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The Masterclass Continues



Revitalize your play the Angelini way!

Italy are so dominant that if this were a boxing match the referee would stop the contest in order to save the other teams from further punishment. Their lead is already 58VP and at this rate they will be crowned Champions well before the last round.

In the race for the other four Bermuda Bowl spots **Norway** are just ahead of **Bulgaria** and **Spain**, with fifth placed **The Netherlands** looking over their shoulders at mighty **Poland**.

Germany have won their first nine matches in the Women's series - is this a record? Even so, **Denmark**, who have conceded just one draw, and **England**, are almost matching Germany's furious pace.

France continues to lead the Seniors, but **Denmark** and **Israel** are close behind.

We are producing a special edition of the bulletin celebrating last night's anniversary celebrations. It will be available during the afternoon.

Today's VuGraph Matches

OPEN TEAMS - Round 20

Sweden v Norway 10.30

OPEN TEAMS - Round 21

Russia v Iceland 14.15

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 18

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | CZECH REP | LATVIA | 99 - 25 | 25 - 1 |
| 2 | ITALY | LEBANON | 61 - 13 | 25 - 5 |
| 3 | MONACO | PORTUGAL | 43 - 41 | 15 - 15 |
| 4 | SCOTLAND | SLOVENIA | 41 - 55 | 12 - 18 |
| 5 | WALES | SWITZERLAND | 63 - 46 | 19 - 11 |
| 6 | SPAIN | FRANCE | 53 - 7 | 24 - 6 |
| 7 | ROMANIA | ISRAEL | 37 - 51 | 12 - 18 |
| 8 | AUSTRIA | IRELAND | 20 - 25 | 14 - 16 |
| 9 | ICELAND | FINLAND | 52 - 26 | 20 - 10 |
| 10 | BELGIUM | HUNGARY | 38 - 34 | 16 - 14 |
| 11 | NETHERLANDS | POLAND | 27 - 44 | 11 - 19 |
| 12 | GREECE | RUSSIA | 44 - 60 | 12 - 18 |
| 13 | SWEDEN | SAN MARINO | 77 - 14 | 25 - 3 |
| 14 | UKRAINE | CROATIA | 41 - 61 | 11 - 19 |
| 15 | DENMARK | NORWAY | 11 - 36 | 10 - 20 |
| 16 | LIECHTENSTEIN | GERMANY | 37 - 45 | 14 - 16 |
| 17 | FAROE ISLANDS | YUGOSLAVIA | 60 - 43 | 19 - 11 |
| 18 | CYPRUS | TURKEY | 15 - 54 | 7 - 23 |
| 19 | BULGARIA | ENGLAND | 29 - 63 | 8 - 22 |

ROUND 19

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | POLAND | BELGIUM | 23 - 17 | 16 - 14 |
| 2 | HUNGARY | ICELAND | 11 - 48 | 7 - 23 |
| 3 | FINLAND | AUSTRIA | 58 - 29 | 21 - 9 |
| 4 | IRELAND | ROMANIA | 33 - 61 | 9 - 21 |
| 5 | ISRAEL | SPAIN | 15 - 40 | 10 - 20 |
| 6 | FRANCE | WALES | 30 - 12 | 19 - 11 |
| 7 | SWITZERLAND | SCOTLAND | 31 - 31 | 15 - 15 |
| 8 | SLOVENIA | MONACO | 32 - 29 | 16 - 14 |
| 9 | PORTUGAL | ITALY | 29 - 56 | 9 - 21 |
| 10 | LEBANON | CZECH REP | 49 - 29 | 19 - 11 |
| 11 | ENGLAND | CYPRUS | 33 - 28 | 16 - 14 |
| 12 | TURKEY | FAROE ISLANDS | 77 - 22 | 25 - 4 |
| 13 | YUGOSLAVIA | LIECHTENSTEIN | 75 - 66 | 17 - 13 |
| 14 | GERMANY | DENMARK | 13 - 42 | 9 - 21 |
| 15 | NORWAY | UKRAINE | 35 - 32 | 16 - 14 |
| 16 | CROATIA | SWEDEN | 19 - 26 | 14 - 16 |
| 17 | SAN MARINO | GREECE | 11 - 92 | 0 - 25 |
| 18 | RUSSIA | NETHERLANDS | 19 - 41 | 10 - 20 |
| 19 | LATVIA | BULGARIA | 10 - 54 | 6 - 24 |

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 20

10.30

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

ROUND 21

14.15

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

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Don't miss your chance to visit the Scandinavian room to find out what a wonderful experience you are going to have in Sweden in two years time. As well as an audio visual presentation you can enjoy some Swedish hospitality.

The schedule for team visits is below

Today at 12.30-13.30

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Scotland Iceland Austria Belgium
Monaco Denmark Germany Norway

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OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 19 rounds

| | | |
|----|---------------|--------|
| 1 | ITALY | 413.00 |
| 2 | NORWAY | 355.00 |
| 3 | BULGARIA | 351.00 |
| 4 | SPAIN | 350.00 |
| 5 | NETHERLANDS | 340.00 |
| 6 | POLAND | 334.00 |
| 7 | ISRAEL | 333.00 |
| 8 | TURKEY | 329.00 |
| 9 | FRANCE | 325.00 |
| 10 | ICELAND | 323.00 |
| 11 | SWEDEN | 317.00 |
| 12 | RUSSIA | 314.00 |
| 13 | CZECH REP | 304.00 |
| 14 | ENGLAND | 303.00 |
| 15 | AUSTRIA | 297.00 |
| 16 | ROMANIA | 296.00 |
| 17 | WALES | 295.00 |
| 18 | GERMANY | 291.00 |
| 19 | HUNGARY | 289.00 |
| 20 | FINLAND | 289.00 |
| 21 | DENMARK | 280.00 |
| 22 | LEBANON | 277.00 |
| 23 | GREECE | 272.00 |
| 24 | IRELAND | 270.00 |
| 25 | CROATIA | 268.00 |
| 26 | UKRAINE | 263.00 |
| 27 | SCOTLAND | 260.00 |
| 28 | SLOVENIA | 256.00 |
| 29 | MONACO | 254.00 |
| 30 | SWITZERLAND | 245.00 |
| 31 | YUGOSLAVIA | 235.00 |
| 32 | PORTUGAL | 235.00 |
| 33 | FAROE ISLANDS | 214.00 |
| 34 | SAN MARINO | 210.00 |
| 35 | BELGIUM | 209.00 |
| 36 | LIECHTENSTEIN | 202.00 |
| 37 | CYPRUS | 182.00 |
| 38 | LATVIA | 141.00 |

