatia in Round 29 knowing that it was on a 3-3 fit.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Ramondt		Maas
		Pass	Pass
I♦	Pass	I♠	2♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

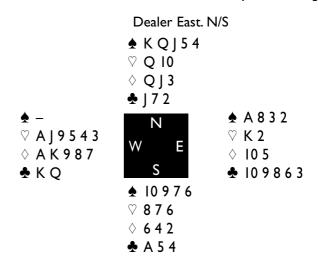
I almost never bid a three card suit but I thought that if it ever could be right, it was here, Anton Maas tells. Partner's double of 24 was a support double showing exactly three spades with an honour. His next double was competitive, and when he removed from clubs to spades I decided to try out my luck there as I did not know about his club fit.

South cashed $\heartsuit A$ and continued with $\heartsuit Q$ which I ruffed. To my surprise the contract was not completely hopeless. The $\clubsuit Q$ had to be right, and the player with four spades would need to have four diamonds as well -- and I needed a trick for $\clubsuit A$. I played a low club from my hand. If South ruffs I make my contract so he correctly decided to discard but chose the wrong card when he let go a heart instead of a diamond. I won $\clubsuit A$, discarded a diamond on $\heartsuit K$ and continued with ace, king, and queen of

diamonds. North ruffed the queen but I overruffed with my \oint J, finessed the \oint 10, cashed \oint AK and my fourth diamond 10 tricks.

We gained I IMP on the board as our opponents played in 3NT just making but we might have had a game swing as the best contract probably is $5\clubsuit$ - until you see the location of the club bonours

Maas has another board he wants to discuss. This one from the local derby against Belgium. It was discussed on in another bulletin but Maas looks at it from an entirely different angle:



West	North	East	South
Engel	Maas	van Middelem	Ramondt
ΙÖ	I♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♡	Pass
6◊	Pass	6♡	All Pass

I led $\P K$, declarer won with dummy's ace and discarded $\P Q$ from his hand. I felt sick. I could see that diamonds were 3-3, and my $\P Q$ would come down as declarer wouldn't even have any choice. I was absolutely right. About 10 seconds later it was all over, and Zvi Engel had landed his bad contract on the lucky layout.

The hand is, however, very interesting from a psychological point of view, and it will remind you of the famous hand from the Bermuda Bowl when Eddie Kantar held the doubleton king of clubs to be finessed with AQ doubleton in dummy. He felt just as sick and did not take the time to find the way to lead declarer astray by playing the king on the first round. You have to think quite differently: Declarer is in a lousy contract. How can we make him go down?

Only when you do that you find that you have to unblock $\lozenge QJ$ under $\lozenge AK$ so Declarer does not need to ruff a diamond. Now he has a possibility to finesse in hearts, and seeing your $\image I0$ on the first round of the suit, he will almost certainly do so. You might even consider playing $\image Q$ on the first round but then you risk that your partner has $\image 9!$ No, the ten will do (you will play that from $\image I0x$, too), and at least Declarer has a losing option. (We pointed this out in the previous article. Editor)

Declarer had only one road to success so he did his best by playing quickly, making it more difficult to think of tricks. The point of the hand is that I misdefended because I did the wrong thinking, just like Kantar. A very important part of top bridge, I think.

