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We're Racing in Salsomaggiore



Malmo here we come

With the start of the Women's and Senior's events, there are three Championships to follow. In the Open it was business as usual for **Italy**, who stay at the top, followed by **Spain** and **Norway**. As happened yesterday the top two teams meet in the first match of the day. The furious pace set by the Champions has already seen them open up a 36VP gap over the fifth placed team.

In the Women's series reigning World Champions **Germany** have made the fastest start but the holders, **England**, are right behind them with **Russia** in third place.

The powerful **French** squad top the Senior's event with **Italy** and **Wales** tied for second place.

Today's VuGraph Matches

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Spain v Italy	10.30
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France v Netherlands	14.15
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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 9**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	ENGLAND	53 - 21	22 - 8
2	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	64 - 43	19 - 11
3	FINLAND	CYPRUS	80 - 47	22 - 8
4	IRELAND	FAROE ISLANDS	48 - 42	16 - 14
5	ISRAEL	LIECHTENSTEIN	86 - 44	24 - 6
6	FRANCE	DENMARK	45 - 49	14 - 16
7	SWITZERLAND	UKRAINE	63 - 40	20 - 10
8	SLOVENIA	SWEDEN	25 - 62	7 - 23
9	PORTUGAL	GREECE	21 - 70	5 - 25
10	LEBANON	NETHERLANDS	42 - 51	13 - 17
11	CZECH REP	BELGIUM	38 - 63	10 - 20
12	ITALY	ICELAND	70 - 21	25 - 5
13	MONACO	AUSTRIA	30 - 33	14 - 16
14	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	54 - 54	15 - 15
15	WALES	SPAIN	28 - 60	8 - 22
16	CROATIA	GERMANY	55 - 47	16 - 14
17	SAN MARINO	YUGOSLAVIA	73 - 17	25 - 4
18	RUSSIA	TURKEY	42 - 69	9 - 21
19	LATVIA	NORWAY	27 - 84	4 - 25

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	WALES	LATVIA	66 - 26	23 - 7
2	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	76 - 25	25 - 5
3	ROMANIA	MONACO	65 - 22	24 - 6
4	AUSTRIA	ITALY	44 - 33	17 - 13
5	ICELAND	CZECH REP	49 - 39	17 - 13
6	BELGIUM	LEBANON	27 - 38	13 - 17
7	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	25 - 24	15 - 15
8	GREECE	SLOVENIA	42 - 30	17 - 13
9	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	75 - 28	24 - 6
10	UKRAINE	FRANCE	39 - 25	18 - 12
11	DENMARK	ISRAEL	45 - 28	19 - 11
12	LIECHTENSTEIN	IRELAND	75 - 54	19 - 11
13	FAROE ISLANDS	FINLAND	4 - 55	5 - 25
14	CYPRUS	HUNGARY	19 - 58	7 - 23
15	BULGARIA	POLAND	46 - 36	17 - 13
16	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	24 - 66	6 - 24
17	TURKEY	SAN MARINO	69 - 21	25 - 5
18	YUGOSLAVIA	CROATIA	39 - 56	11 - 19
19	GERMANY	NORWAY	43 - 52	13 - 17

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	CYPRUS	72 - 8	25 - 3
2	HUNGARY	FAROE ISLANDS	40 - 40	15 - 15
3	FINLAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	72 - 33	23 - 7
4	IRELAND	DENMARK	16 - 36	11 - 19
5	ISRAEL	UKRAINE	31 - 38	14 - 16
6	FRANCE	SWEDEN	36 - 37	15 - 15
7	SWITZERLAND	GREECE	17 - 32	12 - 18
8	SLOVENIA	NETHERLANDS	42 - 62	11 - 19
9	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	44 - 33	17 - 13
10	LEBANON	ICELAND	44 - 37	16 - 14
11	CZECH REP	AUSTRIA	29 - 40	13 - 17
12	ITALY	ROMANIA	39 - 14	20 - 10
13	MONACO	SPAIN	31 - 74	6 - 24
14	SCOTLAND	WALES	23 - 56	8 - 22
15	NORWAY	YUGOSLAVIA	51 - 15	22 - 8
16	CROATIA	TURKEY	44 - 45	15 - 15
17	SAN MARINO	ENGLAND	17 - 68	5 - 25
18	RUSSIA	BULGARIA	10 - 27	11 - 19
19	LATVIA	GERMANY	9 - 65	4 - 25

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 12****10.30**

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

ROUND 13**14.15**

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

ROUND 14**17.35**

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

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 11 rounds

1	ITALY	171.00
2	ICELAND	156.00
3	NORWAY	153.00
4	BULGARIA	151.00
5	FRANCE	148.00
6	SPAIN	146.00
7	CZECH REP.	144.00
8	RUSSIA	144.00
9	NETHERLANDS	142.00
10	ENGLAND	139.00
11	SCOTLAND	138.00
12	ISRAEL	132.00
13	HUNGARY	127.00
14	AUSTRIA	126.00
15	LEBANON	122.00
16	YUGOSLAVIA	120.00
17	SLOVENIA	120.00
18	POLAND	119.00
19	IRELAND	118.00
20	TURKEY	117.00
21	SWEDEN	116.00
22	UKRAINE	116.00
23	GERMANY	113.00
24	GREECE	113.00
25	SWITZERLAND	110.00
26	MONACO	110.00
27	WALES	109.00
28	ROMANIA	105.00
29	PORTUGAL	104.00
30	FINLAND	103.00
31	CROATIA	101.00
32	DENMARK	95.00
33	SAN MARINO	91.00
34	FAROE ISLANDS	90.00
35	CYPRUS	86.00
36	BELGIUM	83.00
37	LATVIA	75.00
38	LIECHTENSTEIN	65.00

Laws of bridge (2)

One of the most frequent irregularities causing problems up to the level of Appeals Committees are the decisions in bidding or even play after receiving unauthorised information (UI) from partner, for example by a hesitation. In such cases we do not allow a favourable choice out of logical alternatives that could be based on that UI. This for example means that after a hesitation continuing the bidding to a making slam will not be accepted when pass is a logical alternative (let us say with an expectancy of 1 out of 5). As a consequence the adjusted score for both sides will be based on a game contract. Not the score for six spades just made, but adjusted to four spades making 12 tricks.

There is a feeling this approach is too favourable for the opponents, who now receive a very good score compared with the normal score, being six spades. That is why in the ACBL for example there is some pressure to adjust the score for the non-offending side to that normal score, not giving them a huge score in a case where the offending side most probably had also reached the slam without the hesitation, but the present laws do not allow such a decision. In other words: we should consider an approach in which the adjusted score is more equity oriented, certainly for the non-offending side and it might even be the best approach for the hesitating side, but that is less clear (and not suggested by people in the ACBL).

To explore the example given: we could give the opponents a weighted score based on 2/3 bidding the slam and 1/3 not bidding the slam and the offending side either not allowed to bid the slam at all or 1/3 bidding the slam and 2/3 not bidding the slam. Such an approach is only valid if the expectancy is clearly in favour of the slam being reached, let us say at least 75%, but not automatic, meaning there is an alternative that will be chosen once in a while. If the slam is less than 75%, the adjusted score for both sides should be based on the game contract.

Don't lose yourself in the details and numbers given. I am interested in your view about the principle question: should the score for the non-offending side be more equity oriented than it is in the present laws, or should we continue giving the non-offenders the very favourable score they receive now?

Ton Kooijman

Mobile Phones - Spot Checks

Team Captains and Players, Scorers and Kibitzers are reminded that Mobile Phones may not be brought into the playing area and toilets.

In order to ensure that this regulation is strictly adhered to there will be random spot checks of all the members of a team, including the captain and scorer at the start of each match. Teams are asked to co-operate with these spot checks which will include a search of personal belongings.

Mobile phones may be left with Reception for the duration of the match.

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 1**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	DENMARK	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
22	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	37 - 45	14 - 16
23	FINLAND	CROATIA	53 - 50	16 - 14
24	GERMANY	POLAND	57 - 34	20 - 10
25	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	63 - 4	25 - 4
26	ICELAND	ISRAEL	34 - 28	16 - 14
27	SAN MARINO	FRANCE	16 - 49	8 - 22
28	ENGLAND	TURKEY	36 - 21	18 - 12
29	CZECH REP.	FAROE ISLANDS	41 - 40	15 - 15
30	ITALY	SPAIN	35 - 36	15 - 15
31	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	55 - 65	13 - 17
32	RUSSIA	HUNGARY	46 - 18	21 - 9

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	45 - 64	11 - 19
22	FINLAND	SWEDEN	23 - 38	12 - 18
23	POLAND	CROATIA	33 - 22	17 - 13
24	NORWAY	GERMANY	22 - 69	6 - 24
25	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	25 - 32	14 - 16
26	SAN MARINO	ICELAND	23 - 53	9 - 21
27	TURKEY	FRANCE	25 - 24	15 - 15
28	FAROE ISLANDS	ENGLAND	13 - 71	4 - 25
29	SPAIN	CZECH REP.	32 - 55	10 - 20
30	IRELAND	ITALY	72 - 59	18 - 12
31	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	48 - 46	15 - 15
32	Bye	RUSSIA	0 - 0	0 - 18

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 3 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	DENMARK	FINLAND
22	SWEDEN	POLAND
23	CROATIA	NORWAY
24	GERMANY	ISRAEL
25	SCOTLAND	SAN MARINO
26	ICELAND	TURKEY
27	FRANCE	FAROE ISLANDS
28	ENGLAND	SPAIN
29	CZECH REP.	IRELAND
30	ITALY	HUNGARY
31	AUSTRIA	RUSSIA
32	NETHERLANDS	Bye

ROUND 4 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	POLAND	DENMARK
22	NORWAY	SWEDEN
23	ISRAEL	CROATIA
24	SAN MARINO	GERMANY
25	TURKEY	SCOTLAND
26	FAROE ISLANDS	ICELAND
27	SPAIN	FRANCE
28	IRELAND	ENGLAND
29	HUNGARY	CZECH REP.
30	RUSSIA	ITALY
31	Bye	AUSTRIA
32	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING
after 2 rounds**

1	GERMANY	44.00
2	ENGLAND	43.00
3	RUSSIA	39.00
4	FRANCE	37.00
5	ICELAND	37.00
6	DENMARK	37.00
7	CZECH REP	35.00
8	SWEDEN	32.00
9	AUSTRIA	32.00
10	NORWAY	31.00
11	IRELAND	31.00
12	FINLAND	28.00
13	ISRAEL	28.00
14	NETHERLANDS	27.00
15	ITALY	27.00
16	POLAND	27.00
17	CROATIA	27.00
18	TURKEY	27.00
19	SPAIN	25.00
20	HUNGARY	24.00
21	SCOTLAND	20.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	19.00
23	SAN MARINO	17.00

Celebration

The celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the European Bridge Team Championships, a very important milestone in our history, will be held at the "Teatro Nuove", Viale Romagnos, on Saturday 22nd June at 19:15.

