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# Italy's Hot Streak Continues

**Italy** increased their lead to 48 VP over **Norway** and **Bulgaria** who are tied for second place. Those two are ten ahead of **The Netherlands**, who are hotly pursued by **Spain, Israel, France** and **Poland**.

**Germany** had a tremendous day, amassing 72 VP to regain the lead in the Women's Championship. They are four points ahead of **England** and these two teams are well ahead of third placed **Denmark**. **France** continues to struggle, and they are already 33 VP away from fifth place. It will take a gargantuan effort for them to recover.

**France** sits on top of the Seniors. Their total of 122 VP means they enjoy a five point lead over **Denmark**, who in turn are three points ahead of **The Netherlands**.

## Celebration

The celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the European Bridge Teams Championships, a very important milestone in our history, will be held at the "Teatro Nuovo", Viale Romagnos; today 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 gardens 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.

## Today's VuGraph Matches

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 15*

**Spain v France 10.30**

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 16*

**Russia v Netherland 14.15**

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**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 15**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	UKRAINE	41 - 25	18 - 12
2	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	34 - 45	13 - 17
3	FINLAND	GREECE	48 - 49	15 - 15
4	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	11 - 32	11 - 19
5	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	71 - 26	24 - 6
6	FRANCE	ICELAND	28 - 33	14 - 16
7	SWITZERLAND	AUSTRIA	38 - 61	10 - 20
8	SLOVENIA	ROMANIA	41 - 68	9 - 21
9	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	20 - 58	7 - 23
10	LEBANON	WALES	17 - 58	9 - 21
11	CZECH REP	SCOTLAND	60 - 4	25 - 4
12	ITALY	MONACO	73 - 27	24 - 6
13	YUGOSLAVIA	ENGLAND	71 - 13	25 - 4
14	GERMANY	BULGARIA	40 - 64	10 - 20
15	NORWAY	CYPRUS	59 - 40	19 - 11
16	CROATIA	FAROE ISLANDS	22 - 55	8 - 22
17	SAN MARINO	LIECHTENSTEIN	28 - 50	10 - 20
18	RUSSIA	DENMARK	26 - 79	5 - 25
19	LATVIA	TURKEY	47 - 45	15 - 15

**ROUND 16**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	LATVIA	62 - 45	19 - 11
2	MONACO	CZECH REP	29 - 62	8 - 22
3	SCOTLAND	LEBANON	14 - 76	3 - 25
4	WALES	PORTUGAL	18 - 24	14 - 16
5	SPAIN	SLOVENIA	31 - 12	19 - 11
6	ROMANIA	SWITZERLAND	58 - 48	17 - 13
7	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	26 - 54	9 - 21
8	ICELAND	ISRAEL	21 - 63	6 - 24
9	BELGIUM	IRELAND	48 - 33	18 - 12
10	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	65 - 40	20 - 10
11	GREECE	HUNGARY	16 - 57	7 - 23
12	SWEDEN	POLAND	47 - 36	17 - 13
13	UKRAINE	RUSSIA	32 - 45	12 - 18
14	DENMARK	SAN MARINO	41 - 34	16 - 14
15	LIECHTENSTEIN	CROATIA	55 - 61	14 - 16
16	FAROE ISLANDS	NORWAY	19 - 53	8 - 22
17	CYPRUS	GERMANY	19 - 79	3 - 25
18	BULGARIA	YUGOSLAVIA	103 - 25	25 - 1
19	ENGLAND	TURKEY	46 - 59	12 - 18

**ROUND 17**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	GREECE	57 - 19	23 - 7
2	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	20 - 64	6 - 24
3	FINLAND	BELGIUM	28 - 54	10 - 20
4	IRELAND	ICELAND	52 - 37	18 - 12
5	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	48 - 28	19 - 11
6	FRANCE	ROMANIA	40 - 18	20 - 10
7	SWITZERLAND	SPAIN	22 - 67	6 - 24
8	SLOVENIA	WALES	18 - 73	4 - 25
9	PORTUGAL	SCOTLAND	28 - 40	13 - 17
10	LEBANON	MONACO	23 - 51	9 - 21
11	CZECH REP	ITALY	22 - 85	3 - 25
12	TURKEY	BULGARIA	29 - 54	10 - 20
13	YUGOSLAVIA	CYPRUS	69 - 78	13 - 17
14	GERMANY	FAROE ISLANDS	72 - 28	24 - 6
15	NORWAY	LIECHTENSTEIN	27 - 56	9 - 21
16	CROATIA	DENMARK	28 - 45	11 - 19
17	SAN MARINO	UKRAINE	53 - 72	11 - 19
18	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	35 - 21	18 - 12
19	LATVIA	ENGLAND	1 - 104	0 - 25

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 18****10.30**

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

**ROUND 19****14.15**

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

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1	ITALY	367.00
2	NORWAY	319.00
3	BULGARIA	319.00
4	NETHERLANDS	309.00
5	SPAIN	306.00
6	ISRAEL	305.00
7	FRANCE	300.00
8	POLAND	299.00
9	RUSSIA	286.00
10	TURKEY	281.00
11	ICELAND	280.00
12	SWEDEN	276.00
13	AUSTRIA	274.00
14	CZECH REP.	268.00
15	HUNGARY	268.00
16	GERMANY	266.00
17	ENGLAND	265.00
18	WALES	265.00
19	ROMANIA	263.00
20	FINLAND	258.00
21	LEBANON	253.00
22	DENMARK	249.00
23	IRELAND	245.00
24	UKRAINE	238.00
25	CROATIA	235.00
26	GREECE	235.00
27	SCOTLAND	233.00
28	MONACO	225.00
29	SLOVENIA	222.00
30	SWITZERLAND	219.00
31	PORTUGAL	212.00
32	SAN MARINO	208.00
33	YUGOSLAVIA	207.00
34	FAROE ISLANDS	191.00
35	BELGIUM	179.00
36	LIECHTENSTEIN	175.00
37	CYPRUS	161.00
38	LATVIA	134.00

## Une enchère en laiton

Ce sont les Monégasques qui ont découvert l'enchère la plus terroriste de ces championnats

Donne 8. Donneur Ouest. Personne Vul.

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

Après l'ouverture d'ISA en Est, le Letton en Nord produit l'enchère de 2♦ bicolore majeure/mineure. 3♥ - Texas ♠ - en Est et 3SA en Sud pour défendre en mineure. La boucherie s'acheva par 4♣ contrés et 1700 pour les gentils.

Après avoir pris une volée contre la Roumanie, le Liban décidait de se venger contre l'Espagne. Arrive alors une donne pour l'instant insipide. Après une banale séquence d'enchères (ISA-2♣-2♥-3♥-4♥) le Libanais Tchamitch surnommé Hagar l'Horrible, assis en Nord, regarda sa main avant d'entamer (cela ne peut qu'améliorer les choses). Sa religion lui interdisant d'entamer sous un Valet 4ème le jeudi, il choisit l'entame du 7 de ♣ sous l'As.

Donne 13. Donneur Nord. Tous vul.

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

Contrat : 4♥ (Ouest)  
Entame : 7 de ♣

En Sud, Najib Baroudi, alias le Kharfan, prit du Roi et retourna ♠ pour l'As de Buratti (de la nouvelle paire espagnole Buratti - Lanzarotti). Ce dernier tira ♦ pour l'As puis ♦ pour la Dame. Il devina bien les ♥ (As de ♥ et petit ♥ à blanc pour le Roi). Hagar revient du Valet de ♦ pour le Roi du mort. Buratti suppose fortement l'As de ♣ en Sud. Il avance le 10 de ♣. Sud fournit petit et le déclarant, lançant un regard confiant à Najib (toi, tu es capable d'avoir duqué) refuse l'impasse au Valet et passe la Dame à la volée. Une de chute !