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Final Butler Ranking

Diagon	ava Pasuda		Tauranaa	ALIC	0.14	499	Anisun C	TLID	0.00	440
Player	avg. Boards IMPs	31	Terraneo C Burn D	AUS ENG	0.16 0.14	499 480	Arigun C 53 Duong H	TUR SWI	-0.08 -0.09	440 480
I Bocchi N ITA	0.91 580		Callaghan B	ENG	0.14	480	Yalcin T	SWI	-0.09	480
Duboin G ITA			Hausler H	GER	0.14	420	54 Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.11	459
2 Helgemo G NC			Splettstosse	GER	0.14	420	Matheson J	SCO	-0.11	459
Helness T NC	OR 0.74 580	32	Goodman P	WAL	0.13	440	55 Teixeira A	POR	-0.12	440
3 Karaivanov K BU	L 0.65 440		Svoboda O	CZE	0.13	440	56 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.13	440
4 Brogeland B NC	OR 0.62 480		Schaltz D	DEN	0.13	480	Fawcett J	ENG	-0.13	440
Saelensminde NC	OR 0.62 480		Schaltz P	DEN	0.13	480	Liggins G	ENG	-0.13	440
5 Gromov A RU	S 0.60 540	33	Kirchhoff E	NET	0.12	200	Tesla M	CRO	-0.13	540
Petrunin A RU			Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.13	540
6 Trendafilov BU			Gloyer A	AUS	0.12	499	57 Zadrazil M	CZE	-0.15	460
Balicki C PO			Schifko M	AUS	0.12	499	Szalay G	HUN	-0.15	360
Zmudzinski A PO		34	Maas A	NET	0.11	560	58 Kaplan A	BEL	-0.16	440
7 Kwiecien M PO			Kannavos P	GRE	0.11	360	Polet G	BEL LEB	-0.16 -0.16	440 380
Pszczola J PO			Ramondt V	NET	0.11	560	Baroudi N Nasr C	LEB	-0.16	380
8 Multon F FRA		١ ,,	Kapayannides K	GRE	0.11	360	59 Senk M	SLO	-0.16 -0.21	660
Quantin J FRA		35	Barbosa J	POR	0.09	480	Kranjc G	SLO	-0.21	660
9 Zorlu N TU			Ludewig B	GER	0.09	500	60 Vozabal D	CZE	-0.23	480
Assael S TU 10 Yadlin D ISR		24	Reps K	GER	0.09	500	Matei C	ROM	-0.23	499
		36	Nikolayenko Rybnikov G	UKR UKR	0.08 0.08	440 440	Savin D	ROM	-0.23	479
Yadlin I ISR Honti L HU			Rybnikov G	BEL	0.08	460	61 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.29	279
I I Eidi M LEE			Engel Z Van Middelem	BEL	0.08	460	Ucar A	TUR	-0.29	279
Harfouche G LEE		37		ISR	0.08	359	62 Renno I	LUX	-0.37	419
De Falco D ITA		"	Barel M	ISR	0.07	359	Briolini G	SMR	-0.37	460
Ferraro G ITA		38	Gal P	HUN	0.06	459	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.37	460
12 Jansma J NE		"	Abecassis M	FRA	0.06	380	63 Helling S	LUX	-0.38	479
Verhees L NE			Soulet P	FRA	0.06	380	64 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.40	439
13 Blakset L DE		39		WAL	0.05	480	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.40	439
Bruun M DE			Thomas A	WAL	0.05	480	65 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.42	460
14 Eliasson PG LAT			Nystrom F	SWE	0.05	460	Lamza V	CRO	-0.42	439
Magnusson T LAT	Г 0.37 479		Bértheau P	SWE	0.05	460	Tomic T	CRO LEB	-0.42 -0.43	439 320
I5 Dubinin A RU			Kiema O	FIN	0.05	679	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.43	320
Krasnosselsk RU			Koistinen K	FIN	0.05	679	Dousse	SWI	-0.43	380
16 Kholomeev V RU		40	Kurka J	CZE	0.04	480	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.43	380