Many of the great champions who during the past years have led their country to victory in the European Teams Championships, will be present.

A party will follow in the garden of the Grand Hotel Milano.

Please don't forget your invitation card or your badge, to be shown at the entrance.

NBO Formal uniform or Formal wear.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 1**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	42 - 49	14 - 16
42	DENMARK	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 12
43	FRANCE	CZECH REP.	55 - 17	23 - 7
44	SWEDEN	CROATIA	28 - 69	7 - 23
45	ENGLAND	IRELAND	31 - 20	17 - 13
46	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	38 - 58	11 - 19
47	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	42 - 34	16 - 14
48	WALES	PORTUGAL	74 - 26	25 - 5
49	ITALY	POLAND	44 - 34	17 - 13
50	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	49 - 28	19 - 11

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Bye	SCOTLAND	0 - 13	0 - 18
42	CZECH REP.	DENMARK	45 - 60	12 - 18
43	CROATIA	FRANCE	34 - 58	10 - 20
44	IRELAND	SWEDEN	35 - 43	14 - 16
45	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	52 - 34	19 - 11
46	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	53 - 33	19 - 11
47	PORTUGAL	TURKEY	33 - 26	16 - 14
48	POLAND	WALES	45 - 43	15 - 15
49	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	6 - 65	4 - 25
50	ISRAEL	GERMANY	48 - 23	20 - 10

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 3 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.
42	DENMARK	CROATIA
43	FRANCE	IRELAND
44	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS
45	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA
46	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
47	TURKEY	POLAND
48	WALES	SWITZERLAND
49	ITALY	GERMANY
50	Bye	ISRAEL

ROUND 4 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	CROATIA	SCOTLAND
42	IRELAND	DENMARK
43	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
44	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN
45	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND
46	POLAND	SPAIN
47	SWITZERLAND	TURKEY
48	GERMANY	WALES
49	ISRAEL	ITALY
50	Bye	CZECH REP.

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING
after 2 rounds**

1	FRANCE	43.00
2	ITALY	40.00
3	WALES	40.00
4	NETHERLANDS	38.00
5	DENMARK	36.00
6	ISRAEL	36.00
7	CROATIA	33.00
8	AUSTRIA	33.00
9	SCOTLAND	32.00
10	TURKEY	30.00
11	GERMANY	29.00
12	POLAND	28.00
13	ENGLAND	28.00
14	IRELAND	27.00
15	SWEDEN	23.00
16	SPAIN	22.00
17	PORTUGAL	21.00
18	CZECH REP	19.00
19	SWITZERLAND	15.00

Championship Diary

Guido Ferraro predicts that a score of 625 will be enough to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl. Tacchi considers that this shows a total lack of understanding of the theory of basic mathematics, as it is obvious that at least 626 will be needed.

The Swedish Federation is making a series of presentations about the 2004 Championships in Malmo. Every team will be notified when it is their turn - and the good news is that it will be much cooler!

We have been contemplating giving a number of Bulletin prizes. Rather than the usual run of the mill items we propose some rather more original offerings. You are welcome to make your own suggestions but meanwhile here are a few to be going on with:

A visit to Norberto Bocchi's barber

A round of golf with Patrick Jourdain

A lesson in the apostrophes' correct use by a Welsh scorer.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 6
Bulgaria v Israel

Last year in Tenerife, Israel qualified at the post while Bulgaria missed the last train. This time, Bulgaria made a better start than Israel, so even at these early stages both teams already had everything to play for. So it was a logical move to bring this match on the reinstated VuGraph.

The match started well for Israel, with a possible slam swing on board 20. We will come back to that later as no comparison was available at the time the board was shown.

On the first board, Israel did well to reach a good partscore, but even a thin game was in the cards, bid and made at several tables in the room. Still, they took a 3-0 lead when Bulgaria let their opponents at the other table go down quietly in 3♣. But then came:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Karaivanov	Podgur	Trendafilov
		1♦	3♣
Dble	3♥	Pass	3NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

After 3♥ from Kalin Karaivanov, Trendafilov could foresee the defence against 4♠ so he doubled. On a club lead, heart return and heart ruff the contract was smoothly one down. Bulgaria +100.

Well, apart from the double this board might not have been worth reporting, but this is what really happened in the Closed Room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Barel	Nanev	Aviram
		1♦	2♣
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

One might expect the defence to be the same, but Michael Barel elected to lead a trump. Now declarer got a chance to make his contract thanks to the extremely lucky lie of the hearts. He drew trumps and after leading up to the ♦K to no avail, he eventually took the three necessary heart finesses to land his contract. Bulgaria another +420 and 11 IMPs.

On the next board, Israel judged the partscore situation much better:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Karaivanov	Podgur	Trendafilov
		2♥	INT
Pass	Pass		Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Here we saw the weak NT in operation, this time even with a singleton honour (!) in it. Kalish did will to accept the transfer overcall, as this was the way to avoid a double. The contract went down three when declarer took the heart finesse before drawing trumps, as South could lead the 13th diamond after getting his two club tricks. When North ruffed with the jack, Q108 had promoted into two more tricks. Bulgaria an elegant +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Barel	Nanev	Aviram
		2♥	Dble
2♦	Pass		
All Pass			

Yoram Aviram had an easy double of the 2♥ relay on his passed hand, and Barel could only pass. Down two only, as there were no real promotion chances. But with the stakes increased, this amounted to +500 to Israel, 5 IMPs back.

Israel then went back into the lead when they out bid the Bulgarians on this one:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Karaivanov	Podgur	Trendafilov
	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

We understand North's opening bid and South responding pass, but it is difficult to see what North meant with his three further calls. As a result, the Israelis were allowed to play in 3♦ and make 9 tricks for +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Barel	Nanev	Aviram
	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Barel took the chance to show a strong hand by bidding 1♠, and when South raised he silenced everyone. One overtrick only as there was no way to take the trump finesse. Israel another +140 and 6 IMPs, a lead by 14-11.

Bulgaria regained the lead on the next board when they bid a game, down only on an unlikely lead.

After a misdefence and a good save, both by the Israelis it stood at 24-18 to Bulgaria when this one came:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Karaivanov	Podgur	Trendafilov
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On VuGraph, Kalish surprised the world and the spectators by his very conservative rebid of 3NT. Of course, he played there and made 12 tricks on a heart lead.

In the News

The Gazzetta Di Parma - a snip at Euro 0.88 - will be carrying a daily report on the Championships.



Yoram Aviram, Israel

In the Closed Room, the Bulgarians were one of many to show the way:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Barel	Nanev	Aviram
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

North led a spade so declarer had to finesse, but when this held the problems were soon over. Bulgaria +1390 and 12 IMPs. A few boards later both teams had a chance to score:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Karaivanov	Podgur	Trendafilov
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

LE SIGNORE ITALIANE

Appena iniziato il Campionato Europeo Ladies, conosciamo meglio le giocatrici della nostra Nazionale, guidate dal c.n.g. Guido Resta e dal coach Carlo Mosca.

Gianna Arrigoni

46 anni, di Firenze. World Master e European Master. L'attuale

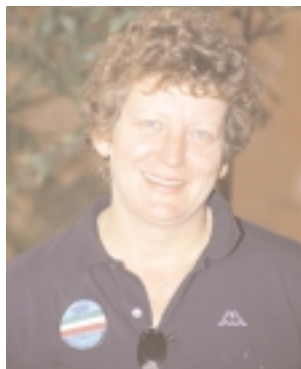


partner è Gabriella Olivieri. In nazionale dal 1979, ha partecipato a quattro Olimpiadi, a cinque Campionati Europei a Squadre con 2 bronzi ('81 - '85), a sette Campionati MEC, di cui cinque a Squadre, conquistando due bronzi ('81 - '83), e a due a Coppie, arrivando prima nel '79. In ambito italiano, ha vinto il titolo a Squadre Ladies sei volte ('83 - '85 - '88 - '91 - '95 - 2002), ed una ('93) quello a Squadre Miste. Ha inoltre conquistato due volte

la Coppa Italia Ladies ('96 e 2002) ed è arrivata 2° nelle uniche edizioni del Coppie Ladies cui ha partecipato ('79 - '99).

