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## Italy's Golden Run Continues



Another title for Italy's Superstars



The Magicians from Poland

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, Włodzimierz Stobiecki, Włodzimierz 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
1	LUXEMBOURG	DENMARK	20 - 60	7 - 23
2	NORWAY	ICELAND	82 - 38	24 - 6
3	UKRAINE	ENGLAND	48 - 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
11	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 1	519.75
2	FRANCE 2	506.00
3	FRANCE 1	480.00
4	Sweden	471.00
5	England 2	468.00
6	Italy 2	461.00
7	Italy 1	453.00
8	England 1	453.00
9	Netherlands	449.00
10	Poland 2	448.00
11	Germany 1	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 1	367.75
21	Portugal	349.00
22	Israel 2	343.00
23	Wales 1	338.00
24	Spain 1	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 1	NORWAY	26 - 46	10 - 20
43 ITALY 1	MALTA	62 - 3	25 - 2
44 FRANCE 1	WALES 1	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 1	35 - 40	14 - 16
49 WALES 2	PORTUGAL	30 - 51	10 - 20
50 GERMANY 1	FRANCE 2	27 - 35	13 - 17
51 SPAIN 1	ENGLAND 2	5 - 49	4 - 25
52 SWEDEN	POLAND 2	32 - 22	17 - 13
53 LEBANON	ISRAEL 1	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](http://www.gallery.uunet.be/hermandw)) and/or e-mail: ([hermandw@village.uunet.be](mailto:hermandw@village.uunet.be)) him for further details.

After the Europeans, the ratings have become: (Open Series)

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	Italy	21,17	156	50	Chile	12,99	29
2	United States	20,98	105	51	Pakistan	12,84	74
3	Poland	20,12	154	52	Monaco	12,81	45
4	Indonesia	19,89	86	53	Guadeloupe	12,62	65
5	Norway	19,66	165	54	Slovenia	12,62	99
6	Netherlands	19,04	110	55	Peru	12,56	14
7	Russia	19,03	103	56	Faroe Islands	12,45	23
8	France	18,77	138	57	Syria	12,33	29
9	Sweden	18,41	155	58	Côte d'Ivoire	11,88	14
10	Israel	18,40	107	59	Thailand	11,78	62
11	Brazil	18,33	89	60	Latvia	11,64	65
12	England	18,12	129	61	Uruguay	11,64	37
13	Great Britain	18,01	40	62	Lithuania	11,52	40
13	China	17,86	111	63	Bahrain	11,40	25
14	Spain	17,70	99	64	Malaysia	11,23	70
15	Denmark	17,59	139	65	Colombia	11,13	46
16	Austria	17,44	110	66	Luxembourg	10,96	87
17	Argentina	17,38	61	67	Mexico	10,87	23
18	Belgium	17,34	102	68	Philippines	10,86	70
19	Bulgaria	17,26	99	69	Liechtenstein	10,62	99
20	Greece	17,15	99	70	China Macao	10,55	48
21	Chinese Taipei	17,05	100	71	Zimbabwe	10,55	3
22	Iceland	16,92	137	72	San Marino	10,39	99
23	Germany	16,82	99	73	Tunisia	10,35	41
24	Hungary	16,71	99	74	Bangladesh	10,28	36
25	Scotland	16,34	112	75	Venezuela	10,23	48
26	Japan	15,88	79	76	Sri Lanka	9,54	25
27	Lebanon	15,88	99	77	Bermuda	9,51	34
28	India	15,87	72	78	Trinidad and Tobago	9,47	28
29	Turkey	15,85	99	79	Singapore	9,39	70
30	Australia	15,79	126	80	French Polynesia	9,32	6
31	Wales	15,59	112	81	New Caledonia	8,99	14
32	Portugal	15,54	99	82	Reunion	8,93	41
33	South Africa	15,28	70	83	Jordan	8,85	21
34	Ireland	15,13	152	84	Paraguay	8,62	14
35	New Zealand	15,07	129	85	Martinique	8,46	35
36	Czech Republic	14,79	99	86	Bolivia	8,37	14
37	Finland	14,59	130	87	Guyana	8,09	12
38	Morocco	14,45	22	88	Kenya	8,08	31
39	Egypt	14,32	42	89	Mauritius	8,07	31
40	Romania	14,21	99	90	Cyprus	8,05	45
41	Croatia	14,14	99	91	Jamaica	8,03	22
42	Canada	14,04	38	92	Tonga	6,97	14
43	Northern Ireland	13,81	29	93	Barbados	6,15	18
44	Estonia	13,67	40	94	Ecuador	5,37	14
45	China Hong Kong	13,45	73	95	Malta	5,20	39
46	Switzerland	13,31	99	96	Tanzania	4,67	31
47	Belarus	13,17	12	97	Botswana	1,40	19
48	Yugoslavia	13,17	57	98	Palestine	-1,58	22
49	Ukraine	13,16	77	99	Costa Rica	-4,85	12