Zlotov D RU			Hopfenheit G	GER	0.04	440	Alfejeva E	LAT	-0.43	439
17 Kapayannides A GR			Retzlaff R	GER	0.04	440	Gonca V	LAT	-0.43	439
Liarakos S GR			Murdoch J	SCO	0.04	419	67 Micescu V	ROM	-0.44	440
18 Carcassonne BEL Labaere A BEL		1	Walker D	SCO WAL	0.04	419	68 Ananijev B	CRO	-0.52	380
19 Herbst I ISR		41	Rees T Winkler G	HUN	0.03 0.03	440 619	Sasek T	CRO	-0.52	380
Herbst O ISR		42		ICE	0.03	480	69 Levy R	SWI	-0.53	500
20 Lauria L ITA		12	Thorvaldsson	ICE	0.02	480	Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.53	500
Versace A ITA			Lindermann A	AUS	0.02	360	70 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.56	420
21 Hallberg G EN			Saurer B	AUS	0.02	360	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.56	420
Simpson C EN		43		POR	0.01	460	Juuri-Oja J Utter L	FIN FIN	-0.56 -0.56	339 339
Ingimarsson ICE		44		CZE	0.00	360	71 O'Briain P	IRE	-0.56 -0.62	440
Magnusson M ICE	0.29 480	45		IRE	-0.01	500	Roche T	IRE	-0.62	440
22 Stamatov J BU			McGann H	IRE	-0.01	500	72 Rapoport O	ÜKR	-0.63	460
23 Whittaker W SC			Rometi F	ROM	-0.01	420	Volkov O	UKR	-0.63	460
Steel L SC		1	Valeanu V	ROM	-0.01	420	73 Novak M	SLO	-0.69	660
24 Mraz T CZ		46	Capucho M	POR	-0.02	440	Spiljak	SLO	-0.69	20
Caspersen H DE			Lara M	POR	-0.02	440	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.69	640
Norgaard T DE		47	Pownall M	WAL	-0.03	440	Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.69	480
25 Frances A SPA			AAT	NOR	-0.03	300	Schaaper M	LUX	-0.69	480
Torres J SPA Sundelin P SW			Groetheim G	NOR	-0.03	300 460	74 Pesonen J	FIN	-0.72	340
Sylvan SW		10	Debonnaire J	POR ICE	-0.03 -0.04	460 400	Stubb S	FIN	-0.72	340
26 Knap A SPA		40	Baldursson J Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.0 4 -0.04	400	75 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.74 0.74	440 440
Wasik A SPA		_⊿0	Andersson L	SWE	-0.0 4 -0.05	420	Zucchini G	LIE Lie	-0.74 -0.82	440 460
27 Karaivanov I BU		77	Gullberg T	SWE	-0.05	420	76 Arnaboldi S Turletti G	LIE	-0.82 -0.82	460
Hegedus G HU		50	Lesniewski M	POL	-0.06	280	77 Richter C	LUX	-0.85	419
28 Allegrini P FRA		3	Martens K	POL	-0.06	280	77 Richter C 78 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.83	439
Palau JJ FRA		51		BUL	-0.07	440	79 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.90	460
29 Goded F SPA		-	Nanev I	BUL	-0.07	440	Palmieri C	LIE	-0.90	460
Lantaron L SPA			Szilagyi L	HUN	-0.07	380	80 Filippi F	SMR	-0.94	460
30 Skoularikis F GR	E 0.16 500	52	Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.08	460	Pizza E	SMR	-0.94	460
Zotos L GR			Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.08	460	81 Purgajlis M	LAT	-1.09	440
Simon J AU	S 0.16 499		Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.08	440	Romanovskis	LAT	-1.09	440
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SENIOR TEAMS