Laws of bridge (5)

An issue which causes discussions for a long time already is the penalty for a revoke. It happens quite often that two tricks have to be transferred where the revoke itself doesn't win even one trick. This certainly is a severe penalty.

There are some suggestions to make the penalty more equity oriented. Sweden for example would like not to have a trick transferred if the offending side did win this trick with the ace of trumps, being a trick you can't lose. But this approach opens a can of worms as the English so nicely express. With KQJ in trumps this means that you always should win 2 tricks if they are in one hand. But what with KQ in one hand and J76 in the other? It is possible to win only one trick with this combined holding. And this is just the beginning of an endless row of examples.

We also could make the standard penalty a one trick transfer, which is much easier to understand for both players and TD's. In that case the law which says to give an adjusted score when the damage caused by the revoke is more than one trick becomes more important. Or, the most liberal approach, we don't give any penalty but just restore damage with doubtful situations decided in favour of the non offending side. Especially those of you who liked the suggestion not to penalise infractions any more, a proposal in my first article, might welcome this approach. And it fits well with the Swedish idea, but goes one step further. Each TD needs a laptop and Deep Finesse and rulings become easy.

What is your idea about dealing with revokes?

Ton Kooijman

The Alternate World Cup

It may have escaped many people's notice that there is another World Football Cup taking place at the same time as the official FIFA event. This event is slightly different in that it has learnt from the bridge world to deal with contentious decisions.

In fact there was an interesting result from a match featuring the Blue Team and the home side in which a goal was scored by the home side but disputed by the Blue Team. Max Collina the referee ruled that the goal should stand. Subsequently the Blue Team appealed the decision of the referee. The appeals committee consisting of Grattan Benditlikebeckham, Herman De'scribe, Jean-Paul Maybemaybenot and Guido Im4theblueteam deliberated at length. They not only called endless expert witnesses and even viewed video of the event but also used their considerable expertise at predicting what the result would have been had the match not been played. After several hours of cogitation they eventually ruled that they would give a weighted result. Thus the Blue Team won the match 0.7 - 0.4. The effect of this ruling is that in the next round the team going forward will consist of seven players from the Blue Team and four from the home side. Who says bridge cannot teach other sports a thing or two.

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 8**

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | TURKEY | DENMARK | 13 - 63 | 5 - 25 |
| 22 | FAROE ISLANDS | SWEDEN | 31 - 85 | 4 - 25 |
| 23 | SPAIN | CROATIA | 77 - 59 | 19 - 11 |
| 24 | IRELAND | GERMANY | 34 - 56 | 10 - 20 |
| 25 | HUNGARY | SCOTLAND | 65 - 25 | 23 - 7 |
| 26 | RUSSIA | ICELAND | 69 - 22 | 24 - 6 |
| 27 | AUSTRIA | FRANCE | 35 - 54 | 11 - 19 |
| 28 | ITALY | ENGLAND | 39 - 35 | 16 - 14 |
| 29 | Bye | CZECH REP. | 0 - 0 | 0 - 18 |
| 30 | NETHERLANDS | SAN MARINO | 54 - 46 | 16 - 14 |
| 31 | FINLAND | ISRAEL | 31 - 40 | 13 - 17 |
| 32 | POLAND | NORWAY | 31 - 52 | 11 - 19 |

ROUND 9

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | DENMARK | FAROE ISLANDS | 86 - 1 | 25 - 0 |
| 22 | SWEDEN | SPAIN | 43 - 48 | 14 - 16 |
| 23 | CROATIA | IRELAND | 16 - 26 | 13 - 17 |
| 24 | GERMANY | HUNGARY | 36 - 18 | 19 - 11 |
| 25 | SCOTLAND | RUSSIA | 39 - 21 | 19 - 11 |
| 26 | ICELAND | AUSTRIA | 32 - 69 | 7 - 23 |
| 27 | FRANCE | ITALY | 37 - 14 | 20 - 10 |
| 28 | ENGLAND | CZECH REP. | 27 - 47 | 11 - 19 |
| 29 | TURKEY | NETHERLANDS | 9 - 53 | 6 - 24 |
| 30 | SAN MARINO | FINLAND | 16 - 71 | 4 - 25 |
| 31 | ISRAEL | POLAND | 37 - 43 | 14 - 16 |
| 32 | NORWAY | Bye | 0 - 0 | 18 - 0 |

Laws of Bridge (4A)

Concerning the revoke law, I would think it right to note that the matter does not lie between Europe and the ACBL alone. The remaining Zones of the WBF are entitled to their input to this discussion also.

My personal opinion is in favour of leaving matters such as they are, giving each Zone/NBO the option to settle its own policy on this question. Now that national and international bridge organizations are mature, we should be giving them as much freedom as possible to operate their own policies within the general framework of the laws.