Francesca De Lucchi

40 anni, di Padova. World Master e European Master. L'attuale



partner è Annalisa Rosetta. La prima presenza in nazionale è del 1991, e da allora, ha sempre rappresentato l'Italia a tutti i Campionati Europei, conquistando, nel '93, un bronzo. Ha partecipato ad una Venice Cup nel '97 e a quattro Campionati MEC a Squadre, arrivando seconda nel '93 e terza nel '98. Ha, inoltre, vinto tre ori ('98 - 2000 - 2001), un argento (2002) e un bronzo ('99), nei Campionati italiani a Squadre Ladies; 2 argenti in quel-

lo a Coppie Ladies ('94 - '98); un primo (2001) e un terzo (2002) posto in Coppa Italia Ladies.

Gabriella Olivieri

49 anni, di Alessandria. World Master e European Life Master.



L'attuale partner è Gianna Arrigoni. Dal '79, quattro Olimpiadi e due Mondiali, con un 3° posto nell'87, e nove Europei, nei quali ha conquistato: due argenti ('87 a Squadre - '97 a Coppie), e un bronzo ('92 a Squadre Miste). Nel MEC due ori, due argenti e due bronzi ('85 - '98 - '91 - '93 - '79 - '89). In ambito italiano ha vinto: sei Assoluti a Squadre Ladies ('86 - '87 - '88 - '89 - '90 - 2002), cinque Squadre Miste ('84 - '87 - '88 - '94 - '97), un

Coppie Ladies ('96), quattro Coppie Miste ('87 - '90 - '94 - '95), due Coppe Italia ('96 e 2002).

Annalisa Rosetta

45 anni di Busto Arsizio. World Master e European Master.



L'attuale partner è Francesca De Lucchi. Il suo esordio in nazionale è del 1991. Nel suo palmarés una Venice Cup ('97), le ultime quattro edizioni degli Europei, tre MEC a Squadre con un bronzo nel '98. In ambito italiano molte volte sul podio: tre ori nei Campionati assoluti a Squadre Ladies ('98 - 2000 - 2001), tre argenti e un bronzo; in quello a Coppie Ladies un primo posto ('91), due secondi e un terzo; titolo nell'unica partecipazione nel Coppie

Miste ('93) e un argento ('99) e due bronzi ('96 - 2000) nello Squadre Miste. Ha vinto la Coppa Italia 2001 e si è classificata terza nel 2002.

Vanessa Torielli

26 anni, di Castiglione delle Stiviere (MN). Bancaria, gioca in



coppia con Marilina Vanuzzi. Tesserata con il Bridge Rama di Milano, ha vinto nella categoria juniores due ori nei Campionati Italiani a Squadre ('92 - 2001) e un argento nel Coppie ('85). Ha inoltre conquistato la Coppa Italia Ladies nel '99 e nel 2002 e ottenuto, negli Assoluti a Squadre Ladies, un argento nel 2000 e un bronzo nel 2001.

Ai Campionati Europei a Squadre 2002 di Salsomaggiore il suo esordio in maglia azzurra.

Marilina Vanuzzi

46 anni, di Milano. Laureata in Scienze Politiche è libera professionista nell'ambito delle traduzioni tecnico-legali. Gioca in



coppia con Vanessa Torielli. Il suo esordio in azzurro nel 1989 nei Campionati Europei a Squadre Miste dove ha vinto un bronzo. In campo internazionale ancora terza nel 1998 nel MEC a Squadre Ladies. Tesserata per l'Associazione Laveno Mombello, in ambito italiano ha conquistato la Coppa Italia Signore nel 2002, tre ori nei Campionati a Coppie Ladies ('93 - '97 - '98), un primo posto nel Campionato a Squadre Miste del '93,

in coppia con Versace, e due argenti ('92 - '95) e due bronzi (2000 - 2001) negli Assoluti a Squadre Ladies.

Appeal No. 2**Turkey v Israel**

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), Maria Erhart (Austria), Guido Ferraro (Italy), Anton Maas (the Netherlands), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), Steen Møller (Denmark).

Open Teams Round 4

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 4 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 9 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 10 7</p>	<p>♠ A 9 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ K J 8 5 4 2</p>
<p>West <i>Barel</i></p> <p>I♥ Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Arigun</i></p> <p>INT 3NT</p>	<p>East <i>Aviram</i></p> <p>I♣ Pass</p> <p>All Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Cengiz</i></p> <p>Dble 2NT</p>

Contract: Three No trumps, played by North

Lead: Five of Clubs

Play: tricks won by the ♣10, ♦Q, ♥K, ♦K, ♦A, ♥A, ♦7, ♦5 and ♠A (6 to NS, 3 to EW), at which point the remaining cards are: (East on play)

<p>♠ 10 6 2 ♥ 10 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ K J 4</p>
		<p>♠ Q J 8 ♥ 9 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	

The Facts: East played the nine of spades, taken on the table by the Queen. West said "2 and 2" and showed his cards. North played on however, and played the Jack of Spades next. This led to East/West indeed scoring the 2 tricks that West had claimed. Dummy then called the Director and suggested playing a heart at trick 11 to endplay West and score 9 tricks.

South told the Director that his partner may have been unaware of the claim but North admitted that he had been aware of it.

The Director: Ruled that there had been a claim, and declared all subsequent play void, as per Law 68D.

In consultation with the Chief Tournament Director it was decided that equity was best served by awarding a split score.

Ruling: North/South receive: 3NT-1 by North (NS -100)
East/West receive: 3NT= by North (NS +600)

Relevant Laws: Law 68A, 68D, 70A

The Chief Tournament Director also cited Law 12C3 and the Code of Practice enabling Tournament Director to award Adjusted Scores under Law 12C3.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and the Captain of North/South

The Players: West stated he had said "2 and 2". East confirmed that he had heard this. South said the claim was not clear but he had understood it, because he had seen the actions of his screen-mate. North stated he had heard something like "I trick".

All players confirmed that West had shown his cards, although no one was certain how far. East told the Committee that he had not seen his partner's cards, but that they may well have been visible.

West stated it was fair to say that he had claimed.

When asked why he played on, North stated that he had not clearly understood there had been a claim, and that play had been very slow until then.

The Committee: Realised that this was a legal problem and asked the Chief Tournament Director to attend the meeting.

The Committee agreed that there had in fact been a claim. The Committee believed that West should not benefit from his faulty claim. The Committee agreed with the Director's conclusion that North had shown that he was not aware of the endplay.

The Committee asked the Chief Tournament Director to explain why he thought the ruling he gave was possible. He replied that, although the play of the ♠J was voided, this had shown to him, beyond any doubt, that North was unaware of the situation.

The Chief Tournament Director cited Law 12C3 and recounted that he had taken notice of a decision of the EBL Appeals Committee of Tenerife in 2001, which stated that Law 12C3 was not applicable. Otherwise, he would have awarded a weighted score.

The Committee considered that:

- Law 12C3 speaks of varying an assigned adjusted score;
- the Law defines an assigned adjusted score as one awarded in place of one actually obtained after an irregularity;
- a claim cannot be considered an irregularity (playing on after the claim is an irregularity, but that has no relevance to this situation).

The Committee reaffirmed the decision of 2001 that Law 12C3 does not apply after a claim.

The Committee then turned its attention to Law 70A:

In ruling on a contested claim, the Director adjudicates the result of the board as equitably as possible to both sides, but any doubtful points shall be resolved against the claimer.

The Committee considered that this sentence did not explicitly exclude a split decision.

The Committee then confirmed the following reasoning:

With regards to West, there is doubt as to what line declarer might take, and so to East/West the equitable result is 9 tricks to North/South.

With regards to North, there is no doubt as to which line he would take (considering among other things that he actually took it), and so there are no doubtful points to be ruled on, and so the equitable result for North/South is 8 tricks.

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

Deposit: Returned.

GLI AZZURRI SENIORES

Hanno conquistato il diritto a rappresentare l'Italia nel Campionato a Squadre Libere Over 55, valido come selezione, giocato lo scorso aprile qui a Salsomaggiore.

Ecco i componenti della nostra Nazionale Seniores, guidata dal c.n.g. Filippo Palma.

Franco Baroni



58 anni, di Brescia. Con la nazionale Seniores ha vinto un argento al Campionato MEC del 1998 e si è piazzato al 10° posto agli Europei a Coppie di categoria del 2001. In campo nazionale ha conquistato l'oro nella Coppa Italia Open dell' '81, nei Campionati Italiani a Coppie Seniores del '99 e 2001, nei Campionati Italiani a Squadre Seniores del '99 e 2002.

Ezio Fornaciari



57 anni, di Quarona in provincia di Vercelli. Con l'Associazione Bridge di Reggio Emilia, di cui è anche presidente, ha vinto tre titoli italiani nello Squadre Seniores ('96 - 2000 - 2002) ed una Coppa Italia. Nel suo palmares figurano, inoltre, un bronzo nel Coppie Open ('93), ed un secondo posto ('96) ed un terzo (2001) nel Coppie Seniores.

Giuseppe Gigli

58 anni di Roma. Con la nazionale Seniores è giunto 4° ai Campionati Mondiali a Coppie del '98 e, nello stesso anno ha conquistato un oro nel MEC a Squadre. Sempre in azzurro, ma nell'Open, è arrivato 2° nel MEC a Coppie nell'83. In campo italiano, 3° nel '77 nel Coppie Miste, ancora bronzo nell' '80 nel Coppie Open; nell' '81, argento nella Coppa Italia Open e nello Squadre Miste. Il titolo seniores a Squadre nel 1999 e nel 2002.