Final Butler Ranking

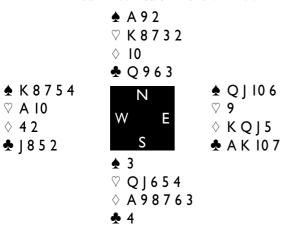
	Player		avg. B	Soards	24	Ekberg S	SWE	0.26	336	53	Parente M	POR	-0.29	182
	, c.		IMPs	ou. us	25	Battistoni G	IT2	0.25	224		Ribeiro G	POR	-0.29	182
lι	Berglund SE	SWE	1.49	70		Bertolucci E	IT2	0.25	224		Levit Y	IS2	-0.29	280
2	Klapper W	POI	0.93	350	26	Jackson D.A	IRE	0.24	294		Peri S	ISI	-0.29	140
	Russyan J	POI	0.93	350	27	=	GEI	0.23	252		Shachar L	ISI	-0.29	140
3	Wala W	POI	0.85	322		Mattsson G	GEI	0.23	252	54	Mykietyn K	PO2	-0.30	182
	Wilkosz A	POI	0.85	322	28	Alfredsson L	SWE	0.22	280	55	Gomes DaCost	POR	-0.3 I	266
	Adad P	FR2	0.85	252		Knutsen K	NOR	0.22	292		Oliveira J	POR	-0.31	266
	Aujaleu M	FR2	0.85	252	29	Stanley K	EN2	0.21	238	56	As I	IS2	-0.33	196
4	, Brkljacic M	CRO	0.82	238		Townsend B	EN2	0.21	238	57	Wounsel V	BEL	-0.35	14
	Delmouly C	FR2	0.82	238		Frew D	SCO	0.21	236	58	Boesiger H	SWI	-0.39	364
	Roudinesco J	FR2	0.82	238	30	Nosek J	CZE	0.19	237		Splengler W	SWI	-0.39	364
5	Rue D	EN2	0.78	266		Hebak P	CZE	0.19	237		SagivY	IS2	-0.39	294
	Sowter T	EN2	0.78	266	31	Collings J	EN2	0.17	224	59	Goldenfield	ENI	-0.41	238
6	Schroeder D	GEI	0.76	294		Jones D	EN2	0.17	224		Hirst B MacKenzie G	EN I IRE	-0.41 -0.41	238 280
	Schwenkreis	GEI	0.76	294	32	DeVrij H	NET	0.14	154	40	Almeida E	POR	-0.41 -0.45	280
7	Beineix JC	FRI	0.72	210		Polle W	NET	0.14	154	80	Ferreira H	POR	-0. 4 5	280
	Stoppa JL	FRI	0.72	210	33	Filip A	CZE	0.11	252	61	Manglano J	SPI	-0.47	252
8	Hugonet T	FRI	0.70	266		Jires P	CZE	0.11	252	0.	Molero E	SPI	-0.47	252
	Peyronnie C	FRI	0.70	266	34	Chmelik N	GEI	0.10	182	62	Badir F	BEL	-0.48	364
9	Flodqvist S.	SWE	0.69	154		Hoger W	GEI	0.10	182		Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.48	364
	Panto J	ENI	0.69	294	35	Hirst M	WAI	0.07	308	63	Perasic D	CRO	-0.53	280
	Waterlow T	ENI	0.69	294	36	Hellemann H	NOR	0.06	250	64	Merhy G	LEB	-0.54	238
10	Backstrom L	SWE	0.65	280	37	Imhof H	SWI	0.05	364	65	Greenstein M	ISI	-0.57	266
- 11	Hackett P	ENI	0.64	196		Frei J	SWI	0.05	364		Harduf M	ISI	-0.57	266
	Harper R	ENI	0.64	196		MacLaren J	SCO	0.05	236	66	Alcaraz R	SPI	-0.62	238
	Diamond D	SCO	0.64	236	38	Rebattu M	NET	0.04	279		DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.62	238
12	Bomhof J.W	NET	0.62	293		Van Oppen C	NET	0.04	279	67	Tedeschi E	CRO	-0.67	154
	Englander N	NET	0.62	293	39	Sveindal J	NOR	0.01	250		Isla J	SPI	-0.67	238
	Protega B	CRO	0.62	294	40	Henry J	BEL	-0.01	350		JimenezHuert	SPI	-0.67	238
13	Bardin A	ITI	0.58	266		Goldberg V	SCO	-0.01	252		Boyadji E	LEB	-0.67	252
	Maci G	ITI	0.58	252		Gordon I	SCO	-0.01	252		Mannor M	IS2	-0.67	224
	Bettoni T	ITI	0.58	266	41	Gleis M	BEL	-0.02	364		Sharon A	IS2	-0.67	224
	Mismetti C	ITI	0.58	252	42	Montwill A	IRE	-0.04	294		Debbane J	LEB	-0.69	280
14	Hallen H.O	SWE	0.54	336	43	Luck J	WAI	-0.08	336	69	Parry E Powell A	WA2 WA2	-0.70 -0.70	362 362
15	Klukowski J	PO2	0.53	307	44	Caric J	CRO	-0.09	238	70	Arachtinsi	LEB	-0.70 -0.71	196
16	Baxter K	SCO	0.48	236	45	Jourdain P	WAI	-0.10	196		Leighton C	MAL	-0.80	362
17	MarcowiczV	PO2	0.43	237	46	Brav B	ISI	-0.11	294	/ '	Leighton M	MAL	-0.80	362
18	Baroni F	IT2	0.42	25 I		Zilberbush S	ISI	-0.11	294	72	Gagne P	WAI	-0.88	294
	Ricciarelli	IT2	0.42	25 I	47	Gromoeller W	GE2	-0.12	364		Patrick D	WA2	-0.89	362
19	Nordby H	NOR	0.37	334		Piekenbrock	GE2	-0.12	364		Patrick J	WA2	-0.89	362
	Mari C	FR2	0.37	238		Schneider W	GE2	-0.12	364	74	Moe J	NOR	-0.90	70
	Leenhardt F	FR2	0.37	238		Uhlmann HD	GE2	-0.12	364	75	Reddy T	WAI	-0.92	322
20	Bettinetti G	IT2	0.36	251	48	Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.13	252	76	Sver B	CRO	-0.96	252
	Marino L	IT2	0.36	251	49	Longinotti E	ITI	-0.14	210	77	Dix M	MAL	-0.98	362
21	Jezioro A	PO2	0.34	363		Resta G	ITI	-0.14	210		ParnisEnglan	MAL	-0.98	362
	Zaremba J	PO2	0.34	363	50	Krizek F	CZE	-0.15	237	78	Eidi G	LEB	-1.02	182
22	Reurer JM	FRI	0.33	252		Subrt J	CZE	-0.15	237	79	Fayad G	LEB	-1.26	196
	Coppolani M	FRI	0.33	252	51	Megged A	IS2	-0.17	182	80	Milde A	POI	-1.49	56
23	Barry P	IRE	0.29	294	52	MacHale J	IRE	-0.23	294		Stobiecki W	POI	-1.49	56