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 5**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	DENMARK	NORWAY	19 - 21	15 - 15
22	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	40 - 29	17 - 13
23	CROATIA	SAN MARINO	90 - 17	25 - 1
24	GERMANY	TURKEY	73 - 11	25 - 3
25	SCOTLAND	FAROE ISLANDS	86 - 13	25 - 1
26	ICELAND	SPAIN	30 - 38	14 - 16
27	FRANCE	IRELAND	61 - 28	22 - 8
28	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	93 - 20	25 - 1
29	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA	25 - 76	5 - 25
30	ITALY	AUSTRIA	68 - 17	25 - 5
31	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	19 - 74	4 - 25
32	FINLAND	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

**ROUND 6**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	ISRAEL	DENMARK	23 - 79	4 - 25
22	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	14 - 65	5 - 25
23	TURKEY	CROATIA	52 - 28	20 - 10
24	FAROE ISLANDS	GERMANY	6 - 118	0 - 25
25	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	28 - 58	9 - 21
26	IRELAND	ICELAND	48 - 18	21 - 9
27	HUNGARY	FRANCE	55 - 14	23 - 7
28	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	43 - 48	14 - 16
29	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.	42 - 23	19 - 11
30	Bye	ITALY	0 - 0	0 - 18
31	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	54 - 37	19 - 11
32	FINLAND	POLAND	72 - 27	24 - 6

**ROUND 7**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	DENMARK	SAN MARINO	71 - 28	24 - 6
22	SWEDEN	TURKEY	52 - 41	17 - 13
23	CROATIA	FAROE ISLANDS	90 - 25	25 - 3
24	GERMANY	SPAIN	61 - 26	22 - 8
25	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	61 - 26	22 - 8
26	ICELAND	HUNGARY	41 - 33	16 - 14
27	FRANCE	RUSSIA	16 - 44	9 - 21
28	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	82 - 17	25 - 3
29	CZECH REP.	ITALY	18 - 55	7 - 23
30	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	44 - 54	13 - 17
31	NORWAY	FINLAND	43 - 43	15 - 15
32	POLAND	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING  
after 7 rounds**

<b>1</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>154.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>137.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>128.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>RUSSIA</b>	<b>126.00</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>124.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>122.00</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>117.00</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>108.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>ICELAND</b>	<b>103.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>CZECH REP</b>	<b>97.00</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>96.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>96.00</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>95.00</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>94.00</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>93.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>79.00</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>FAROE ISLANDS</b>	<b>59.00</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>SAN MARINO</b>	<b>53.00</b>

**WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 8 10.30**

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

**ROUND 9 14.15**

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

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 5**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	45 - 30	18 - 12
42	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	24 - 65	7 - 23
43	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	46 - 26	19 - 11
44	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL	50 - 14	22 - 8
45	ENGLAND	POLAND	28 - 55	9 - 21
46	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	36 - 30	16 - 14
47	TURKEY	GERMANY	43 - 40	16 - 14
48	WALES	ITALY	43 - 56	12 - 18
49	CROATIA	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
50	CZECH REP.	ISRAEL	47 - 40	16 - 14

**ROUND 6**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND	56 - 38	19 - 11
42	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	24 - 69	6 - 24
43	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	43 - 64	11 - 19
44	POLAND	SWEDEN	65 - 16	25 - 5
45	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	40 - 54	12 - 18
46	GERMANY	SPAIN	45 - 11	22 - 8
47	ITALY	TURKEY	45 - 42	16 - 14
48	ISRAEL	WALES	47 - 30	19 - 11
49	Bye	IRELAND	0 - 0	0 - 18
50	CZECH REP.	CROATIA	21 - 72	5 - 25

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 7 14.15**

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

**ROUND 8 17.35**

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

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING  
after 6 rounds**

1	FRANCE	122.00
2	DENMARK	117.00
3	NETHERLANDS	114.00
4	ISRAEL	112.00
5	POLAND	111.00
6	TURKEY	101.00
7	ITALY	99.00
8	CROATIA	97.00
9	GERMANY	92.00
10	WALES	88.00
11	ENGLAND	86.00
12	AUSTRIA	81.00
13	SCOTLAND	81.00
14	CZECH REP	80.00
15	SWEDEN	74.00
16	PORTUGAL	73.00
17	IRELAND	65.00
18	SPAIN	64.00
19	SWITZERLAND	62.00

**Championship Diary**

The arrival of Stefan Back is good news, as he will be buying the first round of drinks following Germany's defeat of the USA.

After their defeat in the World cup England have followed the splendid example of Italy by banning the sale and importing of Brazil nuts.

A group went to see a performance of Hamlet last night, which reminded us of a little poem:  
Said Hamlet to Ophelia 'I'll draw a sketch of thee'.  
'What kind of pencil will you use?'  
'To be or not to be'.

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 3**

**Croatia v Norway**

Everyone knows the great Champions playing in the Women's series. They will take centre stage in due course, but to begin with let's take a look at two of the less well know sides.

Having handed over the microphone to EOK it was time to resume operations on the writing front. Conditions in the playing rooms are, well shall we say, hot (I was going to write sultry, but it was suggested no one would understand what it meant) so I sat as close as possible to one of the water coolers. The first thing I noticed was the very classy convention cards that were in use - maybe we should have contests for the best cards and the best-dressed teams.

The second thing was that North was a player I recognised from previous Championships, Nikica Sver, who has previously represented her country in the Open series. Her father is here representing Croatia in the Seniors. Her mother plays as well, but surprisingly she was not taught to play by her parents. The action started on the very first deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
2♣	1♥	1♠	2♣
All Pass	3♦	4♠	Dble

East's overall was very conservative, but it still led to the excellent save. As you can see on this layout declarer will make twelve tricks in hearts, but it was hardly obvious for either North or South to bid on. Declarer was able to ruff a heart in dummy for two down, -300.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Brevik	Brkljacic	Harding
4♠	1♥	3♠	4♣
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

The more aggressive course of action chosen by East led to a similar outcome, so it was 0-0 after one deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
Dble	2♣	Pass	1♠
4♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass

East's decision to make a free bid saw her side get too high and it was easy enough for the defenders to take their four tricks, +50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Brevik	Brkljacic	Harding
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♦*
		All Pass	

Two Diamonds was a multi and when West doubled North bid Two Hearts, presumably asking partner to bid her major (one method is to pass to show diamonds, and redouble to ask partner to bid) but their was a major misunderstanding and North was left to stew.

A trick disappeared in the play and declarer finished five down, -500 and the first big swing to Croatia, ahead 11-0.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the right suit, hearts, but alas she selected the three and declarer must have been elated to win the trick with dummy's jack. She gave up a trick to the queen of clubs and in desperation South switched to a spade. Twelve tricks, +690.

However, the other table came to the rescue:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Brevik	Brkljacic	Harding
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

One Club was strong and the response promised three controls. East had lose a trump trick, but the spade finesse was right, so she was +1370 and Croatia had collected another 12 IMPs.

(As an aside, P.O.Sundelin told me he had foolishly bid to Seven Clubs. Particularly as the contract in the other room was Three Diamonds!)



Nikica Sver, Croatia

**Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
Pass	INT	Pass	1♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
Dble	All Pass		Pass

If East leads a heart, declarer might well make 3NT, placing the club length with West. However, Remen saved her side with her lead directing double. The defence started with five diamond tricks. West elected to exit with the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy, cashed three hearts and the ace of clubs and then ran the ten of spades for one down, -200.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Brevik	Brkljacic	Harding
1♦	INT	Pass	1♣
All Pass		Pass	2NT

West's overcall left North awkwardly placed. Pretending to have a diamond stopper was the alternative to double, and when South raised North did well to pass, as the defenders again took the first five diamond tricks. Declarer discarded a heart from her hand and two spades and two clubs from dummy. West exited with a heart, but declarer took three rounds of the suit, squeezing West in the black suits, +120 and a useful pick up for Norway.

**Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Meckwell's law says that South should close her eyes and bid Four Spades when her six card suit is raised. It's a poor contract

to be sure, and it can be beaten if the defenders find their diamond ruffs but they won't.

East adopted a subtle approach, anticipating that the opponents would go on to Three Spades and got both her suits in. However, Four Hearts was too high and with such good defensive cards North doubled. Declarer had to lose four tricks, -100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Jurisc</i>	<i>Breivik</i>	<i>Brkljadic</i>	<i>Harding</i>
Dble	2♣*	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

West's aggressive double meant everyone was quickly into the auction. West led the ace of hearts and a second heart, so declarer won, drew trumps and took the diamond finesse. Ten tricks and +450 for 8 Norwegian IMPs.

**Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.**

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



♠ A Q 7
♥ 10 8 6 4
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K Q 8

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Remen</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Thoresen</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
All Pass			

I was considering writing a couple of pages about this auction but fortunately Tacchi suggested going for a drink.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Jurisc</i>	<i>Breivik</i>	<i>Brkljadic</i>	<i>Harding</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♥	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

East opening bid promised 11-13, so it was not much of a stretch. North did well to protect, but then things got out of hand, South's final bid having little merit.

The defenders stated with five rounds of hearts and declarer had to make four discards from dummy. She parted with two spades and two clubs and West could delay taking the ace of diamonds that meant two down and +500 for another big swing to Croatia.

**Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.**

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



♠ A Q 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 3 2
♣ Q 8

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Remen</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Thoresen</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

East led a heart and declarer won, crossed to a spade and played the queen of clubs. West covered with the king and declarer was able to take the ace and jack and ruff her club losers for a not too shabby +1430.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Jurisc</i>	<i>Breivik</i>	<i>Brkljadic</i>	<i>Harding</i>
3♥	4♠	All Pass	2♠

This time declarer did not bother with the club finesse, so +650 and more points for Croatia. However, Norway were picking up points here and there and they did rather better than that on our next deal:

**Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.**

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



♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ Q 10 9 4 2

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Remen</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Thoresen</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	Pass
All Pass			2NT

South's choice of bid led to the club fit being missed.