## 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 Nur-mohamed** 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, thereby 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 e-bridge 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"!



**Gianarrigo Rona**  
EBL President

## EBL PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

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 fair-play 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.

It 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 daughters. 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 seven-card 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'...

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## 17

Saturday morning half an hour before the last match I was inspecting the playing rooms when I discovered that on table 17 the identifying sign had been replaced with a sign of '16+'. The match scheduled on table 17 was Italy versus Turkey and upon further investigation I discovered that the Italian captain was superstitious of the number 17 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
<b>Average number of Spades</b>	3.25	3.26	3.28	3.21	6.53	6.47
<b>Average number of Hearts</b>	3.27	3.21	3.23	3.29	6.50	6.50
<b>Average number of Diamonds</b>	3.23	3.34	3.24	3.19	6.47	6.53
<b>Average number of Clubs</b>	3.25	3.19	3.25	3.31	6.50	6.50
<b>Average number of Aces</b>	1.00	0.96	1.08	0.96	2.08	1.92
<b>Average number of Kings</b>	1.03	0.98	1.04	0.95	2.07	1.93
<b>Average number of Queens</b>	0.96	0.95	1.03	1.07	1.98	2.02
<b>Average number of Jacks</b>	0.95	1.00	1.04	1.01	1.99	2.01
<b>Average number of points</b>	9.97	9.68	10.53	9.82	20.50	19.50
<b>Frequency of voids</b>	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.12
<b>Frequency of singletons</b>	0.36	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.65	0.59
<b>Frequency of doubletons</b>	0.79	0.83	0.82	0.79	1.62	1.62
<b>Singleton Aces</b>	20	10	20	19	40	29
<b>Singleton Kings</b>	15	25	19	13	34	38
<b>Singleton Queens</b>	14	12	11	15	25	27
<b>Singleton Jacks</b>	20	15	18	19	38	34
<b>King under Ace (onside)</b>	174	196	200	171	374	367
<b>over Ace (offside)</b>	160	164	163	174	323	338
<b>Queen under King (onside)</b>	151	148	180	162	331	310
<b>over King (offside)</b>	157	182	179	238	336	420
<b>Jack under Queen (onside)</b>	159	188	174	180	333	368
<b>over Queen (offside)</b>	197	163	189	183	386	346
<b>Length of fit = 0</b>	25	38	34	44	0	0
<b>Length of fit = 1</b>	249	206	207	207	0	2
<b>Length of fit = 2</b>	555	581	577	553	7	11
<b>Length of fit = 3</b>	796	826	839	848	44	56
<b>Length of fit = 4</b>	693	655	648	670	223	200
<b>Length of fit = 5</b>	333	355	367	342	452	459
<b>Length of fit = 6</b>	128	118	103	107	697	649
<b>Length of fit = 7</b>	20	17	23	24	649	697
<b>Length of fit = 8</b>	1	4	2	2	459	452
<b>Length of fit = 9</b>	0	0	0	3	200	223
<b>Length of fit = 10</b>	0	0	0	0	56	44
<b>Length of fit = 11</b>	0	0	0	0	11	7
<b>Length of fit = 12</b>	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>Length of fit = 13</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Card Distributions (percent)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Theoretical</b>
<b>4-4-3-2</b>	22.29	20.14	20.14	22.86	21.36	21.55
<b>4-3-3-3</b>	11.71	10.86	12.71	12.57	11.96	10.54
<b>4-4-4-1</b>	3.29	3.71	2.86	2.57	3.11	2.99
<b>5-3-3-2</b>	13.43	16.86	17.00	14.00	15.32	15.52
<b>5-4-3-1</b>	13.86	12.00	11.43	13.14	12.61	12.93
<b>5-4-2-2</b>	9.43	11.43	10.57	9.57	10.25	10.58
<b>5-5-2-1</b>	4.00	2.57	4.14	3.71	3.61	3.17
<b>5-4-4-0</b>	0.71	1.29	1.86	1.14	1.25	1.24
<b>5-5-3-0</b>	0.43	1.43	1.00	1.14	1.00	0.90
<b>6-3-2-2</b>	5.29	6.57	6.14	5.86	5.96	5.64
<b>6-4-2-1</b>	6.14	3.57	3.71	3.00	4.11	4.70
<b>6-3-3-1</b>	3.29	4.00	2.57	3.57	3.36	3.45
<b>6-4-3-0</b>	1.43	1.29	1.00	1.43	1.29	1.33
<b>6-5-1-1</b>	1.14	0.43	0.71	0.14	0.61	0.71
<b>6-5-2-0</b>	0.14	0.71	0.57	1.00	0.61	0.65
<b>6-6-1-0</b>	0.43	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.18	0.07
<b>Other distributions</b>	3.00	3.00	3.57	4.14	3.43	4.03