The Really Largest Seniors Swing

by Justin Hackett

When Nissan Rand reported a major swing in the Senior event he was talking chicken feed. (Sorry Nissan!) Take a look at this effort by the team I captain, England I:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Hackett		Harper	
	Pass	♣*	2NT*
3♠	Pass	4♠	5◊
Dble	5♡	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

After East's better minor opening the North/South bidding left a lot to be desired. North was not sure which two suits his partner held and Six Clubs went eight down, -2300.

West	North	East	South		
	Goldenfield	Hirst			
	Pass	1♦	10		
I♠	2◊*	4♠	5♡		
Dble	All Pass				

Declarer had no trouble collecting +850 for an easy 22 IMPs. Any advance on that?

Message from the Appeals Committee

There have been 41 appeals during these championships. Since there have been 50,820 hands played during these two weeks, that comes down to 0.81 appeals per 1,000 boards, which is slightly higher than in Malta (0.70).

The deposit has been forfeited on 11 occasions.

All appeals will be published in a booklet later this summer, and they will be available on the internet, both on the EBL site and on the site of the Swiss Bridge Federation (http://home.worldcom.ch/~fsb/appealse.html)

The Norwegian Vikings

by Jon Sveindal

TOR HELNESS (b 1957) of Oslo, stockbroker, "Grand old man" of the successful Norwegian squad. Wife Gunn (also international for Norway) is here, as well as their two sons Jonas (15) and Fredrik (11) who spend long hours following the game in the viewgraph room. Amongst Tor's merits are silver and bronze in Bermuda Bowl, three bronzes in European Ch.ships, bronze from World Teams. He has also won several prestigous invitational events with his partner

GEIR HELGEMO (b 1970) of Trondheim. Bridge celebrity #I in Norway, and a bridge professional. Runs a daily column in Norway's biggest paper, "Verdens Gang". Rose from junior fame to world superstardom. Has several North American titles in his belt in addition to his World Individual Championship, two Bermuda Bowl medals and two medals from European teams.. Co-author of several bridge books.

TERJE AA (b 1961) of Trondheim. Post office employee - married with two daughters. Successful internationally with his partner Glenn with two bronzes from Europeans, bronze and silver in Bermuda Bowl.

GLENN GRØTHEIM (b 1959) of Trondheim. Engineer working as an electricity broker. Married with two boys. Apart from his merits with Terje he has an additional bronze from Europeans. Put together "The Viking Club" - a relay precision system - which was published some ten years ago. An English edition was recently made available.

(REIDAR) BOYE BROGELAND (b 1973) of Bergen. Deegre in economics and business administration, but being another junior celebrity who made it big with the big guys, he is of course a bridge professional. Publisher and editor of "Bridge i Norge", an independent bridge magazine. His cohabitor, Tonje Aasand, is prima inter pares among his many fans in Tenerife. While being rated the most prominent junior player from 1996 to 1999, Boye won two bronzes in the Europeans Chamionships, and a bronze medal in a Bermuda Bowl. His open merits are in partnership with

ERIK "SILDA" SÆLENSMINDE (b 1964) of Bergen. The only one of the players who does not respond to anything but his nickname, meaning "The Herring". In fact, apart from "Coach", he is the only one with a nickname! Bridge professional whose carrier boosted when he partnered Boye.

The Team: Nice guys and friends! Their vast amount of junior merits and national and Nordic titles is excluded in respect of the reader.

EINAR ASBJØRN BRENNE (NPC) of Trondheim. 54 years old banking consultant, in charge of the team since 1997. Married with one daughter. A talented young player who took a long break and returned to the game as a very successful captain for Norway.

ROLF E. "COACH" OLSEN (Coach!) of Oslo. The 34 year old accountant started coaching when Brenne took over, and his trustworthy and endless efforts for the team are praised by the others.