Grattan Endicott

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING
after 9 rounds**

| | | |
|----|---------------|--------|
| 1 | GERMANY | 193.00 |
| 2 | DENMARK | 187.00 |
| 3 | ENGLAND | 175.00 |
| 4 | SWEDEN | 169.00 |
| 5 | NETHERLANDS | 168.00 |
| 6 | RUSSIA | 161.00 |
| 7 | ITALY | 150.00 |
| 8 | SCOTLAND | 148.00 |
| 9 | FINLAND | 146.00 |
| 10 | CROATIA | 141.00 |
| 11 | FRANCE | 134.00 |
| 12 | CZECH REP | 134.00 |
| 13 | NORWAY | 133.00 |
| 14 | HUNGARY | 130.00 |
| 15 | SPAIN | 128.00 |
| 16 | AUSTRIA | 124.00 |
| 17 | ICELAND | 116.00 |
| 18 | ISRAEL | 110.00 |
| 19 | IRELAND | 105.00 |
| 20 | POLAND | 105.00 |
| 21 | TURKEY | 105.00 |
| 22 | SAN MARINO | 71.00 |
| 23 | FAROE ISLANDS | 63.00 |

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 10 10.30**

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

ROUND 11 14.15

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

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 7**

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 41 | SCOTLAND | AUSTRIA | 68 - 14 | 25 - 4 |
| 42 | DENMARK | PORTUGAL | 37 - 16 | 19 - 11 |
| 43 | FRANCE | POLAND | 29 - 41 | 13 - 17 |
| 44 | SWEDEN | SWITZERLAND | 62 - 41 | 19 - 11 |
| 45 | ENGLAND | GERMANY | 43 - 64 | 11 - 19 |
| 46 | SPAIN | ITALY | 29 - 68 | 7 - 23 |
| 47 | TURKEY | WALES | 38 - 35 | 16 - 14 |
| 48 | NETHERLANDS | Bye | 0 - 0 | 18 - 0 |
| 49 | IRELAND | CZECH REP. | 37 - 60 | 10 - 20 |
| 50 | CROATIA | ISRAEL | 41 - 60 | 11 - 19 |

ROUND 8

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 41 | PORTUGAL | SCOTLAND | 3 - 59 | 4 - 25 |
| 42 | POLAND | DENMARK | 36 - 25 | 17 - 13 |
| 43 | SWITZERLAND | FRANCE | 24 - 51 | 9 - 21 |
| 44 | GERMANY | SWEDEN | 50 - 48 | 15 - 15 |
| 45 | ITALY | ENGLAND | 16 - 40 | 10 - 20 |
| 46 | WALES | SPAIN | 21 - 56 | 8 - 22 |
| 47 | ISRAEL | TURKEY | 27 - 22 | 16 - 14 |
| 48 | Bye | AUSTRIA | 0 - 0 | 0 - 18 |
| 49 | CZECH REP. | NETHERLANDS | 40 - 27 | 18 - 12 |
| 50 | CROATIA | IRELAND | 41 - 9 | 22 - 8 |

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 9 10.30**

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

ROUND 10 14.15

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

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING
after 8 rounds**

| | | |
|----|-------------|--------|
| 1 | FRANCE | 156.00 |
| 2 | DENMARK | 149.00 |
| 3 | ISRAEL | 147.00 |
| 4 | POLAND | 145.00 |
| 5 | NETHERLANDS | 144.00 |
| 6 | ITALY | 132.00 |
| 7 | SCOTLAND | 131.00 |
| 8 | TURKEY | 131.00 |
| 9 | CROATIA | 130.00 |
| 10 | GERMANY | 126.00 |
| 11 | CZECH REP | 118.00 |
| 12 | ENGLAND | 117.00 |
| 13 | WALES | 110.00 |
| 14 | SWEDEN | 108.00 |
| 15 | AUSTRIA | 103.00 |
| 16 | SPAIN | 93.00 |
| 17 | PORTUGAL | 88.00 |
| 18 | IRELAND | 83.00 |
| 19 | SWITZERLAND | 80.00 |

Championship Diary

In one of the Women's matches dummy left to visit the bathroom. A passing male TD took dummy's place to play the cards. The contract eventually failed and declarer then put her head through the screen and proceeded to castigate the unfortunate director who gallantly accepted the blame for the result.

News has come in that the EBL have accepted a membership application from Alaska, and they will host the Championships in 2006, 8,10,12,14,16...

The teams are begging to appear on VuGraph as the two playing rooms are air-conditioned. The VuGraph theatre is also relatively cool and the commentary is both informative and witty. Yesterday one of the players opened 1♥ and the audience were informed that it was either natural or artificial.

In the Women's contest Germany, who usually start slowly, have won their first nine matches. Why the big difference this time? We suggested that perhaps Dani should have a baby before every Championship.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 16
Iceland v Israel

On Friday afternoon, the VuGraph match was the encounter between Iceland and Israel, two of the teams in pursuit of the leaders. When the round started, both teams were level in 7th/8th spot, so a good win would suit either team. Israel made a good start, leading 7-0 when board 3 arrived:



Stefan Johannsson, Iceland

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3♣ |
| All Pass | | | 4♠ |

Though both the pointed suit fits were discovered in the bid-

ding, neither N/S player made any further move. The slam is not so good, as you cannot afford more than one trump loser and the diamonds have to come in without a loser at all. When these conditions were both met with, Iceland had +480 their way without any trouble.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

When North could splinter over 1♠, South was happy to show his diamond fit, and holding two aces himself it was only logical that he would at least make one further move. Had North's diamonds been as good as AQxxx the slam would have been excellent, but as it was, it needed some luck. When this materialised, Israel had +980 and their first substantial swing of 11 IMPs.

With the score at 19-5 to Israel we came to board 7:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|--------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Dble | 2♦ |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

The double after 1♦ showed points, but West did not have enough room to bid any stronger than he did after opening a Strong Club, whereas East could not evaluate his club and spade honours accurately any more. So declarer was not tested in the play. He drew two rounds of trumps (oops) and conceded a club for 12 tricks and +680. Would this be a swing and if yes, to which side?