**SESSION 35**  
**OPEN TEAMS**



# 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.

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

  

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	1NT	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 ♣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

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
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
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.

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

  

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	S	

  

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
		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-

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garians. The defence was easy and merciless: ♣J to the king, ♣A, ♥A. low heart to the queen, ♥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**

<b>West</b> <i>Palau</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Karaivanov</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Allegrini</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Trendafilov</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	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 3♣ 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.**

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



**Open Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Stamatov</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Multon</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Karaivanov</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Quantin</i>
			1♣
1♦	1♥	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, so the French were allowed to play 4♥ which failed by two tricks when declarer did not go for the ruffing finesse in clubs. Bulgaria +100.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Palau</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Karaivanov</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Allegrini</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Trendafilov</i>
			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 tournament.

**GENERALI TROPHY**

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**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	1	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	-	11	80	-		-	48	-	218
Germany	15	30	24	20	-	-		96	-	16	-	201
Sweden	45	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	70	32	20	184

**SESSION 20**  
**LADIES TEAMS**



**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

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 ♠8 holding the trick, Fischer was in with a chance. She cashed the ♠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 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All Pass			2♠

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♣

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
1♦	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
1♣	1♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

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' pre-emptive 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.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
3♣	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
All 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 1♦ 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.

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

West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
Pass	1♦	3♠	4♠
All Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦

West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
Pass	1♥	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦

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 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♦
All Pass			3NT

West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
All Pass			3NT

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; +400.



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.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkrich
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

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

whose values were mostly in spades, had a clear removal to 5♠. 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.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
1♣	2♣	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♥	3♣
			All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkrich
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 Weigkrich 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.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q 7 6 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ 5 ♥ A Q J 3 2 ♦ A J 10 ♣ A J 8 4	♠ 10 ♥ K 9 6 4 ♦ Q 9 8 3 2 ♣ 10 5 2
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W     E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Pasman	Erhart	Simons
			Pass
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Vd Pas	Fischer	Vriend	Weigkricht
			Pass
1♠	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♣ 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♦ response to a strong club opening is weak with six hearts in her other partnership. The standard Blue Club meaning of 2♦ 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

For a long time eight trumps were considered to be necessary for a suit contract. Then Alfonso 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 3♦ 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 Board 6 in the match against Croatia in Round 29 knowing that it was on a 3-3 fit.



Maas – preferring the 3-3 trump suit successfully

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

We gained 1 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♣ - until you see the location of the club honours.