Marina Pilipovic, Croatia

West led the ten of hearts and declarer tried the jack. East took the king and switched to the king of diamonds. West overtook and played the ten of diamonds. When that held she knocked out the ace of hearts. Declarer tried to sneak a club trick, so she was held to three tricks, -500.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Breivik	Brkljadic	Harding
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♦*
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

East led the king of diamonds and West overtook and returned the ten. North did not cover, but East overtook and played a third diamond. West strangely discarded a heart, so eight tricks had turned into nine, +110 and 12 IMPs for Norway.

**Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
1♦	1♠	All Pass	

I confess I would not be able to bring myself to pass with the South hand East led the two of diamonds and the defenders took

two tricks in that suit and played a third round, forcing declarer to ruff. She tried a heart to the jack but West won and forced declarer again. She ruffed, crossed to a club and tried to ruff a heart. East overruffed and declarer finished two down, -100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Breivik	Brkljadic	Harding
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Dble	3♥
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

As you can see, Three Hearts is unbeatable and West was perhaps unwise to double. However, North decided to run and struck gold. When West, doubtless thinking her opponents were now overboard, double again, she presented Norway with +510 and another 12 IMPs.

**Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Remen	Sver	Thoresen	Pilipovic
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Something went wrong here as the puppet Stayman auction had located the spade fit and Six Spades is perhaps a better slam than 6NT. North knew that East had the ace of diamonds and hoping to give nothing away she selected the seven of diamonds. That was enough to give the contract as now declarer had five diamond tricks and could afford to lose a club. +1440.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Jurisc	Breivik	Brkljadic	Harding
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Declarer took twelve tricks for +680 but the 13 IMP swing here saw Norway turn the match around right at the end to win a high scoring encounter 61-52 IMPs or 17-13 VP.

## GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI BOARD PER BOARD

### 15° INCONTRO OPEN: ITALIA - MONACO

**Aperta:** NORD Bocchi / SUD Duboin ITA  
EST Catellani / OVEST Fissore MON

**Chiusa:** NORD Allavena / SUD Guglielmi MON  
EST Lauria / OVEST Versace ITA



#### BOARD 1

I monegaschi in NS in chiusa cominciano con una bomba, dichiarando 6 cuori in una mano con 25 punti in linea e senza particolari pregi distribuzionali; lo slam si mantiene grazie al favorevole piazzamento di quattro carte chiave ed alla divisione 3-3 di un colore. In aperta i nostri giocano ovviamente manche. 11 I.M.P. per loro.

#### BOARD 2

Board 2 - dich. Est - NS in zona

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

Ci riprendiamo subito il maltolto. Nelle due sale il contratto è 4 cuori da Nord con attacco picche su cui Ovest prende d'Asso.

In aperta la difesa prosegue quadri cui Norberto rileva d'Asso per rigiocare nel colore; solo ora i monegaschi rigiocano picche, ma Bocchi, che adesso ha un tempo di vantaggio, può tranquillamente tagliare in mano la picche, al morto la quadri, battere gli atout e cedere l'Asso di fiori, mantenendo il contratto.

In chiusa Alfredo, in presa con l'Asso di picche, prosegue di piccola nel colore, mettendo pressione al dichiarante, che a carte viste potrebbe portare a casa il contratto giocando fiori e poi cuori oppure subito cuori, incassando una barca di atout e facendo scoppiare le carte in mano ad Est. In realtà il Nord monegasco finisce in fuorigioco e va 1 down. 12 I.M.P. Italia.

#### BOARD 3

Mentre Bocchi in aperta fa 2 cuori nonostante la divisione 4-0 dei resti in atout, Versace non fatica a realizzare 4 quadri +1 sull'altra linea in aperta. 6 I.M.P. per noi. 18-11.

#### BOARD 4

Pari a 4 cuori +1 facili in Est nelle due sale.

#### BOARD 5

Board 5 - dich. Nord - NS in zona

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

Mentre il sistema di intervento di Lauria-Versace mette pressione ai monegaschi che si fermano al parziale a fiori, che cade di 3 prese a causa della divisione 4-1 degli atout e ad una fallosa linea di gioco del dichiarante, in aperta Bocchi - Duboin raggiungono la manche a senza.

Giorgio riceve l'attacco Asso, Re di cuori e cuori; prende e muove picche verso Dama e Fante; Ovest non è lesto ad entrare per chiudere il board a favore della difesa, Duboin prende di Dama al morto e gioca fiori verso il Re, che fa presa (cade il Fante di Ovest). Ora 4 giri di quadri e fiori dal morto verso il 10 della mano. Est può entrare, incassare l'altra sua fiori, ma poi deve concedere il 10 al dichiarante. 14 I.M.P. per noi. 32-11.

#### BOARD 6

1 I.M.P. per loro per una surlevée in più a 3 senza. 32-12.

#### BOARD 7

EO hanno 30 punti in linea con cuori 5-2 chiuse e quadri 5-3 chiuse, ma mancano Asso e Re di fiori e slam non si fa; Fissore-Catellani, in aperta, si fermano a 5 cuori, ma cadono di 2 pagando quadri taglio immediato (i resti a quadri sono 5-0 e quelli a cuori 4-1), fiori per l'Asso, ancora quadri taglio e Re di fiori; in chiusa Bocchi-Duboin scelgono la manche nel minore rosso, im-





perdibile nonostante i resti 5-0. Anche qui siamo in zona. Altri 13 I.M.P. Italia. 45-12.

**BOARD 8**

1 I.M.P. per loro ancora per una surlevée. 45-13.

**BOARD 9**

Giorgino porta a casa 4 picche giostrando bene il colore critico (cuori), mentre Monaco non va oltre 3 picche +1. 7 per noi. 52-13.

**BOARD 10**

2 I.M.P. Italia per due surlevée in più per noi a manche.

**BOARD 11**

4 picche +1 in EO nelle due sale. Parità.

**BOARD 12**

Incassiamo 1 perché Norberto fa una presa in più del suo omologo a 3 senza. 55-13

**BOARD 13**

Monaco gioca 3 picche -1 in aperta, e 4 fiori in chiusa, che realizza grazie ad una linea di eliminazione e messa in presa. 1 I.M.P. Monaco. 55-14.

**BOARD 14**

Board 14 - dich. Est - tutti in prima

<p>♠ K 8 7 6 3 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ A ♣ J 10 4 2</p>	<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;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		O	E		S	<p>♠ A 9 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ K Q J 9 8 6 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A Q 8 6 3</p>
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Lorenzo in chiusa ben valuta la propria mano e la linea raggiunge l'ottimo 6 quadri (finendo con il realizzare 13 prese), mancato invece dagli omologhi monegaschi, che scelgono invece la manche a picche nella 5-2 mantenendo il contratto senza surlevée.

**Ovest**

Versace

1♠  
2NT  
3NT  
4♠  
5♦

**Nord**

Passo  
Passo  
Passo  
Passo  
Passo

**Est**

Lauria

1♦  
2♥  
3♥  
4♦  
4NT  
6♦

**Sud**

Passo  
Passo  
Passo  
Passo  
Passo  
Fine

2 cuori è mano forte in monocolor, bicolore o in fit a picche; 2 senza è relais che promette 8+ punti; 3 cuori dà la bicolore 6 quadri / 4 cuori; 4 quadri riapertura, 4 picche cue-bid, 4 senza blackwood, 5 quadri: 1 Asso.

11 I.M.P. Italia. 66-14.

**BOARD 15**

Monaco fa 3 cuori in aperta e 4 cuori in chiusa. 13 I.M.P. per i nostri avversari. 66-27.

**BOARD 16**

Pari a 3 senza +2 contro 4 cuori+1.

**BOARD 17**

Pari a 3 senza in Nord.

**BOARD 18**

Pari a 3 senza in Est.

**BOARD 19**

1 I.M.P. per noi per una surlevée a 3 senza. 67-27.

**BOARD 20**

2 prese di differenza tra Alfredo Versace, che fa 2 cuori +1, ed il suo omologo monegasco che, nello stesso contratto, finisce 1 down. 6 I.M.P. Italia. 73-27.

**FINALE**

Italia - Monaco 24 - 6 (73 - 27). Il consistente vantaggio in classifica dopo 14 turni - 30 punti sulla Norvegia - non riduce la concentrazione degli azzurri che affrontano Monaco con grande attenzione. I nostri avversari iniziano attaccando all'arma bianca. Il siluro immeritadamente andato a segno a favore dei nostri avversari al board 1 consente loro di impedire all'Italia di chiudere il match a punteggio pieno, nonostante il solito filotto di swing favorevoli derivati da brillanti scelte dichiarative e di gioco dei nostri ragazzi.