Yoram Aviram, Israel

There are many ways to make 6♦ on this hand, but Podgur settled for the sure plus when he lifted the penalty double. As a few declarers went down in a slam, making +660 might well be good enough for another swing.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|-------------|----------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

Well, we saw the same multi here, but the difference was that West could not double for penalties. When East for once produced a very sound take-out double Einarsson had little option but to convert it. So the Icemen too had missed the slam, but the penalty of 1100 gave them some comfort, even more so when they learned that it resulted in a 10-IMP swing in their favour. The score was 34-15 at this point.

Then, good tactics did not pay off as intended:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Dble | Pass |
| 6♥ | All Pass | | Pass |

Here, the double was explained as specifically showing hearts, so West could jump to the final contract without further ado. He ruffed the ♦A lead and played the ♣A and next ran the ♣J which lost to South's king. Now he was quickly down, as a club return from South promoted the ♥Q immediately. So the swing had gone to Israel's favour again, where it might easily have been the other way round. 32-5 now.

Two boards later, Iceland struck back:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| Dble | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|---------|----------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| Pass | INT | Pass (!) | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

When East, holding a seven-card suit, did not lead his fourth best (mind you, he should have done so a few matches ago) the defenders could simply cash eight tricks for a score of 200 to Israel.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|-------------|----------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| Pass | INT | Pass(!) | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3♣ | All Pass |

Here, West could not resist the temptation to bid something on his nice distribution, green v. red, but for once he chose the wrong moment. Declarer took the same eight tricks as EW in the Open Room and thus was one down for another +50, 6 IMPs to Israel who led 40-17.

Two boards and two Israeli 1-IMP gains later (42-17) we saw this curious board:



Leonid Podgur, Israel

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| 2♥ | 2♠ | Dble | 3♦ |
| Pass | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

On the obvious club lead, declarer seems to have four inescapable losers on the actual trump break: a club, two trumps and the ♦A. But this was one of those cases where one loser disappears without the defence being able to prevent it. After the ♣A and the ♠AK getting the good/bad news it was time to take stock. If North were void of hearts (as his 2♠ might well suggest) the contract could be made as South would have to follow suit four times before he would be able to ruff. On the 4th and 5th

heart the club losers from hand went, and this way Podgur lost only two trumps and the ♦A. A lucky escape, but well played. Israel +420.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|-------------|----------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| Pass | 5♣ | Dble | Pass |
| | | | All Pass |

After two passes, Barel had an interesting problem. The most effective opening bid mainly depends of the type of hand behind him. In a sense, he was right by choosing 5♣ as 4♠ could be made, in another sense he was wrong as the contract went two down for +500 to Iceland and 2 IMPs.

The score: 42-19.

With the score at 56-21 to Israel we saw the Strong Club in action again on the last board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| Kalish | Jonsson | Podgur | Johannsson |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | All Pass |

At this early stage in the match (this board was the 2nd board on VuGraph), Jonsson did not bother to disturb his opponents after partner's overcall in his void. So though 2♣ would have made East was allowed to play 1♠ which was just made. Israel +80 which looked a wonderful score. Would any natural system lead to such a low contract?

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Einarsson | Barel | Ingimarsson | Aviram |
| Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

No it would not, of course, as East would open 2NT quite naturally. Though South was, at this late stage of the match at the other table, kind enough not to double, the final contract was not a success and went two down for another 200 to Israel.

The final score thus became 63-21, a 24-6 win to Israel who thus entered the qualifying zone.

PROFILES OF THE DUTCH LADIES TEAM

BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend, a bridge teacher from Amstelveen learned bridge in 1965. Since 1994 she has partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep Vriend is a honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April, 1998 received a Royal decoration in recognition of her great contribution to bridge. Bep has played in six Olympiads and five Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989 and gold in Bermuda 2000). After silver in Tenerife 2001 she is playing in Salsomaggiore her fourteenth European Championships



MARIJKE VAN DER PAS

Marijke van der Pas from Utrecht, has been playing bridge since 1967. Marijke is a bridge journalist and works for the Dutch Bridge Magazine. Since 1994 she has partnered Bep Vriend. Marijke has played in six Olympiads and five Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989 and gold in Bermuda 2000). After silver in Tenerife 2001 she is playing in Salsomaggiore her thirteenth European Championships

JET PASMEN

Jet Pasman comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village north of Amsterdam. She started playing bridge in 1974. Since 1979 she has been partnering Anneke Simons. Jet is a sports teacher and is married to the coach of the Ladies team Chris Niemeijer, a former player in the Dutch Open team. Apart from bridge, golf is her great hobby. Jet has played in three Olympiads and three Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000). After silver in Tenerife 2001 she is playing in Salsomaggiore her seventh European Championships.

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens a bridge journalist and their son Bas aged 18.

She learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979 she has been playing with Jet Pasman. Anneke played in three Olympiads and three Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000). After silver in Tenerife 2001 she is playing in Salsomaggiore her seventh European Championships.

WIETSKES VAN ZWOL

Wietske van Zwol lives in Tilburg and is married to Carel Berendregt. She has a degree in business economics and works at the Tilburg University as a controller. Apart from bridge, music is her great hobby. She likes to sing and to play the guitar. Wietske also likes sports: jogging, skating, skiing if she can find the time. In 1982 she learned to play bridge. Since 2000 she has been playing with Femke

Hoogweg. Wietske has played in two Olympiads and three Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000). After silver in Tenerife 2001 she is participating in Salsomaggiore for the fifth time in a European Championship.

FEMKE HOOGWEG

Femke Hoogweg lives in Nieuw-Vennep together with Ricco van Prooijen. She studied Technical Mathematics at the University of Delft. She works as a scientific researcher at the Ministry of Defence.