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:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 10 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ K Q 10 7 ♣ A 9 3	<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		♠ J 4 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 5 2
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West	North <i>Ramondt</i>	East	South <i>Maas</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	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 2♠ 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 ♥A and continued with ♥Q which I ruffed. To my surprise the contract was not completely hopeless. The ♠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 ♣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 ♣A, discarded a diamond on ♥K and continued with ace, king, and queen of

Dealer East. N/S

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

West <i>Engel</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>van Middellem</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

I led ♠K, declarer won with dummy's ace and discarded ♣Q from his hand. I felt sick. I could see that diamonds were 3-3, and my ♥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 ♦QJ under ♦AK so Declarer does not need to ruff a diamond. Now he has a possibility to finesse in hearts, and seeing your ♥10 on the first round of the suit, he will almost certainly do so. You might even consider playing ♥Q on the first round but then you risk that your partner has ♥9! No, the ten will do (you will play that from ♥10x, 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

Player	avg. IMPs	Boards									
1 Bocchi N	ITA	0.91	580	Terraneo C	AUS	0.16	499	Arigun C	TUR	-0.08	440
Duboin G	ITA	0.91	580	31 Burn D	ENG	0.14	480	53 Duong H	SWI	-0.09	480
2 Helgemo G	NOR	0.74	580	Callaghan B	ENG	0.14	480	Yalcin T	SWI	-0.09	480
Helness T	NOR	0.74	580	Hausler H	GER	0.14	420	54 Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.11	459
3 Karaivanov K	BUL	0.65	440	Spletstosse	GER	0.14	420	Matheson J	SCO	-0.11	459
4 Brogeland B	NOR	0.62	480	32 Goodman P	WAL	0.13	440	55 Teixeira A	POR	-0.12	440
Saelensminde	NOR	0.62	480	Svoboda O	CZE	0.13	440	56 Kurbalija F	WAL	-0.13	440
5 Gromov A	RUS	0.60	540	Schaltz D	DEN	0.13	480	Liggins G	ENG	-0.13	440
Petrudin A	RUS	0.60	540	Schaltz P	DEN	0.13	480	Tesla M	CRO	-0.13	540
6 Trendafilov	BUL	0.56	460	33 Kirchhoff E	NET	0.12	200	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.13	540
Balicki C	POL	0.56	500	Paulissen G	NET	0.12	200	57 Zadrzil M	CZE	-0.15	460
Zmudzinski A	POL	0.56	500	Gloyer A	AUS	0.12	499	Szalay G	HUN	-0.15	360
7 Kwiecien M	POL	0.55	580	Schifko M	AUS	0.12	499	58 Kaplan A	BEL	-0.16	440
Pszczola J	POL	0.55	580	34 Maas A	NET	0.11	560	Polet G	BEL	-0.16	440
8 Multon F	FRA	0.54	540	Kannavos P	GRE	0.11	360	Baroudi N	LEB	-0.16	380
Quantin J	FRA	0.54	540	Ramondt V	NET	0.11	560	Nasr C	LEB	-0.16	380
9 Zorlu N	TUR	0.52	640	35 Barbosa J	POR	0.09	480	59 Senk M	SLO	-0.21	660
Assael S	TUR	0.52	640	Ludewig B	GER	0.09	500	Kranjc G	SLO	-0.21	660
10 Yadlin D	ISR	0.51	440	Reps K	GER	0.09	500	60 Vozabal D	CZE	-0.23	480
Yadlin I	ISR	0.51	440	36 Nikolayenko	UKR	0.08	440	Matei C	ROM	-0.23	499
Honti L	HUN	0.51	400	Rybnikov G	UKR	0.08	440	Savin D	ROM	-0.23	479
11 Eidi M	LEB	0.50	620	Engel Z	BEL	0.08	460	61 Koksoy E	TUR	-0.29	279
Harfouche G	LEB	0.50	620	Van Middeltem	BEL	0.08	460	Ucar A	TUR	-0.29	279