A metà gara il punteggio è di 23-7 per l'Italia. La fisionomia del match non cambia nella seconda parte, con gli azzurri ancora più volte in evidenza: al termine ancora un 24-6 che ci consente di incrementare il vantaggio sugli inseguitori. Ora abbiamo la Norvegia a -35 e la Bulgaria a -49.

"Mi hanno fatto lo slam più ridicolo dei miei quarant'anni di bridge - dice Lorenzo Lauria -, uno slam all'un per mille, anzi all'un per diecimila di probabilità...". Ovviamente Lorenzo si riferisce al 6 cuori della prima mano.



## When the Faroe Islands caused a sensation

by Svend Novrup

The Faroe Islands is situated in the North Atlantic and has a population of around 45,000 inhabitants. Its has its own parliament but being in a union with Denmark it was not until 1980 that the bridge federation of the Faroes which was founded in the sixties was allowed to participate in the Nordic Championships. This was a tough task as the three Scandinavian countries and Iceland are of big general strength, and ahead of these championships the Faroes had defeated Denmark five times and Finland once as their only victories.

Eight months ago it was decided to try and make the European Championships. The costs were huge and seemingly completely out of reach but splendid support from Giannarrigo Rona and the Italian Bridge Federation (sponsoring expenses in Salsomaggiore) cut down the amount so much that with support of Landsstyret (the Faroe "government") and several sponsors in addition to hard work from the players, raising about 20,000 euros themselves, in the end made it possible for two teams to enter.

The determined work started in November with the decision to ban any drinking of alcohol during the training as well as the weeks of the championships and a decision to work on the physical and mental side as well as the bridge. Friends in Denmark set up a four country event over Easter in Graasten, Denmark, in which both Faroe teams met with Denmark, Sweden, and Germany. An invitation to the Bonn Nations Cup followed, and here the team defeated Sweden 21-9 and Czech Republic 25-5 as the best of several good results which boosted their confidence. These experiences were of great value, and it was two very motivated teams which arrived in Salsomaggiore ready to show great determination but also wanting to show that they can go through the full event with three functioning pairs in both series and be just as fresh at the finish as in the beginning.

It was a tough start, 0-25 against Italy but they did not expect much there, and now they sort of got the feel of the championship. After 9-21 against Czech Republic and 11-19 against Lebanon they even started to win: 20-10 against Portugal and 19-11 against Slovenia. Already at this point the results made headlines at home. Following nice results like 10-20 against France and Israel they were ready to deliver a real blow: 18-12 against Russia.

In the meantime the women had started. The Faroe ladies team had lost 47 out of 48 matches ahead of Salsomaggiore but now got off to a 15-15 against Czech Republic followed by a sensational win against the Venice Cup silver team from France - in the same round as the open victory against Russia. Can you imagine what it means to a tiny nation to defeat Russia and France at the same time in the same sport? The players are now media stars, and others may just as well take note of them:

Open: Bogi Simonsen - Roi Joensen, Hedin Mouritzen - Joannes Mouritzen, Arnboern Sivertsen - Hans-Jacob Petersen. Npc: Finn Ougaard.

Ladies: Marjun Restorff - Arnleyg Mikkelsen, Laila Danielsen - Maria Christiansen, Majken Johansen - Jona Grunnveit. Npc: Mortan Rasmussen.

I am the coach of both teams and have been guiding their training since the start in November.

We have established a lot of Faroe records. Whenever Marjun (usually only first names are used in the Faroes) or Joannes play, they establish a new record of caps. Joannes started with 53 caps and will get to 75 before the finish. Marjun had 43 and celebrates her 50th cap Saturday, just to mention some of them.

A couple of hands. Against Poland Bogi - Roi had a dream of playing Balicki - Zmudzinski fulfilled, and they did so with no respect. They played a lot of very steady bridge, and already board four was very nice.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ - ♥ Q J 10 5 4 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ A Q 10 7 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; 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		<p>♠ A K Q 10 4 2 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ 8 3</p>	<p>♠ J 5 ♥ A 3 ♦ Q J 7 3 ♣ J 9 6 5 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bogi</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Roi</i>
2♥*	2♠	Dble*	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The double of 2♠ showed minors and 4NT carried the same message. North - South not only did their best by doubling but extracted the maximum penalty. ♠A was ruffed by West who ran the ♥Q to ♥K. Roi now brilliantly worked out that his partner held Kx in diamonds and switched to a low diamond. ♦K, ♦A, and a diamond ruff meant down two and 500 for the Faroes who never the less lost on the board when East-West did not sacrifice against 4♠ at the other table.

The most amusing hand, however, was when Bogi tried a deceptive "comic NT" (not in the system)!

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bogi</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Roi</i>
1♠	INT	Dble*	Pass
			All Pass!

The double showed a hand with one long suit. Now, opening with the fourth best of the longest suit could have netted East-West 1400 but when East cashed a top heart they could get no more than six tricks. Roi made certain that Bogi recognized how well it was that he had a heart stopper. +180 to the Faroes. In the other room E-W bid and made 4♠ for another 620 to the Faroes. 13 IMPs to the islanders.

# England - Germany 3:4

by Stefan Back

Although England scored a convincing 21:9-victory over Germany in round 14, the Germans had their moments as well. On board 11 Tomasz Gotard and Josef Piekarek, winners of the Schiphol Teams 2002, found a defence that - at the time - could have been a prediction of the score of the soccer world cup final between these two countries.

(We think you mean 4-3 Stefan! Editor)

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piekarek	P. Hackett	Gotard	Waterlow
1♦	1♠	Dble	1♣
2♦	2♠	3♦	Rdble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

After Gotard had led ♦9 to the king, ace and 7, Piekarek returned ♥10 to declarers king. North continued with ♣Q to East's ace, who now played back ♥Q to the ace. After ♣KJ, North discarding a heart and a diamond, declarer called for dummy's ♥8.

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

Piekarek ruffed high with ♠J, declarer overruffed with the queen and East contributed ♥J (!) to make sure West ruffed the next heart. North then ruffed ♦3 and played his winning heart from dummy. Piekarek knew to insert ♠6, which declarer had to overruff with ♠10 to be able to trump his last diamond in dummy.

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

Declarer continued with ♠9 to his ♠2 and East's king. East's ♠8 now forced out North's ace, which meant that the last trick "saw" the final score:

England: ♠ 3  
Germany: ♠ 4

Down one and a perfect trump promotion, which led to a 6 IMP gain for the Germans, when in the other room North/South scored a part score in spades.

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## Nice Bids & Plays

On VuGraph on Thursday afternoon, in the France v. Netherlands match, a few interesting situations occurred, both in bidding and play.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Bitran</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
INT	2♥	3♣	All Pass

With the friendly breaks in both clubs and the red suits, nine tricks at NT are very easy. Scoring +130 only thus looked a bad score for The Netherlands, but...

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Toffier</i>	<i>Van Eijck</i>	<i>Duguet</i>	<i>Westra</i>
Pass	2♦	3♣	2♣
3NT	All Pass		Pass



*Berry Westra, Netherlands*



*Jean-Michel Voltaire, France*

Here, Westra could open 2♣ showing a weak hand with both majors. As a consequence, Van Eijck led a heart against 3NT, presenting declarer with what should have been his 9th trick. However, after winning the ♥K at trick two, Duguet led the ♣10 from dummy and Van Eijck covered with the queen. Later, declarer crossed in spades to finesse the clubs again...two down and 8 IMPs to the Netherlands where they should have lost 11.

Two boards later, Bitran found a very nice defensive play:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Bitran</i>
3♦	1♠	2NT	Pass
	All Pass		

Well judged by Bitran to let 3♦ in peace. He might have done even better by axing it, but that's really asking too much. The defence was worth retaining for posterity. Spade lead to the ace, heart to the jack and ace, ♦K ducked and a spade to the king. Now trumps had to be continued, and the only correct card to play now is the ♦Q. After some thought, this card made her ap-

pearance on the table/the video screen. Very nice, as declarer could not ruff a club any more without completely losing control. Down three, vulnerable for a beautiful 300 to France.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Toffier	Van Eijck	Duguet	Westra
	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Westra took the more straightforward view of bidding the full support value of his hand. The contract duly made, but France had recouped 4 IMPs.

On the final board of this short report, a difference in bidding approach led to another good result for the French.

**Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Voldoire	Verhees	Bitran
			1♠
Dble	2♠	3♣	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When West bid 3♦, Voldoire had every reason to believe that his hand had improved considerably. In a sense he was right, but we wonder what would have happened had Verhees doubled the final contract. Would that suggest a diamond lead for two ruffs and one down?

On a passive trump lead, ten tricks were quickly there for +420 to France.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Toffier	Van Eijck	Duguet	Westra
			1♠
Dble	2♥	3♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Here, 2♥ was a transfer to show a good raise to 2♠, and Duguet preferred to show his heart support ahead of his clubs. With the fit established West had no reason to give any further information, so North had no idea about the value of his diamonds and left 4♥ alone. The contract went one down of course, but by losing only 50 here France had scored another 9 IMPs.

**Match Winner**

This deal from Round 14 gave a former Bulletin Editor a chance to write his own story.

**Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Mraz	Ratcliff	Kurka	Jourdain
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Two Clubs redoubled would have been a pleasant spot for East /West but South survived his ambitious entry into the auction.

North naturally led a club to the king and ace and declarer played the five of diamonds for the two, ace and nine. Declarer now played the three of diamonds from dummy and when South followed with the six he went into deep thought before eventually playing the king and conceding one down.

Tomas Mraz recalled that he had attended the junior camp in Fiesch some years ago when Patrick Jourdain was one of the lecturers. He turned to Patrick and said, "You were giving me lessons then and you are still giving me lessons now!"

It gave Wales 11 IMPs as the result at the other table was 3NT+3 - and they only won the match 58-41.

**Poolside Gossip**

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**OPEN TEAMS**  
**Round 14**  
**Bulgaria v Norway**

**T**hursday night Bulgaria v. Norway was the logical match to pick for VuGraph. For more than two decades Norway has been one of the reigning powers in world bridge whereas Bulgaria entered the top of the European bridge scene around the mid-nineties. No wonder that both countries are in serious contention for top places here in Salsomaggiore.

The match started with a dull push in 3NT but serious stuff already presented itself on the very next board when Terje Aa decided to open the East hand with an eight count.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Stamatov	Aa	Karaivanov
2♥	4♥	1♥	2♣
All Pass		Pass	5♣

Open Stamatov-Karaivanov soon found their big club fit, but after North's splinter South, looking at his diamonds, decided to sign off in 5♣. Bulgaria +620.



Glenn Grotheim, Norway

Closed Room

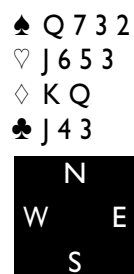
West	North	East	South
Mihov	Helness	Nanev	Helgemo
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
3♥	4♥	2♥	3♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	5♣
		All Pass	

In the Closed Room Tor Helness had a slightly different view. He splintered like Jerry Stamatov did in the Open Room, but after the sign off, Helness still pressed to six. And right he was. First blood to Norway.

In several other matches even the grand was bid, which failed on the unfavourable trump position. But even with trumps 2-1, thirteen tricks are far from certain.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Helness	Nanev	Helgemo
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	4♣	Dble
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
			All Pass

In the Closed Room Mihov-Nanev avoided the dubious slam and signed off in 5♠.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Stamatov	Aa	Karaivanov
2NT	Pass	3♥	2♦
3♠	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	Pass
			All Pass

One would expect the same from Grotheim-Aa with their sophisticated Viking Precision Club. However, due to the 2♦ opening by South the system could not be used on this hand. Terje Aa, hearing two key cards only, must have known that slam would be



thin. Already in the bidding he seemed to know exactly what he was doing. In view of the weak two-suiter as opened by South, North was the favourite to be in possession of the queen of trumps, so Aa did bid the slam. Another 13 IMPs to Norway.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

The bidding was the same in both rooms:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Double-dummy, 4♥ can be made but the successful line is far from obvious. Yet, the contract was made several times, but not in the VuGraph match. Mihov, in the Closed Room, came a long way but just failed in the finale. He got a diamond lead won with dummy's ♦K and led a club. Now Helgemo rose with the king (a fantastic play) and pushed the ♠9 through. Mihov had to win in hand, cashed the ♦Q and simply continued ♥A and another, felling the king and thus solving the trump problem. Helness' only safe exit was another diamond, giving Mihov an extra entry to dummy. Now came the ♣10, and Helgemo played low. Had Mihov risen to the occasion like Helgemo did before, he would have played low now to show he realised what had happened, but at the table he went up with the queen. When Helness won the ace and returned the suit, Mihov was left with a spade loser and thus went one down after all.

At the other table, declarer was quickly two down when he won the diamond lead in dummy and played a heart to the queen and king. Still 3 IMPs for Bulgaria.

More action on 14:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Helness	Nanev	Helgemo
Pass	4♣	1♥	3♥
4♥	All Pass	4♦	Pass

In the Closed Room, Geir Helgemo asked for a heart stopper by bidding 3♥. Uncharacteristically the Norwegian stars took a rather conservative view and in the end were rewarded with a modest plus 100 only.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Stamatov	Aa	Karaivanov
Dble	Pass	1♥	3♥
4♥	5♣	4♦	Pass
		All Pass	

In the Open Room Jerry Stamatov and Kalin Karaivanov bid all the way to 5♣ in which contract declarer, due to the opening bid by East, had no trouble in handling the spades correctly.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Helness	Nanev	Helgemo
1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Mihov-Nanev bid 3NT and made twelve tricks. Bulgaria +690.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Stamatov	Aa	Karaivanov
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The bidding needs some explanation. After the Strong Club 1NT showed 9-14 balanced and 2♦ showed the maximum (12-

14). 3♥ then showed 2-3-4-4 and 4♦ showed two aces of the same colour. Of course, 2♣ and 2♥ were just relays and 3♠ was asking for aces.

So Grotheim-Aa bid well to the reasonable slam, but twelve tricks were by no means sure. South found the best lead for the defence, a spade. Declarer won the ace, drew the trumps in two rounds, cashed his other spade, ruffed the third in his hand and played a club to the king. North won and returned the suit. Aa rose with the queen and finally relied on the heart finesse, which worked. 12 IMPs to Norway.

With all cards open one might note that North could do better. If he ducks the ♣A, the losing option of the finesse of the ♣J instead of the heart finesse might become more attractive.

Strange things happened on the last board of the set:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 ♥ J 10 5 4 2 ♦ 5 ♣ K Q J 3 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ K 6 2 ♥ 9 ♦ Q 9 8 6 4 2 ♣ A 10 9	♠ 9 7 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A K J 7 3 ♣ 8 7 6 5
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ A Q J 8 5 3 ♥ A K 8 7 6 ♦ 10 ♣ 4											

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Helness	Nanev	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

All completely normal, Norway +650.  
 The abnormal things occurred in the Open Room:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Stamatov	Aa	Karaiyanov
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Dble	3♥	4♦	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Apparently the Bulgarians erred with their version of RKC or at least North must have thought that clubs were to be the trump suit. So NS were heading for a quick down one. East lead a diamond to his partner's ace, who surprisingly continued the suit. Declarer ruffed in hand, pitching his stiff club from dummy, pulled the trumps, successfully finessed in spades and claimed twelve tricks for an unexpected swing to Bulgaria of 13 IMPs.

The final result of the match was 49-43 or 16-13 V.P. to Bulgaria when Norway were fined 1 V.P. for slow play, as the VuGraph audience had clearly been able to see.

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Today morning is the turn of the following teams to have their photographs taken for the EBL database. Would the captains please ensure that **all players** of the team plus the **npc** are present at the LineUp desk as follows:

<b>Women Teams</b>			
Austria	17.00	Denmark	17.30
Czech Rep.	17.15	England	17.45
<b>Open Teams</b>			
Austria	9.50	Poland	13.30
Czech Rep.	10.05	Portugal	13.45
Scotland	10.15		

**Marco Marin**  
EBL Photographer

## 70th Anniversary Ceremony

On Saturday evening at 7.15 p.m. in the Teatro Nuovo the Champions who have won the European Teams Championships (according to the attached list) will be present to be awarded.

José Damiani, WBF President and EBL President Emeritus, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, WBF President Emeritus and EBL Honorary Member, Ernesto D'Orsi, WBF Past President, Nils Jensen, EBL President Emeritus, Bill Pencharz, EBL Honorary President, Roberto Fabbicini, EOC Member, Adriano Grolli, Mayor of Salsomaggiore, Armand Trippaers, NBB President and Filippo Palma, FIGB President Vicarious will attend the Ceremony and award the plaques to the Champions.

All Members of the EBL Executive Committee and former Members Karl Rohan, Feijo Durkzs, Dirk Schroder, Géza Szapapanos, Grattan Endicott and Sabine Auken will also be present.

Marc Hodler, IOC Vice-President, will join us here on Sunday 23rd.