Antonio Latessa



61 anni di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (CE). Con la nazionale Seniores è giunto 4° ai Campionati Mondiali a Coppie del '98 e, nello stesso anno, ha vinto un oro nel Campionato MEC a Squadre. In ambito italiano, un bronzo ed un argento nel '78 e '96 nel Coppie Open; un altro argento nello Squadre Open nell' '87 e il titolo nello Squadre Seniores nel '99 e nel 2002.

Marco Ricciarelli



57 anni di Perugia. In azzurro, un bronzo nel MEC Coppie Open dell' '81 e l'oro nel '93; 10° agli Europei a Coppie Seniores del 2000. In ambito italiano, ha conquistato l'oro nello Squadre Open nell' '81 e il bronzo nell'82. Nella categoria seniores, tre ori nel Coppie ('94 - '99 - 2001) e due nello Squadre ('99 - 2002).

Antonio Vivaldi

55 anni di Sanremo. Nella sua carriera ha vinto moltissimo. In



ambito italiano, due Coppe Italia ('83 - 2000), otto titoli italiani a squadre Open ('71 - '72 - '74 - '75 - '76 - '77 - '78 - '82), due nello Squadre Miste ('75 - '80), un oro nel Coppie Open (2002) ed uno nel Coppie Miste ('97), un primo posto nello Squadre Seniores (2002). In azzurro, un oro nei Campionati Europei a Squadre Open del '73 e tre titoli nel MEC: '83 nello Squadre Open, '96 nel Coppie Miste, '98 nello Squadre

Miste. In questo stesso anno conquista anche il titolo mondiale nel Coppie Miste.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 7
Italy v South Korea Revisited

This was the match that really mattered, and during Italy's 7th Round match many references were made to it, by players, spectators, directors, caddies and even foreigners. At halftime, Italy were leading 1-0 and looking comfortable. The match in fact had a sensational start, with South Korea getting a penalty after three minutes when more than one Italian ran down more than one Korean in the penalty area with the ball nowhere near. When Buffon elegantly stopped the penalty (his specialty) an audible sigh of relief went through the whole of God's own bridge country. Was this an omen, a message of the gods, about what they had in store for us poor bridge players?

The organisers of these Championships had decided to put the Italy v. Netherlands match in the schedule in such a way that it would partly coincide with The Real Thing discussed above. How could they know beforehand that Italy, for reasons only known by the FIFA referees, would not win their qualifying group and thus would have to play at 13.30 hrs. instead of a peaceful 8.30 hrs? Rumours were that it was decided NOT to show this match on VuGraph because of a strike threat by the VuGraph personnel. Well, looking at the long Italian tradition with these "scioperi" this may or may not be true, but the few foreigners who had undertaken the long journey to the VuGraph Auditorium thus were deprived of a wonderful match to watch. Below, we are pleased to report a selection from the many beautiful hands that came along.

Right on the first board, Muller-De Wijs made their intentions clear to Bocchi-Duboin:



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Sementa	Verhees	Versace
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Here, Sementa-Versace had left their opponents in peace at 2♠ for a quiet +140 to the Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller
	Pass	1♣	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Simon de Wijs did well to make a very aggressive take-out double with his good distribution. From then on, it was very difficult to judge who could make what. Muller, holding no wasted values in spades either, could not believe his partner would be so weak, so he jumped to 4♥ clearly expecting to make that contract. In a sense he was right, as only the diamond ruff (immediately or, not so difficult, after a spade lead) will set it.

When 4♥ came round to Bocchi, he pondered for a long time before finally deciding to take the save. ♠AKQ certainly had little defensive value. To finish the good work, Muller doubled 4♠, which just went one off as there were four top losers. Bauke must have felt a little disappointed after this hand, but the first swing went to the Netherlands: 6-0.

Two boards later, both NS pairs did extremely well in the auction, only to destroy the advantage gained in the play:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ K 6 ♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 7 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ 9 2 ♥ 10 9 7 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q J 8 3 2 ♠ A K 8 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ 10 9 5
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At both tables South passed and West did NOT open a weak two in diamonds, though this was part of the EW gadgets. North then opened INT and, again at both tables, East had to pass, as

this too was part of the EW gadgets. South launched a Stayman 2♣ and now both Wests came to life with 2♦. North went on to bid 2♥, as one would expect, and when East passed again South had to make a decision about the level of the final heart contract. To the surprise of the onlookers, and maybe of many of the other participants at other tables as well, BOTH Souths elected to pass.

No swing, but very well bid by both teams. In the open room Jansma complimented his screenmate Versace with his inspired pass.

No swing it was, because strangely enough both declarers did not match their partners' fine bidding judgement and went down in what very much looks like a cold contract, certainly on paper. You can either play off the two top spades and ruff the 4th round later, or cash a top spade and play a club to the king and ace to ruff a club in hand later. There is one proviso: take the risk of ending up under the bridges of the river Thames for the remainder of your bridge career by not drawing more than one round of trumps before going for this manoeuvre.

On the next board, a big swing was in the air again when the Dutch reached a game not bid by Italy. If that had something to do with the fact that in the open room the board had been turned 180 degrees we will probably never know:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Simon De Wijs, Netherlands

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Versace	Jansma	Sementa
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Against 4♥, Versace led the ♣K and switched to a diamond which Verhees won in dummy with the king. Declarer's next move of course was to drive out the ♠A. Sementa won the second round of the suit and returned a club. Declarer ruffed and Versace contributed the king. Declarer's plan of playing a low trump now to the jack failed when North was able to win the queen and play the last club. Verhees had to ruff this and found himself fatally short of trumps now. One down, Italy a lucky escape for +100.

Declarer could or perhaps should have made ten tricks if he wins the first diamond trick in dummy and runs the ♥J. If it holds and trumps are no worse than 4-2, the hand is already over as he can overtake the next heart. If North can win, he cannot effectively play any minor to fatally shorten declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

INT was forcing and 2♣ showed any strong hand. 3♣ was natural and weak, so when after 3♥ Bocchi could do no more than give preference for spades, there it rested. On a diamond lead the contract was never in danger and Duboin emerged with 11 tricks for +200 or 7 IMPs to Italy to lead 8-6 where they were bound to lose another 10 and be down 16-1...

On Board 5 both teams bid and made a normal looking 4♠ for a push. On six the spotlights shine on soccer lovers Jansma and Versace:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 7 ♥ A 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ A K 7 ♣ J 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 8 4 2 ♥ 10 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ A K 4	♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ 10 6 4 3 ♣ Q 6
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In the Closed Room Giorgio Duboin played 4♥ after a spade overcall by North. Simon de Wijs led his top clubs and shifted to a diamond. Declarer took the queen, played the ♠J, covered by North and East. Next came a sneaky ♥J, suavely ducked by Bauke Muller and by West as well ! Declarer cashed the ♥A and gave South his last trump. Later declarer played the rest of the trumps and North was caught in a show-up squeeze: ten tricks.



Louk Verhees, Netherlands

Proceedings in the Open Room were almost the same. Almost? Well, Antonio Sementa led a top club, but switched immediately to a diamond for queen and ace of Jan Jansma, who played the ♠J, to the king and ace. Of course Jansma continued with this smart ♥J, but Alfredo Versace covered and declarer won the ace. He went on with a heart to the nine and king and Versace pressed in diamonds. Jansma won the king and rattled off all his trumps. Here North was squeezed in no less than three suits and declarer ended up with eleven tricks.

Immediately when the hand was over Jansma began to shout:

'Stupid play, stupid defence'.

Nobody understood what he exactly meant but he explained that, in with the second round of trumps, Versace should have switched to his second spade in order to break communications with dummy. That way South's last trump could still take care of dummy's high spade. 'However, I could avoid that position by playing the ♥8 in the second round of trumps and leave the ♥9 as an entry.'

Sharp analysis, and may be a sign that at the table both calcio lovers had something else on their minds.

Still, on the very next board Jansma showed that he had control of himself when he displayed the same timing as Duboin did in the Closed Room:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 8 4 3 2 ♥ A ♦ J 9 6 5 2 ♣ 10 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 K Q ♥ Q 10 8 6 4 2 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 3	♠ 7 6 5 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 3 ♣ A K J 7 5 4 ♠ 10 9 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ K 10 7 4 ♣ Q 9 8 2
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Duboin and Jansma played in 4♣ and received the lead of the

♦3. They were pretty sure that this card was a singleton. After all the auction had been revealing: closed North had opened with 3♣ and in the Open Room North opened the bidding with 1♣ and South had responded with INT.

Anyway, both Duboin and Jansma did well to rise with the ♦A at trick one, otherwise they would go down quickly: ♦K, diamond ruff, club to the queen and another diamond ruff. Two high trumps were cashed (one would do as well) and then came a club. North won the jack and returned a trump. At this point, at both tables the ♦8 was played from dummy, ducked by everybody. An elegant ten tricks.

Board 8 to 11 were all pushes, but not for Alfredo Versace, who, just before he had to lead against 4♠ on board 9, learned from a monitor that South Korea had equalized and for Jan Jansma who suggested on 11 that if would come down to penalties, the bridge players should stop and watch the soccer match. Versace nodded approvingly and then came 12:

Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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In spite of the 32 HCP, slam - six no - is not a great contract. Bocchi-Duboin managed to stay out of it and in fact made eleven tricks in 3NT. This was their auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Open Room Jansma-Verhees had a different opinion:

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Sementa	Verhees	Versace
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass
2NT ⁽³⁾	Pass	6NT	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ game forcing relay

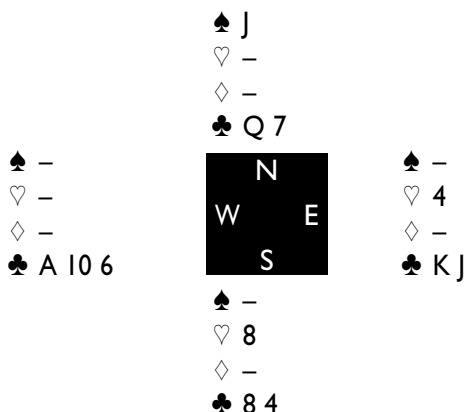
⁽²⁾ 11 or more HCP, four card hearts

⁽³⁾ 18-19 HCP, balanced

North led the ♥2. Jansma inserted the 10, covered by the jack and king. Declarer entered the table with the ♠Q and played a diamond to the ten. North won the king and returned another heart for the ace. Jansma cashed the ♥Q as well, pitching a club from his hand. The only thing he had to do was to find the ♣Q, which in fact he did. Eleven IMPs to The Netherlands.