At the age of 12 she learned to play bridge. Since 2000 she forms a partnership with Wietske van Zwol. Femke has played in one Venice Cup. In Salsomaggiore she is playing her second European Championships. With her first appearance in Tenerife 2001 she won silver.

ED FRANKEN, lives in Haarlem (west of Amsterdam). He has been the Team Manager and Captain of the Dutch Ladies Team since early 1995. He captained the team during two Olympiads and three Venice Cups. Under his leadership the Dutch ladies won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000. Salsomaggiore will be his fifth European Championships

CHRIS NIEMEIJER has been the coach of the Dutch Ladies Team since 1987. He is married to Jet Pasman and is a former player in the Dutch Open team.

Chris was coach during five Olympiads and four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000). Salsomaggiore will be his eighth European Championships,

Test

May I ask you to take a pencil and to write down the following: 'They were too good for us'. Put it aside for a while and read it again. Still the same message? Then you didn't pass the test, you don't have xs4all as internet provider, you will have difficulties in following all kind of modern developments. Not our editors, see the back page of Friday's issue. They got a contribution from a Slovenian player with this title, but of course understood at once what he wanted to say. Read again... Yes! It isn't that difficult to read 'us' as '4S'. And they were right: Sweden was too good to bid to 4S and Slovenia was too good to can afford to bid to 4S. Well done.

Ton Kooijman

OPEN TEAMS
Round 17
Czech Republic v Italy

Gems from Friday Night

Italy were scheduled to play on VuGraph again in the last match on Friday, this time against the Czech team that had done so well earlier in the week. Once again, they lived up to their reputation of bidding every hand up to the limits, but they also showed some restraint from time to time. As the result of this match was never in doubt after four boards, we decided to just show you some of the most beautiful boards played in this match, by either side.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

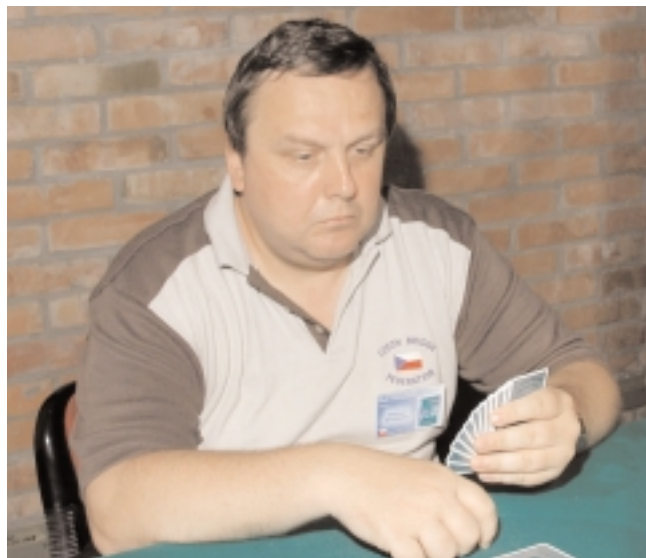
| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Duboin | Zadrazil | Bocchi | Vozabal |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Dble | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

A strong NT-variety and a Puppet sequence led to the perfectly normal final contract. East made the lead of the ♣2, as every East on lead all over the room did. North won and now made the mistake of playing the ♦AK before leading a diamond to the king followed by a diamond to West's ace. Of course, a top club came back for East to ruff, but Bocchi could cash the ♠Q now and safely exit in hearts. With the necessary extra entry to dummy gone, diamonds could not be established and enjoyed so the contract was two down. Italy +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Volhejn | Lauria | Svoboda | Versace |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Dble | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Mainly the same auction and of course the same lead. Lauria was one of the declarers who showed how to play this hand. In fact, quite a number of them had gone down in the other match-



Otakar Svoboda, Czech Republic

es too. He won the club, crossed to the ♠K and led a diamond to the king and a diamond to West's ace. It should be noted that by not cashing his ♠A, he kept control of the hand. The club continuation was ruffed by East, but now East found himself endplayed. He played the ♦Q making life very easy for declarer. Lauria ruffed the ♦Q, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a heart to continue with winning diamonds. Whenever East would ruff, he would be endplayed in hearts again. Italy +420. If East leads a heart declarer will make the same tricks in a slightly different order.

The next board was among the most sensational of these Championships, even more so when looking at the results in the women's and seniors series.

Board 4. Dealer West All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Duboin | Zadrazil | Bocchi | Vozabal |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | 2♦ |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 4♠ | 5♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

It is difficult to understand why North did not raise diamonds at once, but it paved the way for the Italians to once again show their reverse double convention. 4♦ was a cuebid and 4♠ denied heart control. The pass of 5♦ was forcing, so Duboin could show a third round heart control freely now. That was all Bocchi needed. Italy +1430.

This score was reached at many tables all over the Palazzo Congressi. In most matches in the Open Series, the hand was a push at either 1430 or 680.

But one can expect that will not be the case when Versace-Lauria are dealt the N/S hands.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Volhejn | Lauria | Svoboda | Versace |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♣ | 3♠ | 4♠ |
| 5♠ | Pass | Pass | 6♦ |
| All Pass (??!!) | | | |

2♠ showed minors, and that's all Versace needed to know with his big double fit. As neither side could judge exactly what was going on, the final contract did not even get doubled. Not that it mattered very much, as the double would only have saved 2 IMPs. As it was, Versace went two down when Volhejn led the ♠A and duly switched to a heart. Italy 15 IMPs.

In the other two series, we saw a number of 1540's on the score sheets. In the Open Series, there was only one instance of this score (as far as we know). Our congratulations therefore go to Dimitris Kalavanas of Cyprus who induced his opponent to lead the ♣9.