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DELMOULY CLAUDE	1997-99
KLAPPER WIT	2001
RUSSYAN JERZY	2001
WALA WLODZIMIERZ	2001
WILKOSZ ANDRZEJ	2001

### OPEN TEAMS

PRIDAY RICHARD ANTHONY	1961
SWARC HENRI	1966-70-74-83
DE FALCO DANO	1973-79-99-01
FRANCO ARTURO	1973-75-79
VIVALDI ANTONIO	1973
LEENHARDT FRANCOIS	1974
MARI CHRISTIAN	1974
DI STEFANO FRANCO	1975
MOSCA CARLO	1975
GOTHE HANS G.	1977-87
LINDQVIST C. MAGNUS	1977-87
SUNDELIN PER OLOV	1977-87
MORATH ANDERS	1977
LAURIA LORENZO	1979-95-97-01
MARTENS KRYZSZTOF	1981-89-93
KLUKOWSKI JULIAN	1981-89
MOUIEL HERVE'	1983
ROHAN KARL	1985
BALICKI CEZARY	1989-93
ZMUDZINSKI ADAM	1989-93
ARMSTRONG JOHN	1991
LESNIEWSKI MARCIN	1993
VERSACE ALFREDO	1995-97-01
BURATTI ANDREA	1995-97
LANZAROTTI MASSIMO	1995-97
PATTACINI MAURIZIO	1995
SEMENTA ANTONIO	1995
BOCCHI NORBERTO	1997-99-01
DUBOIN GIORGIO	1997-99-01
FERRARO GUIDO	1999-01
ATTANASIO DARIO	1999

### WOMEN'S TEAMS

BALDON SUZANNE	1953-54
BOURCHTOFF ANDREE	1953-54
PETERSEN VIBEKE	1955-57
VENTURINI MAVI	1970-71-73
CAPODANNO LUCIANA	1974-77
D'ANDREA MARISA	1974-77
SMITH NICOLA	1975-79-81-97-99-01
BRUNNER MICHELLE	1979-01
DENNISON MAUREEN	1981
CHEVALLEY GINETTE	1983-85-87
WILLARD SYLVIE	1983-85-87-95
BESSIS VERONIQUE	1983-85-87-95
D'OVIDIO CATHERINE	1985-95
PIGEAUD FABIENNE	1985
CRONIER BENEDICTE	1987-95
AUKEN SABINE	1989
SCHROEDER KAREEN	1989
VON ARNIM DANIELA	1989
BAMBERGER GABRIELE	1991
ERHART MARIA	1991
FISCHER DORIS	1991
RYMAN MARI	1993
MCGOWAN LIZ	1997-99
DHONDY HEATHER	1997-99-01
GOLDENFIELD RHONA	2001

**OPEN TEAMS**  
**Round 15**  
**Hungary v Sweden**

In Round 15 the VuGraph brought us Hungary v. Sweden. In the auditorium one could see Jan Kamras, the non-playing captain of the Swedes. And if one looked better one could see him wearing two different kinds of shoes. How come? Two players of his team accidentally lost one shoe each. This inspired the captain to wear the remaining shoes, which in fact looked more or less the same, except for the colours (blue and brown). Moreover, from the moment that Kamras has been wearing his pair of odd shoes, his team started winning all its matches. So he is not inclined to take them off for the rest of the championships.



Jan Kamras, npc, Sweden

We start the report with a hand which surely will be published all over the world. In fact, Jean-Paul Meyer already bought the rights for Le Bridgeur from us.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Four Hearts was the popular contract, but hardly anyone made it. The 4-1 trump split was too hot to handle, since the dan-

ger of getting shortened in trumps was always there. In fact, in the Closed Room the Hungarian declarer didn't come any further than nine tricks and therefore the save by Magnus Lindkvist in the Open Room in 4♠ doubled down two cost him money.

Back to the 'impossible' 4♥. Impossible? Perhaps not. With all cards open one might find the solution. Let's say East leads a spade to the ace of his partner who returns the suit. Declarer ruffs, cashes the ♥10 and notices the unfavourable trump split. He plays a club to the king, and plays another three rounds of trumps. This is the position:

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

Remember, declarer lost one trick so far. He plays a second club and East has to duck again. Now the last spade is ruffed, declarer exits with the third club and East is caught in a standard Bath coup.

Is this a double dummy analysis with the help of the beautiful bridge programme DeepFinesse?

By all means, no. It was Dutch star Louk Verhees, who in his match against Ireland, displayed this great play!



Louk Verhees, Netherlands

Sweden was unlucky on this one:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, PO played in 3NT. West led a spade, East cashed his two top spades and played another one for Sundelin's queen. Declarer cashed first all his high cards in the minor suits and nothing favourable happened to him. He now relied on the heart finesse, alas, down two. In the open room Kemény had a clue which Sundelin lacked: East had opened the bidding. So here declarer had every reason to finesse the ♣Q 11 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 14 was interesting in relation to slam bidding.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

When you are playing a natural system it seems to be very difficult, perhaps impossible, to reach 6♦. Though it is very understandable that the Hungarians bid 6♥ it is not the right contract. On a club lead and the trumps 4-2 or worse, you go down.

Playing a strong club system makes life sometimes easier. Jovi Smederevac and Sascha Wernle playing for Austria against Switzerland for example had a characteristic Blue Club sequence:

West	East
Wernle	Smederevac
	1♣ (strong)
1♠ (3 controls)	2♦
2♠	3♦
3NT (minimum)	4♦
4♠ (cuebid)	6♦*
Pass	

\* knows that ♣A or ♦A will do

Another interesting point is that 6♦ is even a better contract than 3NT. In one of the women's matches declarer went down in 3NT after a club lead by South for jack and king, a club to the queen and the eight of clubs, ducked in dummy.

## Directions for the Anniversary Celebration

Turn right out of the building.  
Down to the fountain and straight on.  
Teatro Nuovo is the Cinema on the left a short distance along.  
Afterwards the 'Serata' is at the Grand Hotel Milano which is on the roundabout with the fountain.

## Laws of bridge (4)

In 1987 we changed the laws for Europe making it an infraction (with a severe penalty) to ask partner (defender) about a possible revoke. 'No spades partner?' was not allowed anymore. They tried the same in the ACBL but the opposition by the players there was such that this law was not changed there. Up till today a defender in zone 2 (Northern America) is allowed to ask partner whether he can follow suit. Since our aim is to have the same laws all over the world this is not a preferable situation.

So my question is: should we change our approach in Europe, should we try to convince the ACBL to change theirs or should we meet each other somewhere in between, making it a severe infraction to have the question meant more than just a warning not to revoke?