De Falco D	ITA	0.50	260	37 Aviram Y	ISR	0.07	359	62 Renno I	LUX	-0.37	419
Ferraro G	ITA	0.50	260	Barel M	ISR	0.07	359	Briolini G	SMR	-0.37	460
12 Jansma J	NET	0.48	600	38 Gal P	HUN	0.06	459	Fiorini F	SMR	-0.37	460
Verhees L	NET	0.48	600	Abecassis M	FRA	0.06	380	63 Helling S	LUX	-0.38	479
13 Blakset L	DEN	0.45	520	Soulet P	FRA	0.06	380	64 Soroldoni M	SMR	-0.40	439
Bruun M	DEN	0.45	520	39 Denning P	WAL	0.05	480	Zaccaria D	SMR	-0.40	439
14 Eliasson PG	LAT	0.37	479	Thomas A	WAL	0.05	480	65 Rotaru I	ROM	-0.42	460
Magnusson T	LAT	0.37	479	Nystrom F	SWE	0.05	460	Lamza V	CRO	-0.42	439
15 Dubinin A	RUS	0.36	420	Bertheau P	SWE	0.05	460	Tomic T	CRO	-0.42	439
Krasnoselsk	RUS	0.36	420	Kiema O	FIN	0.05	679	66 Fahs B	LEB	-0.43	320
16 Kholomeev V	RUS	0.35	400	Koistinen K	FIN	0.05	679	Hamdan F	LEB	-0.43	320
Zlotov D	RUS	0.35	400	40 Kurka J	CZE	0.04	480	Dousse J	SWI	-0.43	380
17 Kapayannides A	GRE	0.34	500	Hopfenheit G	GER	0.04	440	Stoekli F	SWI	-0.43	380
Liarakos S	GRE	0.34	500	Retzlaff R	GER	0.04	440	Alfejeva E	LAT	-0.43	439
18 Carcassonne	BEL	0.33	460	Murdoch J	SCO	0.04	419	Gonca V	LAT	-0.43	439
Labaere A	BEL	0.33	460	Walker D	SCO	0.04	419	67 Micescu V	ROM	-0.44	440
19 Herbst I	ISR	0.32	519	41 Rees T	WAL	0.03	440	68 Ananijev B	CRO	-0.52	380
Herbst O	ISR	0.32	519	Winkler G	HUN	0.03	619	Sasek T	CRO	-0.52	380
20 Lauria L	ITA	0.31	520	42 Jonsson Th	ICE	0.02	480	69 Levy R	SWI	-0.53	500
Versace A	ITA	0.31	520	Thorvaldsson	ICE	0.02	480	Teyluoni F	SWI	-0.53	500
21 Hallberg G	ENG	0.29	439	Lindermann A	AUS	0.02	360	70 MacDonagh M	IRE	-0.56	420
Simpson C	ENG	0.29	439	Saurer B	AUS	0.02	360	O'Brien B	IRE	-0.56	420
Ingimarsson	ICE	0.29	480	43 Pinto R	POR	0.01	460	Juuri-Oja J	FIN	-0.56	339
Magnusson M	ICE	0.29	480	44 Jansa Z	CZE	0.00	360	Utter L	FIN	-0.56	339
22 Stamatov J	BUL	0.27	460	45 Hanlon T	IRE	-0.01	500	71 O'Briain P	IRE	-0.62	440
23 Whittaker W	SCO	0.25	479	McGann H	IRE	-0.01	500	Roche T	IRE	-0.62	440
Steel L	SCO	0.25	479	Rometi F	ROM	-0.01	420	72 Rapoport O	UKR	-0.63	460
24 Mraz T	CZE	0.22	500	Valeanu V	ROM	-0.01	420	Volkov O	UKR	-0.63	460
Caspersen H	DEN	0.22	360	46 Capucho M	POR	-0.02	440	73 Novak M	SLO	-0.69	660
Norgaard T	DEN	0.22	360	Lara M	POR	-0.02	440	Spiljak	SLO	-0.69	20
25 Frances A	SPA	0.21	420	47 Pownall M	WAL	-0.03	440	Lipuzic D	SLO	-0.69	640
Torres J	SPA	0.21	420	AA T	NOR	-0.03	300	Kloppenborg	LUX	-0.69	480
Sundelin P	SWE	0.21	480	Groetheim G	NOR	-0.03	300	Schaaper M	LUX	-0.69	480
Sylvan J	SWE	0.21	480	Debonnaire J	POR	-0.03	460	74 Pesonen J	FIN	-0.72	340
26 Knap A	SPA	0.20	458	48 Baldursson J	ICE	-0.04	400	Stubb S	FIN	-0.72	340
Wasik A	SPA	0.20	458	Sigurhjartar	ICE	-0.04	400	75 Fornaro P	LIE	-0.74	440
27 Karaivanov I	BUL	0.19	480	49 Andersson L	SWE	-0.05	420	Zucchini G	LIE	-0.74	440
Hegedus G	HUN	0.19	420	Gullberg T	SWE	-0.05	420	76 Arnaboldi S	LIE	-0.82	460
28 Allegrini P	FRA	0.18	440	50 Lesniewski M	POL	-0.06	280	Turletti G	LIE	-0.82	460
Palau Jj	FRA	0.18	440	Martens K	POL	-0.06	280	77 Richter C	LUX	-0.85	419
29 Goded F	SPA	0.17	479	51 Mihov V	BUL	-0.07	440	78 Dietrich A	LUX	-0.88	439
Lantaron L	SPA	0.17	479	Naney I	BUL	-0.07	440	79 Golfarelli V	LIE	-0.90	460
30 Skoularikis F	GRE	0.16	500	Szilagy L	HUN	-0.07	380	Palmeri C	LIE	-0.90	460
Zotos L	GRE	0.16	500	52 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.08	460	80 Filippi F	SMR	-0.94	460
Simon J	AUS	0.16	499	Nemtsev O	UKR	-0.08	460	Pizza E	SMR	-0.94	460
				Cuhadar E	TUR	-0.08	440	81 Purgajlis M	LAT	-1.09	440
								Romanovskis	LAT	-1.09	440