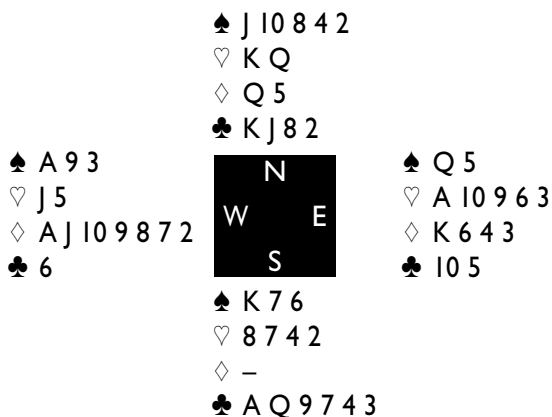
Right after the board Jansma explained that he was not sure about the heart distribution, but somehow felt that his LHO was in possession of the ♣Q. Right he was. Suppose however that declarer could work out the heart position - after all the lead gave the indication that North had a three card heart suit-, then he should have squeezed South.

Let's pick up the play were Jansma cashed the ♥Q and pitched a club. You run two high diamonds and you cash your top spades as well. This way you will notice that North started with five spades since South shows out in the third round of spades. That leaves room for no more than two clubs with North. In this endplay you play the fourth diamond and pitch a club from dummy. Since South has to preserve his high heart, declarer should know that the clubs are 2-2 by now and simply plays for the drop of the queen:



The Netherlands gave back these IMPs with some interest on the next board when De Wijs did not make the most straightforward lead. The contract was the same in both rooms.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Sementa	Verhees	Versace
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass ⁽¹⁾	3♥ ⁽²⁾	4♣
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ 3♣ would have shown extra's

⁽²⁾ hearts and diamonds

Antonio Sementa led the ♠J and the defence duly got their three tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller
	1♠	Pass	3♠
4♦	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

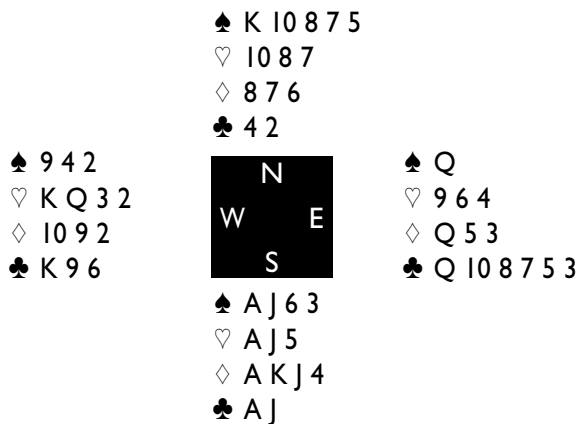
As the bidding suggests shortness in spades with either opponent, a lead of that suit might well be a loss of time, De Wijs must have thought when he put the ♥K on the table. Seven diamond and four heart tricks later he found out that for once, leading a top spade would have set the contract in Pappa-Mamma fashion. Italy +750 and 14 IMPs to go back into the lead 22-18.

Not much happened after this board though at the table Versace was continually alert to what might be happening in the soccer game. On board 16 Alfredo slammed his fist on the table with a big bang when the Koreans scored their golden goal. In fact he was upset that nobody - except Jansma of course - noticed the defeat of the Italian soccer team: "Unbelievable, we are Europeans and nobody seems to care about our defeat !"

Slight overbidding and/or misplaying in both rooms by the Italians levelled the score again on the next board, so the last six boards of the match might be considered as "Extra Time," the difference being of course that there would be no more sudden deaths except the one in Daejon.

On the last board to be shown in this report Versace should have been awarded a few Golden Goals for his beautiful play, but the net result was that he lost 2 IMPs, exactly the losing margin for Italy in this high-level encounter. The final score thus became 30-28 to the Netherlands, still counting as 15-15 V.P., but Italy had lost this match as well.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



The normal contract is 4♠ by South, the strong hand. How would you play against a trump lead as Jansma did? Draw three rounds of trumps, cash the ♦AK and play ♣A and another as Versace did. Either defender will have to concede the contract. A very good textbook play but to no real avail when Duboin led a diamond, enabling Muller to emerge with 12 tricks.

Still, after a trump lead there are more 100 % safety plays in 4♠. Draw the drumps and play a diamond from dummy to the jack. If West wins the queen and returns a club for instance, take the ace, eliminate the diamonds, ruffing the fourth one in dummy - when they don't break - and exit with a club. Cashing the ♦A first will do as well, even in the unlikely case when it's ruffed, because sooner or later defenders have to open the hearts. This safety play saves an IMP in fact.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 8
Netherlands v Czech Republic

The evening match on VuGraph was a remarkable choice to a certain extent. The Czech Republic has not been participating in these Championships for very many years yet and to our best memories has rarely figured as high in the table as we have seen them so far. One would thus think that good bridge is gradually spreading in the country - a very positive development.

They were to play a tough opponent in the shape of The Netherlands, who had just emerged winners against the all-time leaders, Italy. The match was very quiet, all swings coming from hands on which the Dutch constructive bidding led to considerably less high contracts than those, reached by the Czechs.

After a quick goal by the Dutch on board 1 this was board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zadrazil	Verhees	Vozabal	Jansma
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	All Pass

To make a further move with 2NT would not be everybody's choice, but 3♠ was not desperately high. On a club lead, you can lose two clubs, a spade, a heart and a heart ruff if the defenders play well. Jansma-Verhees made it look very easy: a club to the king and ace, ♣9 and the ♥3 ducked to dummy's queen. Jansma hopped up with his ♠A at the first attempt and led the ♥2 to secure his ruff. The Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Westra	Kurka	Van Eijck	Mraz
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Westra would have nothing of making another move and quickly passed 2♠. As happens so often, he duly made the over-trick when South played ♠A and another after winning his first club.

Another +140 meant The Netherlands led 6-0. But not for long...

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zadrazil	Verhees	Vozabal	Jansma
Pass	INT	Dble	2♦
All Pass			

What would you open in 3rd position holding the North hand? The answer is that it mainly depends on what sort of hand partner has. Verhees clearly hoped for a weak hand opposite when he started off with a semi-psyhic INT. Everybody nodded in consent when he next passed Jansma's 2♦ Staymanlike response. A nice action at the wrong moment with 3NT cold. Eleven tricks, 150 to The Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Westra	Kurka	Van Eijck	Mraz
Pass	3NT	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

Of course, the Czechs would easily bid them up a little bit higher on this deal, so it was no surprise to see Kurka open the bidding with 3NT. Van Eijck had to do something now, but his normal enough 4♥-overcall came at the wrong moment too. The penalty was 800, so the Czechs had taken the lead: 12-6.

A few boards later:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West Zadrazil	North Verhees	East Vozabal	South Jansma
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

6♠ by North is the slam contract one would like to be in, but when Jansma rebid 3NT the chance of reaching the slam had gone. With the lucky breaks 12 tricks were easy enough.

Closed Room

West Westra	North Kurka	East Van Eijck	South Mraz
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass		Pass	6♦

Well, the Czechs did very well until 5♠. Had Mraz raised this to six they would have been in a good contract, but he instead gave his partner a choice of slams by bidding 6♦ first. This message was lost on North who passed with his singleton instead of going on in spades once more. When West led a club, declarer had to take the finesse and then find the trumps 3-3 as well. A lucky 920 and 10 IMPs to the Czechs to lead by 22-6 now.

On the next board, they increased their lead to 27-6 when for once the Dutch bid higher than their opponents. Then came a long series of pushes until the match reached its closing stages.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West Zadrazil	North Verhees	East Vozabal	South Jansma
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This definitely was too high again, but the friendly breaks enabled declarer to come to 9 tricks. One down only.

Closed Room

West Westra	North Kurka	East Van Eijck	South Mraz
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	All Pass



David Vozabal, Czech Republic

When Van Eijck chose a more quiet approach, Westra was happy to pass in what turned out to be a very playable contract. One overtrick, 6 IMPs to The Netherlands.

And:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West Zadrazil	North Verhees	East Vozabal	South Jansma
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass
Pass	3♥	2♠	3♦
		All Pass	

Though Jansma had a nice hand, he took into account that Verhees had made no more than a balancing overcall. So it rested at 3♥ which led to the Netherlands scoring another quiet +140.

Closed Room

West Westra	North Kurka	East Van Eijck	South Mraz
1♦	1♥	1♣	Pass
3♦	4♥	2♦	3♣
		All Pass	

When Westra responded 1♦ over his partner's 1♣ opening bid, Kurka had the chance to overcall 1♥. Mraz had to show his good hand now at the three-level, so after yet another diamond raise Kurka was in a little bit of trouble. On a very good day, 4♥ might make (heart finesse right and the right view in spades) but that was not the case this time. Two off, vulnerable, gave The Netherlands another 8 IMPs to bring the final score to 28-21 or 16-14VP to the Czech Republic. Both teams had once again consolidated their position in the upper regions of the table.

GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI

BOARD PER BOARD

9° INCONTRO OPEN: ITALIA - ISLANDA

Aperta: NORD Bocchi / SUD Duboin ITA
EST Jonnsson / OVEST Johannsson ISL

Chiusa: NORD Ingimarsson / SUD Einarsson ISL
EST Lauria / OVEST Versace ITA

BOARD 1

4 picche fatte dai due Sud: l'incontro si apre con un board pari.

BOARD 2

Entrambi i Nord giocano a picche con gli atout divisi 5-0, dopo una dichiarazione competitiva in cui gli EO mostrano grosso fit a cuori; gli islandesi in chiusa giocano 4 e vanno 1 down. In aperta gli avversari spingono Bocchi-Duboin fino a livello 5 per poi contrare, ma Norberto limita i danni ad una presa di caduta e l'Italia perde solamente 3 I.M.P.

BOARD 3

Gli azzurri incassano 12 I.M.P. in questo board in cui le due linee EO giocano 3 senza; in aperta il contratto è giocato da Ovest e Bocchi attacca quadri (sua seconda lunga dopo le fiori licitate dall'avversario) condannando il contratto; in chiusa è invece Est al volante della manche a senza; il danese in Sud, che possiede una 4-4-4-1 con singolo a fiori, attacca picche e Lauria può mantenere agevolmente il contratto (l'attacco a cuori non avrebbe avuto miglior fortuna). L'Italia è ora al comando per 12 a 3.

BOARD 4

3 I.M.P. per l'Islanda, che gioca 2 picche (nella 4-3) -1 in chiusa da Nord, mentre in aperta Bocchi-Duboin scelgono il parziale a quadri nel fit ottavo, cadendo di due prese. 12-6 Italia.

BOARD 5

Board 5 - dich. Nord - NS in zona

<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ K 10 8 5 2 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ Q 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ A J 9 7 6 4 ♦ K Q J 7 2 ♣ A</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K J 9 7 2 ♥ - ♦ A 5 ♣ K J 10 9 7 2</p>
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Dopo l'apertura di 1 cuori di entrambi gli Est e l'intervento in bicolore nera di tutti e due i Sud, la linea EO finisce con il giocare 4 cuori in entrambe le sale. Ingimarsson, in Nord in chiusa, contra confidando sui suoi R108xx in atout, ma Lauria mantiene il contratto con attacco 2 di picche. Lorenzo prende d'Asso e gioca il Re di quadri su cui la difesa prende d'Asso (il dichiarante

può mantenere il contratto anche se la difesa liscia); tagliato poi il ritorno picche, entra al morto a quadri e muove la Dama di cuori per il Re e l'Asso. Ancora quadri al morto e cuori per il 5 e il 6; i giochi sono fatti.



In aperta Bocchi non contra, e Jonsson, preso l'attacco fiori, gioca cuori verso la Dama per il Re di Bocchi. Ripresa la mano di taglio a fiori, cede l'Asso di quadri; rientrato ancora di taglio a fiori, gioca Re di quadri, quadri al 10 e cuori dal morto, finendo down. Il dichiarante poteva ancora venire a capo del contratto proseguendo, dopo aver incassato il Re di quadri, a giocare gli onori di quadri di mano. Nord, in possesso solo di carte nobili, sarebbe stato costretto, una volta tagliato, o a mettere in mano il dichiarante, chiuso nei rossi, o a giocare picche per l'Asso del morto; l'ultima cuori dal morto avrebbe chiuso i giochi a favore del dichiarante.

BOARD 6

Duboin ottiene una surlevée a 3 senza giocato da entrambi i Sud. 1 all'Italia; 25-6.

BOARD 7

Con due bilanciate i nostri in EO scelgono manche a senza nonostante il fit ottavo a picche e mantengono l'impegno; gli omologhi islandesi giocano 4 picche ma, nonostante le divisione 4-1 delle atout, anch'essi realizzano il contratto. 1 I.M.P. Islanda.

BOARD 8

Board 8 - dich. Ovest - tutti in prima

<p>♠ 10 8 7 3 ♥ A K 10 8 7 6 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ A J 10 7 2 ♣ 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ Q 2 ♦ K 9 6 5 ♣ A Q 5 4 3</p>
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W E						
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♠ K J 2
♥ J 9
♦ 4 3
♣ K J 9 8 7 2



11 I.M.P. al Blue Team. Versace si esibisce in 3 senza fatte in chiusa con 22 punti in linea: prima fa presa di Dama seconda (per tre cartine al morto) di cuori, sull'attacco di piccola da ARxxxx dell'avversario, poi sceglie correttamente quale dei due impasse a disposizione effettuare (a fiori, mentre sarebbe risultato perdente quello a picche). Bocchi fa 2 cuori +1 in aperta sull'altra linea. 36-7 per noi. Come prevedibile, si sta facendo sotto la Norvegia, che sta conducendo 52-6 sulla Lituania e se l'incontro finisse ora si troverebbe, in classifica provvisoria, a 15 V.P. dall'Italia.

BOARD 9

Gli islandesi si riprendono immediatamente gli 11 I.M.P. persi nel board precedente; in chiusa giocano 5 fiori in NS, mentre in aperta noi scegliamo, sulla stessa linea, la manche a senza che, giocata in Sud, è destinata al down immediato con attacco quadri che inforca il Re secondo del morto. 36 - 18 Italia.

BOARD 10

L'Italia guadagna 1 I.M.P. giocando 2 picche +1 in EO nella 5-2, mentre gli islandesi fanno 2 senza giuste sulla stessa linea. 37-18

BOARD 11

Norborto, a 4 cuori, non paga prese a quadri (ha ADxx per F98x con R10x dentro), mentre l'omologo islandese va sotto di una nello stesso contratto: 10 I.M.P. Italia, che ora sta 47-18.

BOARD 12

Ancora uno per l'Italia per una surlevée realizzata da Duboin da 3 senza.

BOARD 13

Divisione selvaggia dei colori in un board che finisce pari a 5 quadri contrate e fatte da entrambi gli Est.

BOARD 14

L'ottava di quadri in Ovest fa sì che in entrambe le sale si



giochi nel colore, nonostante i soli 15 punti della linea EO. La mano è terribile per il dichiarante, a causa dell'assoluta impossibilità di raggiungere il morto e la conseguente condanna a giocare tutto di mano. Entrambi i dichiaranti giocano contratto. L'attacco a picche consente a Versace di risparmiare un down nel contratto di 4 quadri, che cade di 2 prese. Bocchi non sbaglia attacco e l'Islanda, in aperta, va 4 down a 5 quadri contrate. 11 I.M.P. per noi. Italia 59-18.

BOARD 15

Gli islandesi giocano un parziale in entrambe le sale: in chiusa fanno 2 quadri da Sud; in aperta (in prima) vanno 2 down a 2 picche da Ovest. Board pari.

BOARD 16

Parità: 4 cuori +1 i due Nord.

BOARD 17

Giochiamo 4 cuori +1 da una parte e difendiamo a 4 picche contrate -3 dall'altra (tutti in prima). 2 I.M.P. per loro. 59-20 Italia



BOARD 18

Anche questa volta giochiamo in tutte e due le sale: 4 picche -1 in Nord in aperta, 4 cuori fatte Versace in Ovest in chiusa; 8 I.M.P. Italia. 67-20 Italia.

BOARD 19

Perdiamo 1 I.M.P. per una surlevée in meno a 1 senza. 67-21

BOARD 20

Mentre in NS segnano 200 a 2 cuori +3 in NS, l'Islanda segna, sulla stessa linea, soltanto 90 ad 1 senza fatto. 3 I.M.P. Italia. 70-21 per noi.

FINALE

Italia - Islanda 25 - 5 (70 - 21). L'avversario, questa volta, è di quelli che richiedono ancor più attenzione del solito, l'Islanda, un team che fino a questo momento ha dimostrato di essere fortissimo, come conferma il suo secondo posto in classifica, e soprattutto un avversario che dispone di sistemi licitativi sofisticati e aggressivi. Il successo dell'Italia prende consistenza su cinque swing favorevoli. I nostri guadagnano grosso, ancora una volta, dando sfoggio di superiorità in tutti i fondamentali di gioco, mostrando eccezionale senso della valutazione (Lauria sembra addirittura divinato in questa fase del campionato), grande regolarità e implacabile spietatezza nell'approfittare degli errori altrui.

Il capitano Maria Teresa Lavazza commenta così la prestazione degli azzurri: "Un ottimo incontro in sala chiusa e solo una incomprendibile licitativa in aperta, contro un avversario pericolosissimo. Sono molto soddisfatta dei ragazzi".

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karlsson	Dragic	Sigurhjartarson	Diamond
	Pass	Pass	2♦*
Dble	3♥	3NT	All Pass

North led a heart and declarer ducked two rounds, discarded a spade on the ace and then went after the clubs. North did not enjoy having to find three discards and declarer scored eleven tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cuthbertson	Jonsson	Matheson	Johannsson
	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The weak two did more damage than the multi as Scotland ended up in four spades. Declarer can survive a 4-2 trump break, but on this layout he had to lose three trumps and a heart, -100 and another big swing to Iceland.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karlsson	Dragic	Sigurhjartarson	Diamond
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

As is often the case when there are a lot of points but no long suits an ambitious contract was reached. North led the two of spades, and while declarer was thinking, a number of views were expressed. Lorenzo Lauria felt the best line was for declarer to win in dummy and play a diamond to the nine. The commentators favoured winning in hand and playing a diamond to the queen.