Ton Kooijman



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**BUTLER RANKING**

after 17 rounds

1	Lauria Loren	ITA	1.65	(260)	77	Fitzgibbon N	IRE	0.31	(240)	154	Simonsen Bod	FAR	-0.21	(220)
2	Versace Alfr	ITA	1.49	(280)		Mesbur Adam	IRE	0.31	(240)		Torres J.lgn	SPA	-0.22	(180)
3	Buratti Andr	SPA	1.30	(280)	79	Juuri-Oja Jo	FIN	0.20	(240)		Frances Anto	SPA	-0.22	(180)
	Lanzarotti M	SPA	1.30	(280)		Kiema Osmo	FIN	0.20	(240)	156	Protega Bran	SLO	-0.25	(220)
5	Bocchi Norbe	ITA	1.13	(300)		Svoboda Otak	CZE	0.20	(240)		Ralca Danilo	SLO	-0.25	(220)
	Duboin Giorg	ITA	1.13	(300)		Volhejn Wit	CZE	0.20	(240)		Catellani Ma	MON	-0.25	(220)
7	Helgemo Geir	NOR	1.00	(240)	83	Soroldoni Ma	SMR	0.17	(240)		Fissore Henr	MON	-0.25	(220)
	Helness Tor	NOR	1.00	(240)		Zaccaria Dan	SMR	0.17	(240)	160	Ambrov Bojan	SLO	-0.26	(220)
9	Aviram Yoram	ISR	0.85	(260)	85	Van Eijck Wi	NET	0.16	(219)		Novak Miro	SLO	-0.26	(220)
	Barel Michae	ISR	0.85	(260)		Westra Berry	NET	0.16	(219)		Sementa Anto	ITA	-0.26	(120)
11	Trendafilov	BUL	0.76	(240)	87	Aydin Ata	TUR	0.14	(160)		Turletti Tol	LIC	-0.26	(220)
12	Karaivanov K	BUL	0.73	(240)		Yilmaz Gokha	TUR	0.14	(160)		Arnaboldi Se	LIC	-0.26	(220)
13	Jakab Sandor	HUN	0.71	(240)	89	Briciu Mariu	ROM	0.13	(240)	165	Carcassonne	BEL	-0.28	(240)
	Szilagy Lasz	HUN	0.71	(240)		Ghigheci Ovi	ROM	0.13	(240)		Labaeere A	BEL	-0.28	(240)
	Fredin Peter	SWE	0.71	(260)	91	Briolini G.C	SMR	0.12	(220)	167	Costa Ant.An	POR	-0.29	(240)
	Lindkvist Ma	SWE	0.71	(260)		Fiorini Fior	SMR	0.12	(220)		Mascarenhas	POR	-0.29	(240)
17	Jansma Jan	NET	0.63	(239)	93	Smederavac J	AUT	0.11	(220)	169	Skoularikis	GRE	-0.30	(239)
	Verhees Louk	NET	0.63	(239)		Wernle Alex.	AUT	0.11	(220)		Zotos Loukas	GRE	-0.30	(239)
19	Karaivanov I	BUL	0.62	(220)	95	Khven Maxim	RUS	0.10	(200)	171	Schneider Ra	ISR	-0.31	(160)
20	Assael Salv.	TUR	0.61	(340)		Matushko Geo	RUS	0.10	(200)		Shaham Eran	ISR	-0.31	(160)
	Zorlu Nafiz	TUR	0.61	(340)	97	Lantaron Lui	SPA	0.09	(220)	173	Evseev Vo	UKR	-0.37	(200)
22	Stamatov Jer	BUL	0.55	(240)		Ventin J.Car	SPA	0.09	(220)		Volkov OI	UKR	-0.37	(200)
23	Lesniewski M	POL	0.54	(220)	99	Aa Terje	NOR	0.06	(220)	175	Matei Corn.D	ROM	-0.39	(220)
	Martens Krzy	POL	0.54	(220)		Grotheim Gle	NOR	0.06	(220)		Savin Daniel	ROM	-0.39	(220)
	Baroudi Nagi	LEB	0.54	(220)	101	Hackett Jaso	ENG	0.04	(259)	177	Blasket Lars	DEN	-0.40	(240)
	Tchamitch Ha	LEB	0.54	(220)		Hackett Just	ENG	0.04	(259)		Bruun Mathia	DEN	-0.40	(240)
	Kurka Josef	CZE	0.54	(220)		Hopfenheit G	GER	0.04	(220)	179	Allavena J.C	MON	-0.42	(240)
	Mráz Tomas	CZE	0.54	(220)		Reim Sebast.	GER	0.04	(220)		Guglielmi Mi	MON	-0.42	(240)
	Kurbalija Fi	WAL	0.54	(240)	105	Elinescu Mic	GER	0.02	(220)	181	Medawar Sami	LEB	-0.44	(200)
	Rees Tim	WAL	0.54	(240)		Entscho Wlad	GER	0.02	(220)		Hamdam Fayca	LEB	-0.44	(200)
	Brogeland Bo	NOR	0.54	(220)	107	Johannsson S	ICE	0.00	(240)	183	Anderson Rex	IRE	-0.45	(220)
	Saelensminde	NOR	0.54	(220)		Jonsson Stei	ICE	0.00	(240)		Greenwood Da	IRE	-0.45	(220)
33	Gustawsson M	SWE	0.53	(220)		Armstrong Jo	ENG	0.00	(220)		Kalavanas Di	CYP	-0.45	(220)
	Morath Ander	SWE	0.53	(220)		Davies Danny	ENG	0.00	(220)	186	Sundelin P.O	SWE	-0.50	(200)
35	Gotard Tomas	GER	0.52	(240)	111	Eidi Michel	LEB	-0.02	(260)		Sylvan Johan	SWE	-0.50	(200)
	Pierakek Jos	GER	0.52	(240)		Harfouche Ga	LEB	-0.02	(260)	188	Goldberg Vic	SCO	-0.51	(220)
37	Serpoi Gheor	ROM	0.51	(220)	113	Koistinen Ka	FIN	-0.03	(260)		Gordon Irvin	SCO	-0.51	(220)
	Stirbu Calin	ROM	0.51	(220)		Nyberg Clas	FIN	-0.03	(260)	190	Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.53	(240)
39	Gromov Andre	RUS	0.49	(240)		Lopes Jorge	POR	-0.03	(219)		Nemtsev OI	UKR	-0.53	(240)
	Petrulin Ale	RUS	0.49	(240)		Sa Joao	POR	-0.03	(219)	192	Bianchi Serg	LIC	-0.56	(280)
41	Duguet Miche	FRA	0.48	(239)	117	Carroll John	IRE	-0.04	(220)		Palmieri C.A	LIC	-0.56	(280)
	Toffier Phil	FRA	0.48	(239)		Garvey Tom	IRE	-0.04	(220)	194	Politis Taki	CYP	-0.59	(280)
43	Mihov Vlad.	BUL	0.47	(200)	119	Diamond Dere	SCO	-0.05	(220)	195	Nikolic Vlad	YUG	-0.65	(240)
44	Bessis Miche	FRA	0.45	(220)		Dragic Miros	SCO	-0.05	(220)		Vucic Alex	YUG	-0.65	(240)
	Rombaut Jero	FRA	0.45	(220)	121	Mattila Jukk	FIN	-0.06	(180)	197	Kaplan Alain	BEL	-0.66	(220)
	Nikolayenko	UKR	0.45	(240)		Vihtila Pekk	FIN	-0.06	(180)		Polet Guy	BEL	-0.66	(220)
	Rybnikov Ge	UKR	0.45	(240)		Gantar Metod	SLO	-0.06	(240)	199	Kemeny Gyorg	HUN	-0.72	(220)
48	Nanev Ivan	BUL	0.43	(220)		Senk Matija	SLO	-0.06	(240)		Szappanos Ge	HUN	-0.72	(220)
49	Muller Bauke	NET	0.42	(220)	125	Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.08	(240)	201	Petersen Han	FAR	-0.73	(220)
	De Wijs Simo	NET	0.42	(220)		Matheson Joh	SCO	-0.08	(240)		Sivertsen Ar	FAR	-0.73	(220)
51	Bizon Piotr	POL	0.40	(220)	127	Schaltz Dort	DEN	-0.10	(220)	203	Mouritsen He	FAR	-0.76	(240)
	Kowalski Dar	POL	0.40	(220)		Schaltz Pete	DEN	-0.10	(220)		Mouritsen Jo	FAR	-0.76	(240)
53	Kalish Avi	ISR	0.39	(259)	129	Denning Paul	WAL	-0.13	(240)	205	Abouchanab B	SWI	-0.77	(200)
	Podgur Leoni	ISR	0.39	(259)		Thomas Adria	WAL	-0.13	(240)		Sasselli Mar	SWI	-0.77	(200)
	Gloyer Andre	AUT	0.39	(240)		Babsch Andre	AUT	-0.13	(220)	207	Koumas Mich	CYP	-0.79	(240)
	Schifko Mart	AUT	0.39	(240)		Bieder Wolf.	AUT	-0.13	(220)	208	Christophide	CYP	-0.82	(260)
	Hackett Paul	ENG	0.39	(200)	133	Kutner Roger	SWI	-0.14	(240)	209	Barbosa Juli	POR	-0.83	(219)
	Waterlow Ton	ENG	0.39	(200)		Terretaz J.B	SWI	-0.14	(240)		Pinto Rui	POR	-0.83	(219)
59	Einarsson Bj	ICE	0.37	(240)		Hatzidakis	GRE	-0.14	(240)	211	Marinkovic P	CRO	-0.85	(200)
	Ingimarsson	ICE	0.37	(240)		Sapounakis A	GRE	-0.14	(240)		Rase Davor	CRO	-0.85	(200)
	Dubinin Alex	RUS	0.37	(240)	137	Duong Hong D	SWI	-0.15	(240)	213	Milgravia An	LAT	-0.90	(280)
	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.37	(240)		Yalcin Tarik	SWI	-0.15	(240)		Rubenis Gint	LAT	-0.90	(280)
63	Aukens Jens	DEN	0.36	(220)	139	Kannavos Pan	GRE	-0.18	(199)	215	Radicic Bran	YUG	-0.94	(200)
	Schaffer Lau	DEN	0.36	(220)		Kapayannides	GRE	-0.18	(199)		Radisic Gora	YUG	-0.94	(200)
65	Hegedus Gal	HUN	0.35	(220)		Arigun Cengi	TUR	-0.18	(180)	217	Coenraets Ph	BEL	-1.03	(220)
	Honti Laszlo	HUN	0.35	(220)		Cengiz Nuri	TUR	-0.18	(180)		Jeunen Frans	BEL	-1.03	(220)
	Karlsson Sno	ICE	0.35	(200)		Cakic Aljosa	CRO	-0.18	(240)	219	Jansons Ugis	LAT	-1.04	(280)
	Sigurhjarar	ICE	0.35	(200)		Diklic Dubra	CRO	-0.18	(240)	220	Bendiks Jani	LAT	-1.22	(240)
69	Juhás Anamar	YUG	0.33	(240)	145	Michaud-Lari	MON	-0.20	(220)		Lordos Rena	CYP	-1.23	(180)
	Parezanin Da	YUG	0.33	(240)		Tardy Stepha	MON	-0.20	(220)	221	Tylliri Fros	CYP	-1.23	(180)
71	Balicki Ceza	POL	0.32	(240)		Jourdain Pat	WAL	-0.20	(200)	223	Baghetti Pao	LIC	-1.26	(180)
	Zmudzinski A	POL	0.32	(240)		Ratcliff Ton	WAL	-0.20	(200)		Guaraldi And	LIC	-1.26	(180)
	Bitran Alber	FRA	0.32	(219)	149	Vozabal Davi	CZE	-0.21	(220)	225	Fazzardi Fra	SMR	-1.35	(220)
	Voltaire J-M	FRA	0.32	(219)		Zadrazil Mic	CZE	-0.21	(220)		Simoncini Ma	SMR	-1.35	(220)
	Borevkovic G	CRO	0.32	(240)		Angelini Fra	ITA	-0.21	(100)	227	Germanis Aig	LAT	-1.43	(160)
	Tesla Miro	CRO	0.32	(240)		Joensen Roi	FAR	-0.21	(220)		Rubenis Ivar	LAT	-1.43	(120)