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## Final Butler Ranking

Player		avg. Boards									
		IMPs									
1 Berglund SE	SWE	1.49	70	24 Ekberg S	SWE	0.26	336	53 Parente M	POR	-0.29	182
2 Klapper W	POI	0.93	350	25 Battistoni G	IT2	0.25	224	Ribeiro G	POR	-0.29	182
Russyan J	POI	0.93	350	Bertolucci E	IT2	0.25	224	Levit Y	IS2	-0.29	280
3 Wala W	POI	0.85	322	26 Jackson D.A	IRE	0.24	294	Peri S	ISI	-0.29	140
Wilkosz A	POI	0.85	322	27 Humburg H	GEI	0.23	252	Shachar L	ISI	-0.29	140
Adad P	FR2	0.85	252	Mattsson G	GEI	0.23	252	54 Mykietyk K	PO2	-0.30	182
Aujaleu M	FR2	0.85	252	28 Alfredsson L	SWE	0.22	280	55 Gomes DaCost	POR	-0.31	266
4 Brkljadic M	CRO	0.82	238	Knutsen K	NOR	0.22	292	Oliveira J	POR	-0.31	266
Delmouly C	FR2	0.82	238	29 Stanley K	EN2	0.21	238	56 As I	IS2	-0.33	196
Roudinesco J	FR2	0.82	238	Townsend B	EN2	0.21	238	57 Wounsel V	BEL	-0.35	14
5 Rue D	EN2	0.78	266	Frew D	SCO	0.21	236	58 Boesiger H	SWI	-0.39	364
Sowter T	EN2	0.78	266	30 Nosek J	CZE	0.19	237	Splengler W	SWI	-0.39	364
6 Schroeder D	GEI	0.76	294	Hebak P	CZE	0.19	237	Sagiv Y	IS2	-0.39	294
Schwenkreis	GEI	0.76	294	31 Collings J	EN2	0.17	224	59 Goldenfield	ENI	-0.41	238
7 Beineix JC	FR1	0.72	210	Jones D	EN2	0.17	224	Hirst B	ENI	-0.41	238
Stoppa JL	FR1	0.72	210	32 DeVrij H	NET	0.14	154	MacKenzie G	IRE	-0.41	280
8 Hugonet T	FR1	0.70	266	Polle W	NET	0.14	154	60 Almeida E	POR	-0.45	280
Peyronnie C	FR1	0.70	266	33 Filip A	CZE	0.11	252	Ferreira H	POR	-0.45	280
9 Flodqvist S.	SWE	0.69	154	Jires P	CZE	0.11	252	61 Manglano J	SPI	-0.47	252
Panto J	ENI	0.69	294	34 Chmelik N	GEI	0.10	182	Molero E	SPI	-0.47	252
Waterlow T	ENI	0.69	294	Hoger W	GEI	0.10	182	62 Badir F	BEL	-0.48	364
10 Backstrom L	SWE	0.65	280	35 Hirst M	WAI	0.07	308	Hendrickx J	BEL	-0.48	364
11 Hackett P	ENI	0.64	196	36 Hellemann H	NOR	0.06	250	63 Perasic D	CRO	-0.53	280
Harper R	ENI	0.64	196	37 Imhof H	SWI	0.05	364	64 Merhy G	LEB	-0.54	238
Diamond D	SCO	0.64	236	Frei J	SWI	0.05	364	65 Greenstein M	ISI	-0.57	266
12 Bomhof J.W	NET	0.62	293	MacLaren J	SCO	0.05	236	Harduf M	ISI	-0.57	266
Englander N	NET	0.62	293	38 Rebattu M	NET	0.04	279	66 Alcaraz R	SPI	-0.62	238
Protega B	CRO	0.62	294	Van Oppen C	NET	0.04	279	DiazRevenga	SPI	-0.62	238
13 Bardin A	IT1	0.58	266	39 Sveindal J	NOR	0.01	250	67 Tedeschi E	CRO	-0.67	154