What you might hope to achieve, assuming you can make three tricks in diamonds is a situation where you have a count on the North hand so that you know that you can squeeze South. Of course, South might have five clubs to the queen and North four hearts, so its not immediately clear that you can.

Meanwhile declarer won in hand and at once attacked clubs, playing one to the king and then finessing / the best line according to David Burn. Whatever, he was down, and assuming Scotland could register a plus score in the other room they were right back in the match.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cuthbertson	Jonsson	Matheson	Johannsson
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Give West a fifth diamond and this would be a perfect auction. As it was declarer was faced with the same problem as his counterpart. He won the spade lead in hand and played a diamond to the queen. Then he played one back to the nine and North's king. He took the spade return in dummy and cashed two diamonds, North and dummy discarding spades and South a club. Now declarer tested the hearts. When they failed to break he cashed the ace of clubs followed by the king of spades, hoping to squeeze North. The appearance of the jack of hearts told declarer he was wrong, but North's queen of clubs on the next round of the suit was a happy sight. +990.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karlsson	Dragic	Sigurhjartarson	Diamond
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

It is not clear what West was thinking of when he doubled. East led the ten of clubs and declarer won, and naturally thinking

the spades were all on his right played a trump to the king. West won and played the jack of hearts, covered by the king and ace. East switched to a diamond and declarer ruffed, played a heart to his queen and ruffed his remaining diamond. He was completely safe and played a club to ensure nine tricks and +870.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cuthbertson</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Johannsson</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	3♥	4♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

There was nothing to the play, declarer losing the obvious three tricks, -200 but another significant swing to Scotland, making the match almost level.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Dragic</i>	<i>Sigurhjartarson</i>	<i>Diamond</i>
	1♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Is it totally clear for South to convert North's reopening double? Well, it worked well enough this time as declarer had to go one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cuthbertson</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Johannsson</i>
	1♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

An identical auction led to an identical result.

A small swing to Scotland on the last board saw them win by a single IMP, 42-41, a 15-15VP draw.

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Sobre et deux bons coups

Voici un petit jeu de sécurité exécuté par le Français Jean - Michel Voltaire.

Tour 7 Donne 17 - Donneur Nord, Personne Vul.

	♠ R 10 8 7 5	
	♥ 10 8 7	
	♦ 8 7 6	
	♣ 4 2	
♠ 9 4 2		♠ D
♥ R D 3 2		♥ 9 6 4
♦ 10 9 2		♦ D 5 3
♣ R 9 6		♣ D 10 8 7 5 3
	♠ A V 6 3	
	♥ A V 5	
	♦ A R V 4	
	♣ A V	

Contrat : 4♣ par Nord Entame : 5 de ♣

Vous prenez de l'As, éliminez les atouts en trois tours et jouez As-Roi de ♦ et As ♣. Maintenant, quelque soit la situation des cartes adverses, vous ne pouvez plus chuter.

Si vous aviez commencé par l'impasse ♦, vous auriez pu chuter avec une Dame de ♦ en Est, des ♦ mal répartis et une position à ♥ que vous n'auriez pas deviné.

Certains déclarants ont trouvé un pseudo jeu de sécurité en tirant As-Roi de ♦ après deux tours d'atout, remontant au mort au Roi de ♠ pour jouer ♦ vers le Valet Ils auraient également chuté dans les conditions énoncées précédemment. Mais, telles que les cartes étaient placées, personne ne fut sanctionné.

Le contrat de 3SA par Nord dans la donne suivante donna lieu à quelques émotions.

Tour 8 Donne 4. Donneur Ouest, Tous Vul.

	♠ A 4 2	
	♥ A 6 2	
	♦ R V 8 5	
	♣ R 10 3	
♠ R D 5		♠ 10 8 6
♥ D 5 4		♥ R 9 8 7 3
♦ D 3		♦ 6 4 2
♣ V 9 8 6 2		♣ 7 4
	♠ V 9 7 3	
	♥ V 10	
	♦ A 10 9 7	
	♣ A D 5	

Contrat : 3SA par Nord Entame : 9 de ♥

Le déclarant duque la Dame d'Ouest et prend au troisième tour de la couleur. Il fait alors l'impasse à la Dame de ♦ contre la main longue à ♥. Est fait sa Dame et rejoue ♣ pour l'As. Le déclarant encaisse ses trois ♦ maîtres en surveillant les défausses d'Est (dès qu'Est lâche un ♠, le déclarant joue de la couleur) puis Dame-Roi de ♣. Il est maintenant dans la bonne main pour jouer ♠ vers le 9 en espérant la position idéale des ♠ (10 en Est et Roi-Dame en Ouest). Est rentre alors dans la fourchette ♠ pour les deux dernières levées. Pas sorcier mais pas toujours trouvé.