More little gems occurred a number of boards later, and this time it was the Czechs' turn to shine.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Duboin | Zadrazil | Bocchi | Vozabal |
| | 1♠ | Dble | Redble |
| INT | All Pass | | |

For once, North resisted the temptation to bid as high as possible and quietly passed INT, awaiting developments that never came. Down four without any serious effort.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Volhejn | Lauria | Svoboda | Versace |
| | 1♠ | Dble | Pass |
| | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| 2♥ | | | |
| All Pass | | | |

Well, had Volhejn led a heart, not an uncommon thing to do when partner doubles an opening bid of 1♠, Versace would have chalked up another impossible 3NT. Not wanting to be too altruistic (the score was 52-0 at this point) Volhejn opted for a diamond, which created an interesting option for declarer. Had he put up the king and played a heart, he would even have made an overtrick, but when he played low in dummy, Svoboda could win his ♦Q and switch to the ♣K to set the contract. One down and 11 IMPs to the Czechs.

Two boards later the Czechs created another swing, this time by falling back into their old habits:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Duboin | Zadrazil | Bocchi | Vozabal |
| | 4♣ | Dble | 3NT |
| Pass | All Pass | | 4♦ |
| 4♥ | | | |

Well, a semi solid eight-card suit is as good as a solid seven-card so why not try and bid as high as possible at the first attempt? Well timed it was anyway, as it kept the Italians out of a cold slam. Italy +480.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| Volhejn | Lauria | Svoboda | Versace |
| | | | 4♦ |
| 4♥ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♦ | Pass | 6♥ | All Pass |

Versace showed this time that he can bid even higher than his opponents, but this quickly backfired when EW got the inspiration to bid up to the cold slam. Of course, 4NT is automatic when partner can overcall 4♥. Needless to say that after drawing trumps and ruffing his diamond loser, declarer can ruff out South's spades to isolate the menace in that suit and proceed to inexorably squeeze North out of his black suit guards. So the Czechs scored a fine 980 here to reduce the deficit to 63-22 (on board 14 Versace had managed to steal another 3NT from them).

GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI BOARD PER BOARD

18° INCONTRO OPEN: ITALIA - LIBANO

Aperta: NORD Bocchi / SUD Duboin ITA
EST Hamdam / OVEST Medawar LIB

Chiusa: NORD Eidi / SUD Harfouche LIB
EST Lauria / OVEST Versace ITA

BOARD 1

Si comincia con un 3 picche in Sud in cui Duboin manovra il morto meglio del suo omologo e mantiene il contratto a fronte di 1 down nell'altra sala. 5 I.M.P. Italia. 5-0.

BOARD 2

Con 23 punti in linea e il fit 4-4 a cuori, i nostri in aperta scelgono la manche a senza e i nostri avversari quella nel nobile rosso. Non c'è un colore o una carta messa bene, e le due manche finiscono 1 down. Board pari.



BOARD 3

Board 3 - dich. Sud - EO in zona

♠ K Q J 9 5 3

♥ Q

♦ A

♣ K Q J 6 2

♠ 6

♥ A K 6 5 2

♦ J 10 8 7

♣ A 5 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A 10 8 7 4 2

♥ 10 7 4 3

♦ 9 6

♣ 10

♠ -

♥ J 9 8

♦ K Q 5 4 3 2

♣ 9 8 7 4

Nove carte di fiori e 24 punti in linea per i NS (ma la Dama di cuori secca non conta); Bocchi - Duboin, dopo l'intervento in bicolore di Norberto, chiamano 5 fiori con questa dichiarazione:

Aperta

| West | North | East | Sud |
|------|--------|------|--------|
| | Bocchi | | Duboin |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | 4♥ | Passo |
| Fine | | | 5♣ |

Giorgio mantiene il contratto senza problemi con attacco dal singolo di picche per il Re e l'Asso di Est. In chiusa i nostri avversari arrivano allo stesso contratto, ma il contro di Versace li spaventa e, nel drammatico misfit degli altri colori, finiscono a giocare 6 picche nella 6-0 con i resti 6-1, cadendo, ovviamente contratti, di quattro prese.

Chiusa

| West | North | East | Sud |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| Versace | | Lauria | |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | 4♥ | Passo |
| Passo | 5♣ | Passo | 4NT |
| Contro | Passo | Passo | Passo |
| Contro | 5♠ | Contro | 5♦ |
| Passo | 6♠ | Contro | 5NT |
| | | | Fine |

15 I.M.P. Italia. 20-0.

BOARD 4

I libanesi giocano 2 quadri in EO in aperta e 2 fiori in NS in chiusa, e mantengono in tutte e due le sale; 5 I.M.P. Libano. 20-5.

BOARD 5

2 quadri in EO, fatte nelle due sale. Board pari.

BOARD 6

L'attacco di Asso e Re di picche evita a Lauria di soffrire per mantenere il contratto di 5 cuori, dichiarate dalla nostra coppia di chiusa sul 4 picche avversario. Anche l'attacco di Duboin in aperta è Asso e Re di picche, visto, però, che l'avversario di cuori ne gioca 6, finendo 1 down. 13 I.M.P. Italia. 33-5.

BOARD 7

Board pari a 4 picche fatte in EO.



**BOARD 8**

4 picche fatte in NS nelle due sale. Pari.

BOARD 9

Board 9 - dich. Nord - EO in zona

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

Superlauria! Giocando 3 senza dove è smontato a picche sull'attacco e deve scegliere se cedere l'Asso di cuori supponendo che ce l'abbia l'avversario che non ha più picche o giocare l'im-passe a fiori giocandosi il Re ben messo, lascia due volte l'attacco per scollegare gli avversari e poi fa ancora una volta la scelta giusta e gioca cuori (fiori sarebbe stato perdente). 3 senza fatte. In aperta, nello stesso contratto, il dichiarante gioca fiori, paga il Re, tutte le picche e l'Asso di cuori. 2 down. 13 I.M.P. Italia. 46-5.