## La notte dei campioni

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Giugno 1932. A Scheveningen, sobborgo della capitale olandese, si decide di dar vita, con l'organizzazione di una pionieristica International Bridge Association e della Dutch Bridge Bond, guidata dal presidente Anthoine Lucardie, al primo campionato europeo di bridge a squadre open. Da allora, il bridge ha fatto molta strada: nel 1947 è stata fondata, a Copenhagen, la European Bridge League che oggi conta 44 Federazioni affiliate e nel 1958, a Oslo, la World Bridge Federation, che grazie alla forte spinta dei presidenti Jaime Ortiz Patino, Ernesto D'Orsi e José Damiani, è arrivata a raggruppare 120 paesi di tutto il mondo. Nel 1997 la WBF è stata riconosciuta dal CIO come federazione internazionale e due anni più tardi come federazione sportiva internazionale; nello stesso anno la EBL è stata ufficialmente riconosciuta dal Comitato Olimpico Europeo. Il prossimo passo è il riconoscimento del bridge come sport olimpico a tutti gli effetti, che ci si augura di poter celebrare a Torino nel 2006. L'arrivo a Salsomaggiore del vice presidente CIO, Marc Hodler, è a questo riguardo significativo e di

buon auspicio. Giugno 2002. I Campionati Europei sono l'occasione per festeggiare i settanta anni da quella lontana data e per ricordare tutti coloro che, in questo tempo, hanno contribuito a far crescere il bridge e a promuoverne i valori di correttezza, di sano agonismo, di rispetto degli avversari, insieme all'orgoglio di appartenenza, all'amore per la propria storia e alla riconoscenza per quanto i campioni di tutti i Paesi hanno dato a questo sport. A questa vera e propria festa del bridge europeo, voluta dal presidente della EBL e della Federazione italiana Gianarrigo Rona, saranno presenti i più importanti e rappresentativi dirigenti del bridge internazionale e alcuni esponenti del movimento olimpico.

Saranno festeggiati e premiati i giocatori, uomini e donne, che hanno vinto almeno un'edizione dei campionati europei a squadre: in tutto 67 grandi campioni ai quali tutti coloro che amano il bridge devono qualcosa. Saranno tutti presentati alla numerosa e scelta platea a coppie, partendo dai bridgisti e bridgiste che hanno vinto il maggiore numero di titoli continentali. Concluderà l'eccellente passerella la pluricampionessa mondiale ed europea Sabine Auken che porterà la testimonianza di tutti i giocatori e giocatrici presenti.



### I CAMPIONI

SMITH NICOLA SVARC HENRY	1975-79-81-97-99-01 1966-70-74-83	BESSIS VERONIQUE DE FALCO DANO	1983-85-87-95 1973-79-99-01
WILLARD SYLVIE LAURIA LORENZO	1983-85-87-95 1979-95-97-01	VENTURINI MAVI FRANCO ARTURO	1970-71-73 1973-75-79
CHEVALLEY GINETTE MARTENS KRYSZTOF	1983-85-87 1981-89-93	DHONDY HEATHER VERSACE ALFREDO	1997-99-01 1995-97-01
BALDON SUZANNE BOCCHI NORBERTO	1953-54 1997-99-01	BOURCHTOFF ANDREE DUBOIN GIORGIO	1953-54 1997-99-01
CAPODANNO LUCIANA LINDQVIST C. MAGNUS	1974-77 1977-87	D'ANDREA MARISA SUNDELIN PER OLOV	1974-77 1977-87
BRUNNER MICHELLE KLUKOWSKI JULIAN	1979-01 1981-89	D'OVIDIO CATHERINE BALICKI CEZARY	1985-95 1989-93
CRONIER BENEDICTE ZMUDZINSKI ADAM	1987-95 1989-93	MCGOWAN LIZ BURATTI ANDREA	1997-99 1995-97
GUT ENRICA LANZAROTTI MASSIMO	1977 1995-97	MARTINELLI ANDREINA FERRARO GUIDO	1977 1999-01
DENNISON MAUREEN PRIDAY RICHARD ANTHONY	1981 1961	PIGEAUD FABIENNE VIVALDI ANTONIO	1985 1973
SCHROEDER KAREEN LEENHARDT FRANCOIS	1989 1974	VON ARNIM DANIELA MARI CHRISTIAN	1989 1974
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FISCHER DORIS MORATH ANDERS	1991 1977	RYMAN MARI MOUIEL HERVE'	1993 1983
GOLDENFIELD RHONA ROHAN KARL	2001 1985	ARMSTRONG JOHN LESNIEWSKI MARCIN	1991 1993
PATTACINI MAURIZIO SEMENTA ANTONIO	1995 1995	ATTANASIO DARIO STOBIECKI WLODZIMIERZ	1999 1995-01
ADAD PIERRE AUJALEU MAURICE	1997-99 1997-99	DELMOULY CLAUDE NOWAK JANUSZ C.	1997-99 1995
KLAPPER WIT RUSSYAN JERZY	2001 2001	WALA WLODZIMIERZ WILKOSZ ANDRZEJ	2001 2001
AUKEN SABINE	1989		

## EBL 2002 SENIOR CONGRESS

The EBL 2002 Senior Congress will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday 24th June in the Congress Room on the second floor of the Congress Centre. All EBL Executive Committee Members, NBO officers, Senior players and officials of the European Senior Championships are invited to attend.

*The Agenda will be the following:*

1. Greetings from the EBL President, Gianarrigo Rona.
2. Greetings from the WBF President, José Damiani.
3. Report by the EBL Seniors Committee Chairman on the 2002 Senior Teams Championship:
  - (a) Why 19 teams;
  - (b) Why 20 boards;
  - (c) Lessons for the future.
4. Open floor discussion on the 2002 Senior Teams Championship: complaints and compliments.
5. Future EBL-sponsored Senior Congresses:
  - (a) July 2002 - Poland
  - (b) August 2002 - Brighton, England
  - (c) October 2002 - Pisa, Italy
  - (d) February 2003 - Tel Aviv, Israel
  - (e) April 2003 - Malta
  - (f) May 2003 - Larnaka, Cyprus
6. WBF Senior events in Montreal:
  - Senior Teams: 23-26 August 2002
  - Senior Pairs: 27-30 August 2002
7. Varia

I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Nissan Rand**  
Chairman EBL Seniors Committee

### In the News

## GAZZETTA DI PARMA

The GAZZETTA DI PARMA - a snip at Euro 0.88 - will be carrying a daily report on the Championships.

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## New regulation

Just at the end of the first round in the seniors a mobile phone rang. It couldn't be ignored since the TD stood next to the table where it happened. So after the match both, TD and player, came to the result desk to clear the situation. According to the regulations there are two fines, a 2VP penalty and a 100 euro fine. The player still looked somewhat dizzy, as a consequence of what had happened and of the temperature in the playing room most probably. So I decided to restrict the penalty to the 2VP, even here considering equity more important than penalising. The player reacted unexpectedly. Showing his anger with himself he took his phone and destroyed it with brute force just in front of me, apparently not accepting only to be damaged in the result of the match.

This has resulted in a supplement in the regulations: when caught with a mobile phone or similar attribute you either pay 100 euro or you destroy your phone in front of players and staff in the lobby. I prefer the latest.

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