BUTLER RANKING

after 10 rounds

1	Lauria Loren	ITA	1.90	(140)	Van Eijck Wi	NET	0.21	(120)	Fissore Henr	MON	-0.28	(140)
2	Buratti Andr	SPA	1.74	(160)	Westra Berry	NET	0.21	(120)	Michaud-Lari	MON	-0.29	(120)
	Lanzarotti M	SPA	1.74	(160)	Gromov Andre	RUS	0.20	(140)	Tardy Stepha	MON	-0.29	(120)
4	Versace Alfr	ITA	1.60	(160)	Petrinin Ale	RUS	0.20	(140)	Denning Paul	WAL	-0.29	(160)
5	Karaivanov K	BUL	1.08	(120)	81 Kutner Roger	SWI	0.19	(140)	Thomas Adria	WAL	-0.29	(160)
6	Kurka Josef	CZE	0.96	(120)	Terretaz J.B	SWI	0.19	(140)	158 Kemeny Gyorg	HUN	-0.30	(120)
	Mraz Tomas	CZE	0.96	(120)	83 Gantar Metod	SLO	0.18	(160)	Szappanos Ge	HUN	-0.30	(120)
8	Aviram Yoram	ISR	0.86	(140)	Senk Matija	SLO	0.18	(160)	Joensen Roi	FAR	-0.30	(120)
	Barel Michae	ISR	0.86	(140)	85 Stamatov Jer	BUL	0.17	(140)	Simonsen Bod	FAR	-0.30	(120)
	Helgemo Geir	NOR	0.86	(140)	86 Lesniewski M	POL	0.16	(140)	162 Matei Corn.D	ROM	-0.35	(120)
	Helness Tor	NOR	0.86	(140)	Martens Krzy	POL	0.16	(140)	Savin Daniel	ROM	-0.35	(120)
12	Bocchi Norbe	ITA	0.78	(200)	Mattila Jukk	FIN	0.16	(100)	164 Koistinen Ka	FIN	-0.36	(140)
	Duboin Giorg	ITA	0.78	(200)	Vihtila Pekk	FIN	0.16	(100)	Nyberg Clas	FIN	-0.36	(140)
14	Einarsson Bj	ICE	0.76	(140)	Aukens Jens	DEN	0.16	(140)	166 Nikolic Vlad	YUG	-0.38	(140)
	Ingimarsson	ICE	0.76	(140)	Schaffer Lau	DEN	0.16	(140)	Vucic Alex	YUG	-0.38	(140)
16	Gustawsson M	SWE	0.73	(140)	92 Baroudi Nagi	LEB	0.15	(120)	168 Arigun Cengi	TUR	-0.40	(80)
	Morath Ander	SWE	0.73	(140)	Tchamitch Ha	LEB	0.15	(120)	Cengiz Nuri	TUR	-0.40	(80)
18	Juhas Anamar	YUG	0.72	(120)	94 Serpoi Gheor	ROM	0.14	(120)	Rubenis Ivar	LAT	-0.40	(20)
	Parezanin Da	YUG	0.72	(120)	Stirbu Calin	ROM	0.14	(120)	171 Allavena J.C	MON	-0.41	(140)
20	Gloyer Andre	AUT	0.70	(160)	Cakic Aljosa	CRO	0.14	(140)	Guglielmi Mi	MON	-0.41	(140)
	Schifko Mart	AUT	0.70	(160)	Diklic Dubra	CRO	0.14	(140)	Smederavac J	AUT	-0.41	(120)
22	Trendafilov	BUL	0.69	(140)	98 Lopes Jorge	POR	0.13	(119)	Wernle Alex.	AUT	-0.41	(120)
23	Dubinin Alex	RUS	0.66	(140)	Sa Joao	POR	0.13	(119)	175 Politis Taki	CYP	-0.42	(180)
	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.66	(140)	100 Bizon Piotr	POL	0.12	(120)	176 Ambroz Bojan	SLO	-0.43	(120)
25	Aa Terje	NOR	0.65	(120)	Kowalski Dar	POL	0.12	(120)	Novak Miro	SLO	-0.43	(120)
	Grotheim Gle	NOR	0.65	(120)	Bessis Miche	FRA	0.12	(140)	Kaplan Alain	BEL	-0.43	(120)
	Khven Maxim	RUS	0.65	(120)	Rombaut Jero	FRA	0.12	(140)	Polet Guy	BEL	-0.43	(120)
	Matushko Geo	RUS	0.65	(120)	Borevkovic G	CRO	0.12	(140)	180 Anderson Rex	IRE	-0.44	(120)
29	Briolini G.C	SMR	0.63	(120)	Tesla Miro	CRO	0.12	(140)	Greenwood Da	IRE	-0.44	(120)
	Fiorini Fior	SMR	0.63	(120)	106 Gotard Tomas	GER	0.11	(140)	182 Schaltz Dort	DEN	-0.46	(120)
31	Fredin Peter	SWE	0.61	(160)	Hrctakek Jos	GER	0.11	(140)	Schaltz Pete	DEN	-0.46	(120)
	Lindkvist Ma	SWE	0.61	(160)	108 Hatzidakis E	GRE	0.06	(140)	184 Jourdain Pat	WAL	-0.48	(120)
33	Jakab Sandor	HUN	0.60	(140)	Sapounakis A	GRE	0.06	(140)	Ratcliff Ton	WAL	-0.48	(120)
	Szilagy Lasz	HUN	0.60	(140)	110 Torres J.Ign	SPA	0.03	(120)	Turletti Tol	LIC	-0.48	(120)
35	Diamond Jere	SCO	0.57	(120)	Frances Anto	SPA	0.03	(120)	Arnaboldi Se	LIC	-0.48	(120)
	Dragic Miros	SCO	0.57	(120)	Johannsson S	ICE	0.03	(160)	188 Barbosa Juli	POR	-0.57	(139)
37	Hegedus Gal	HUN	0.56	(140)	Jonsson Stei	ICE	0.03	(160)	Pinto Rui	POR	-0.57	(139)
	Honti Laszlo	HUN	0.56	(140)	Hackett Paul	ENG	0.03	(120)	Goldberg Vic	SCO	-0.57	(140)
	Duguet Miche	FRA	0.56	(140)	Waterlow Ton	ENG	0.03	(120)	Gordon Irvin	SCO	-0.57	(140)
	Toffier Phil	FRA	0.56	(140)	116 Carcassonne	BEL	0.02	(140)	192 Germanis Aig	LAT	-0.58	(60)
	Mihov Vlad.	BUL	0.56	(120)	Labaere A	BEL	0.02	(140)	193 Basket Lars	DEN	-0.61	(140)
	Nanev Ivan	BUL	0.56	(120)	Kalavanas Di	CYP	0.02	(120)	Bruun Mathia	DEN	-0.61	(140)
43	Brogeland Bo	NOR	0.53	(140)	119 Skoularikis	GRE	0.01	(139)	195 Costa Ant.An	POR	-0.62	(140)
	Saelensminde	NOR	0.53	(140)	Zotos Loukas	GRE	0.01	(139)	Mascarenhas	POR	-0.62	(140)
45	Nikolayenko	UKR	0.51	(160)	121 Briciu Mariu	ROM	0.00	(160)	197 Koumas Micha	CYP	-0.63	(140)
	Rybnikov Ge	UKR	0.51	(160)	Ghigheci Ovi	ROM	0.00	(160)	Elinescu Mic	GER	-0.63	(120)
47	Kurbalija Fi	WAL	0.49	(120)	123 Carroll John	IRE	-0.02	(140)	Entscho Wlad	GER	-0.63	(120)
	Rees Tim	WAL	0.49	(120)	Garvey Tom	IRE	-0.02	(140)	200 Petersen Han	FAR	-0.66	(140)
49	Karlsson Sno	ICE	0.48	(100)	125 Kalish Avi	ISR	-0.03	(159)	Sivertsen Ar	FAR	-0.66	(140)
	Sigurhjartar	ICE	0.48	(100)	Podgur Leoni	ISR	-0.03	(159)	202 Abouchanab B	SWI	-0.77	(120)
51	Aydin Ata	TUR	0.43	(120)	127 Karaivanov I	BUL	-0.06	(160)	Sasselli Mar	SWI	-0.77	(120)
	Yilmaz Gokha	TUR	0.43	(120)	128 Kannavos Pan	GRE	-0.07	(119)	Christophide	CYP	-0.77	(160)
53	Jansma Jan	NET	0.41	(140)	Kapayannides	GRE	-0.07	(119)	205 Mouritsen He	FAR	-0.81	(140)
	Verhees Louk	NET	0.41	(140)	130 Soroldoni Ma	SMR	-0.08	(160)	Mouritsen Jo	FAR	-0.81	(140)
55	Assael Salv.	TUR	0.40	(200)	Zaccaria Dan	SMR	-0.08	(160)	207 Sundelin PO	SWE	-0.83	(100)
	Zorlu Nafiz	TUR	0.40	(200)	132 Balicki Ceza	POL	-0.09	(140)	Sylvan Johan	SWE	-0.83	(100)
57	Bitran Alber	FRA	0.34	(120)	Zmudzinski A	POL	-0.09	(140)	209 Bianchi Serg	LIC	-0.89	(160)
	Voltaire J-M	FRA	0.34	(120)	Babsch Andre	AUT	-0.09	(120)	Palmieri C.A	LIC	-0.89	(160)
	Evseev Vo	UKR	0.34	(100)	Bieder Wolf.	AUT	-0.09	(120)	211 Duric Bran	YUG	-0.91	(140)
	Volkov OI	UKR	0.34	(100)	136 Eidi Michel	LEB	-0.10	(140)	Radisic Gora	YUG	-0.91	(140)
61	Juuri-Oja Jo	FIN	0.33	(160)	Harfouche Ga	LEB	-0.10	(140)	213 Coenraets Ph	BEL	-0.92	(140)
	Kiema Osmo	FIN	0.33	(160)	138 Schneider Ra	ISR	-0.12	(100)	Jeunen Frans	BEL	-0.92	(140)
63	Lantaron Lui	SPA	0.32	(120)	Shaham Eran	ISR	-0.12	(100)	215 Milgravia An	LAT	-0.97	(200)
	Ventini J.Car	SPA	0.32	(120)	140 Angelini Fra	ITA	-0.13	(40)	Rubenis Gint	LAT	-0.97	(200)
65	Fitzgibbon N	IRE	0.31	(140)	141 Protega Bran	SLO	-0.14	(120)	217 Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.98	(140)
	Mesbur Adam	IRE	0.31	(140)	Ralca Danilo	SLO	-0.14	(120)	Nemtsev OI	UKR	-0.98	(140)
	Hopfenheit G	GER	0.31	(140)	143 Medawar Sami	LEB	-0.16	(140)	219 Marinkovic P	CRO	-1.08	(120)
	Reim Sebast.	GER	0.31	(140)	Hamdam Fayca	LEB	-0.16	(140)	Rase Davor	CRO	-1.08	(120)
69	Cuthbertson	SCO	0.30	(140)	Vozabal Davi	CZE	-0.16	(140)	221 Jansons Ugis	LAT	-1.13	(180)
	Matheson Joh	SCO	0.30	(140)	Zadrazil Mic	CZE	-0.16	(140)	222 Bendikys Jani	LAT	-1.26	(140)
71	Armstrong Jo	ENG	0.25	(120)	147 Duong Hong D	SWI	-0.22	(140)	223 Baghetti Pao	LIC	-1.28	(120)
	Davies Danny	ENG	0.25	(120)	Yalcin Tarik	SWI	-0.22	(140)	Guaraldi And	LIC	-1.28	(120)
73	Muller Bauke	NET	0.24	(140)	149 Hackett Jaso	ENG	-0.23	(159)	225 Lordos Rena	CYP	-1.52	(100)
	De Wijs Simo	NET	0.24	(140)	Hackett Just	ENG	-0.23	(159)	Tylliri Fros	CYP	-1.52	(100)
75	Svoboda Otak	CZE	0.21	(140)	151 Sementa Anto	ITA	-0.25	(60)	227 Fazzardi Fra	SMR	-1.81	(120)
	Volhejn Wit	CZE	0.21	(140)	152 Catellani Ma	MON	-0.28	(140)	Simoncini Ma	SMR	-1.81	(120)

When in doubt, "take-away" one more...

by Marco Catelloni

You are playing 6♥ with these cards, after a competitive auction

Opening lead: ♥Q

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	Dble	2NT ⁽¹⁾
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ 8-10 with fit ♥ / ⁽²⁾ 0-2-4 aces

You ruff in dummy and play spades, South taking the ace and playing another (a better defence is to duck the first spade, win the next and play a heart, forcing declarer to guess in diamonds - Eds.) Not finding 98 doubleton in spades, you are in dummy with the ♠J. Now you are at the crossroads and, having ♦J10, you can play the Q both ways.

When you are in doubt, you can make the wrong decision.

Try taking away the ♦10. Now it is very simple to make all remaining tricks. You can suspect this is playing double dummy - I agree.

So let us try taking away the ♦J as well. Now, if you think that South has two spades, it's simple to play the ♦K, and then all the clubs, discarding diamonds. At the end you can ruff a small diamond or, if North ruffs before, you can overruff and still play a diamond to the ace, continuing your job of discarding diamonds on clubs. You can disagree with the assumption of "South having two spades", but you have no choice.

Laws of Bridge (IA)

by Grattan Endicott

It was interesting to see Ton Kooijman's ideas in Wednesday's Bulletin. When on holiday with Bill ('Kojak') Schoder, WBF Chief TD, in May, we did talk about a thought of deleting the word 'penalty' from the mainstream laws and restricting its use to Laws 90 and 91.

In that way we would arrive in a position where an infraction would lead to consequential sanctions or adjustments described in the relevant Law. These would be independent of procedural penalties applied by the Director in his discretion.

Examining the statement of such a proposition in Law showed that there are difficulties - but our task is to overcome difficulties in implementing whatever we believe to be the optimum effects of the laws. I did draft a definition of 'penalty' in these terms:

"Penalties are of three kinds:

1. Disciplinary - those applied for the maintenance of Courtesy and good order.
2. Procedural - penalties, additional to any consequential penalty, awarded in the Director's discretion following procedural irregularities.
3. Consequential - a reparative award set out in the respective Law as the consequence of the particular infraction.

It seems that three of us, Ton, Kojak, and myself, have set our eyes upon the same star, although it may be one at the outer limits of time.

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