BOARD 10

2 senza +1 il Libano in chiusa in NS; 2 fiori fatte sulla stessa linea in aperta per l'Italia. 2 I.M.P. Libano. 46-7

BOARD 11

Manca solo la Dama di atout, tra le carte di NS, per contare 13 prese battenti con atout fiori. Il contratto è 6 fiori fatte in tutte e due le sale. Board pari.

BOARD 12

Messa in presa su Est in entrambe le sale per mantenere la manche a senza giocata dai due Nord. Board pari.

BOARD 13

Lauria si gioca la sottoapertura a cuori (nella 6-1) a va 1 down. I libanesi trovano il fit 5-3 a picche a livello 3 e mantengono il parziale. 6 I.M.P. per il Libano. 46-13.

BOARD 14

L'attacco in atout di Lauria limita a sette le prese del Libano nel contratto di 3 picche da Nord; Bocchi in aperta di picche ne gioca due e mantieni con attacco fiori. 5 I.M.P. Italia. 51-13.

BOARD 15

Entrambi gli EO evitano correttamente lo slam a picche, in un board in cui solo la disposizione favorevolissima delle quadri rende imperdibili 12 prese. Pari.

BOARD 16

Pari a 4 cuori +1 in N/S.

BOARD 17

Board 17 - dich. Nord - tutti in prima

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

Aperta

| West | North | East | Sud |
|------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| | <i>Bocchi</i> | | <i>Duboin</i> |
| | Passo | Passo | Passo |
| 1♠ | 3♣ | 4♦ | Passo |
| 4♠ | Fine | | |

Norberto, dopo essere intervenuto mostrando 5 fiori e 5 quadri in una mano debole, non sbaglia l'attacco a 4 picche: Asso di cuori, cuori al Re, cuori taglio, che assieme all'Asso di quadri di spettanza della difesa, battono la manche avversaria. Licita del tutto simile e stesso contratto in chiusa, dove il Libano attacca a fiori: 4 picche fatte. 10 I.M.P. Italia.

BOARD 18

Il fit decimo a fiori, tutte le carte chiave necessarie e 32 punti in linea conducono al grande slam a fiori i due EO in entrambe le sale. 13 prese facili facili. Board pari.

BOARD 19

4 picche +1 in NS nelle due sale. Pari.

BOARD 20

3 senza in NS nelle due sale, con 11 prese realizzate. Pari.

FINALE

Italia - Libano 25 - 5 (61 - 13). Altra schiacciante vittoria degli azzurri contro un Libano composto da giocatori di buon livello, abili soprattutto nel gioco col morto e capaci, nella prima metà del Campionato, di prestazioni assai brillanti anche contro più titolate avversarie. I ragazzi fanno bottino pieno grazie anche, oltre alla consueta abissale superiorità tecnica ed a sistemi dichiarativi raffinati e collaudati da anni di studio, ad un paio di svarioni avversari, prontamente e pesantemente puniti. "Abbiamo giocato bene - dice Lorenzo Lauria - indovinando tutte le cose difficili, fra cui un grande slam a fiori, e chiamando tutte le manche che si dovevano chiamare. I nostri avversari, con cui abbiamo anche un buon rapporto di amicizia, hanno da rimproverarsi solo una grossa incomprendione."

OPEN TEAMS
Round 18
Spain v France

Tradition has it that during the European Championships the matches between Italy and France are very much considered matches between brothers. Of course, both countries originate from the same Latin roots and thus it is only normal that there has been a friendly rivalry between the Cis- and Transalpines (we leave it to you, dear reader, to decide who is who). For many years, Spain has not fielded a team to be looked upon as a favourite in the prognostics, but this year they have shown us how well they can play. One might easily think that their new pair, Lanzarotti-Buratti, who played an important role in the winning squad at their previous appearance in the Europeans, has inspired this revival of Spanish bridge.

Before this match, Spain were lying 5th - the last qualification spot - and France were very much needing points as they were in 7th place. After this match, one can only say that when Italians are playing on VuGraph, they seem to conjure up the IMPs from everywhere, no matter for which team they are playing. Once again, it was one-way traffic nearly all the time, and as you will see, most of the credit(s) once again should go to the Italians.

On the first board, a strongish weak jump opposite a passed partner saw the Spanish NS pair out of trouble straight away, good for a gain of 4 IMPs. That was the running score when board 3 came up:



Massimo Lanzarotti, Spain

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

In the Closed Room, Bitran had made an off-shape preempt at favourable vulnerability. This backfired when Voltaire announced a final contract Frances was kind (clever) enough not to double. Down three, Spain +150.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | 3♥ | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 5♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Here Buratti passed, so Lanzarotti could show his black two suiter easily. He made one further effort when given a second chance, but Buratti understandably would have nothing of a spade contract. Toffier led the ♥A and switched to his singleton spade. Dummy's king was put on and Duguet made the good play of ducking this. After long thought Buratti continued with the ♣K, which brought down the ♣10 and held the trick. It seems logical to unblock the ♦A and continue trumps now, but Buratti immediately ruffed a low spade before unblocking his ♦A. When Toffier did not overruff, there was no way to recover. One down, France +50 but still a 3-IMP loss.

On the next board, the French outbid the Spaniards to re-coup 5 IMPs. It would remain their only favourable swing of the entire match, their other two IMPs coming from overtricks.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| Pass | 2♣ | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

For a clairvoyant 3♣ is easy enough as he would not lose a trump trick, but Lanzarotti had to go one down when he lost two spades and a ruff, as well as a diamond and the blank ♣K. France +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♠ | Dble |
| Pass | 2♣ | All Pass | |

When Frances did not intervene again after 2♣, there it suddenly rested. This contract could not be beaten so France scored another +90 and 5 IMPs. The score stood at 7-5 now.