Maci G	IT1	0.58	252	40 Henry J	BEL	-0.01	350	Isla J	SPI	-0.67	238
Bettoni T	IT1	0.58	266	Goldberg V	SCO	-0.01	252	JimenezHuert	SPI	-0.67	238
Mismetti C	IT1	0.58	252	Gordon I	SCO	-0.01	252	Boyadji E	LEB	-0.67	252
14 Hallen H.O	SWE	0.54	336	41 Gleis M	BEL	-0.02	364	Mannor M	IS2	-0.67	224
15 Klukowski J	PO2	0.53	307	42 Montwill A	IRE	-0.04	294	Sharon A	IS2	-0.67	224
16 Baxter K	SCO	0.48	236	43 Luck J	WAI	-0.08	336	68 Debbane J	LEB	-0.69	280
17 Marcowicz V	PO2	0.43	237	44 Caric J	CRO	-0.09	238	69 Parry E	WA2	-0.70	362
18 Baroni F	IT2	0.42	251	45 Jourdain P	WAI	-0.10	196	Powell A	WA2	-0.70	362
Ricciarelli	IT2	0.42	251	46 Brav B	ISI	-0.11	294	70 Arachtinsi	LEB	-0.71	196
19 Nordby H	NOR	0.37	334	Zilberbush S	ISI	-0.11	294	71 Leighton C	MAL	-0.80	362
Mari C	FR2	0.37	238	47 Gromoeller W	GE2	-0.12	364	Leighton M	MAL	-0.80	362
Leenhardt F	FR2	0.37	238	Piekenbrock	GE2	-0.12	364	72 Gagne P	WAI	-0.88	294
20 Bettinetti G	IT2	0.36	251	Schneider W	GE2	-0.12	364	73 Patrick D	WA2	-0.89	362
Marino L	IT2	0.36	251	Uhlmann HD	GE2	-0.12	364	Patrick J	WA2	-0.89	362
21 Jezioro A	PO2	0.34	363	48 Wenneroed K	NOR	-0.13	252	74 Moe J	NOR	-0.90	70
Zaremba J	PO2	0.34	363	49 Longinotti E	IT1	-0.14	210	75 Reddy T	WAI	-0.92	322
22 Reurer JM	FR1	0.33	252	Resta G	IT1	-0.14	210	76 Sver B	CRO	-0.96	252
Coppolani M	FR1	0.33	252	50 Krizek F	CZE	-0.15	237	77 Dix M	MAL	-0.98	362
23 Barry P	IRE	0.29	294	Subrt J	CZE	-0.15	237	ParnisEnglan	MAL	-0.98	362
				51 Megged A	IS2	-0.17	182	78 Eidi G	LEB	-1.02	182
				52 MacHale J	IRE	-0.23	294	79 Fayad G	LEB	-1.26	196
								80 Milde A	POI	-1.49	56
								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.

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

West	North	East	South
Hackett		Harper	
	Pass	1♣*	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♦	1♥
1♠	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 prestigious invitational events with his partner

**GEIR HELGEMO** (b 1970) of Trondheim. Bridge celebrity #1 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. Degree 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 co-habitator, 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 Championships, 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.