Two boards later, the Spaniards found a good save:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| | | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| 4♦ | Dble | Pass | 4♣ |
| 5♥ | 5♠ | Dble | All Pass |



Albert Bitran, France

Well done by all parties involved. Toffier made a fit jump and Buratti was happy to show his second suit, which hit gold. As one heart trick and two minor suit aces and ruffs were there for the defence, France registered +500.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| | | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

Here, the straightforward 4♥ bid by Torres practically excluded an investigation for a slam that was not there anyway. On the other hand, it also made it difficult for Bitran to show his second suit, as his partner had not been able to show any sign of life. Eleven tricks were made in the fullness of time, but 4 IMPs went to Spain again. They led 14-5 now.

Then, something more substantial.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | 1♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 5♦ | All Pass | | |

The natural approach by the French made it possible for Lanzarotti to make a light overcall. This proved very effective when the French were able to discover that their spade stopper maybe was not fully adequate. Thus they settled for the alternative game contract of 5♦ which was on the club finesse. When this proved wrong, Spain had scored an unexpected +100 here.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

The Spanish weak NT worked very efficiently here. When South led a heart, declarer had all the time in the world to end up with two overtricks. Spain +660 and 13 IMPs to lead 30-5 now.

On board 11, the Lanzarotti-Buratti system was in full action:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| | | | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 6 NT | All Pass | |

A simple, effective, natural auction to the proper contract which was just made according to the scoring, though it is difficult to see which trick declarer can lose after successfully taking the club finesse as he did. France +990.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

After the Strong Club 3♥ showed minors and a fair hand with shortness in hearts, so Buratti made very short work of it. With the club finesse working, he made all the tricks for +1020 to Spain.

After a series of not very interesting boards the match livened up from board 15 onwards.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--------|--|
| | ♠ 9 3 | | ♠ 6 5 4 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ K 8 6 5 | | ♥ J 10 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ Q 8 4 | | ♦ A K J 7 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ Q J 9 7 | | ♣ 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ A K Q J 8 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><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 | | ♠ 10 7 | |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ A 7 4 2 | | ♥ Q 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ 6 2 | | ♦ 10 9 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ A 5 | | ♣ K 10 8 6 4 3 | | | | | | | | | | |



Philippe Toffier, France

Well, both sides reached 6♠ in comfort, but the point of interest on this hand is that in their match v. Greece, Russia ended up in 7♠ making when the diamonds were 3-3 with the queen onside. Do we have a fluke prize?

Two boards later, the issue was settled when the French missed a relatively easy defence provided there had been something to guide them in finding the right lead.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| | 1♦ | 1♠ | Dble |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Buratti here could lead his partner's suit. Lanzarotti won the ace and had no trouble in playing the ♥ and another. Buratti took the king and returned the suit. One down. Spain +50.

Nothing special, one would say, except the very light opening bid by North that made finding the killing defence so easy.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | All Pass | | |

When Voltaire did not open, Bitran had nothing to guide him. Any attacking lead away from a king would have saved the board, but when he pulled out a black card (a club in fact) Frances could win and draw trumps for an easy enough +420 and 10 more IMPs to Spain who led 51-7 now.

On the next board, they even increased their lead, but this was not fully justified:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-------|
| | ♠ 5 4 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ J 9 6 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ J 10 9 8 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ K 10 9 8 6 3 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <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 7 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ K 2 | | ♥ A Q 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ Q | | ♦ A 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ A Q J 5 | | ♣ K 10 9 8 7 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ Q J | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ 10 7 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ K 7 5 4 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ 3 2 | | | | | | | | | | |

Open Room

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Toffier | Lanzarotti | Duguet | Buratti |
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 7♣ | All Pass | | |

Completely natural. 5♣ showed 4 keycards and that was all Toffier wanted to know. France +1440.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Torres | Voltaire | Frances | Bitran |
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♦ | Pass | 5NT | Pass |
| 6♠ | Pass | 7NT | All Pass |

It looks as if the pairs tournament virus struck here. However, the Spaniards were saved by the bell when South held the missing spade honours unguarded. Two more IMPs to them to make the final score 53-7 to Spain, a 24-6 VP win.

France had suffered a heavy setback, while Spain could feel a little more relieved after their unfortunate defeat earlier in the morning.

Squeeze tricolore

La difficulté de ce coup était plus déviter une manche à ♦ que l'entame ♠ met à mal que de réaliser un squeeze tricolore automatique.

Donne 12. Donneur Ouest N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|------------|----------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|
| | ♠ D 9 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ DV 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ R 9 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ RV 9 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| O | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ 6 5 4 2 | | ♥ AR 8 7 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ 8 2 | | ♦ V 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ 10 7 5 | | ♣ A 6 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ A 8 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ AD 10 7 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ D 8 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| O | N | E | S | | | | | | | | |
| - | 1♣ | 1♥ | 2♦ | | | | | | | | |
| 3♥ | - | - | 3♠ | | | | | | | | |
| - | 3SA | | | | | | | | | | |

Après avoir atterri au bon contrat de 3SA en Nord, Jean-Michel Voltaire reçoit l'entame de l'As de ♥, suivie du Roi de ♥ et d'un petit ♥. Aucune autre ligne de jeu ne vient à l'idée que celle de tirer 6 coups de ♦. Sur le 6ème ♦, Est rend les armes :

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-------|
| | ♠ D 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ - | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ - | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ RV 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| O | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♥ 7 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♦ - | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♣ A | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ A 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♥ - | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♦ 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♣ D 8 | | | | | | | | | | |

Il décide de sécher son Roi de ♠ et le déclarant fait alors 9 levées en tirant son As de ♠. Si Est défusse un ♥, Nord joue alors ♣. Unanimité sur la donne.

Weighted Prices

Herman De Wael, AC Scribe

Last night I went to a bar with my friends the Directors. Before leaving I wanted to contribute my share of the bill so I asked what the cost of a beer was.

"50% of 4 Euro and 50% of 6 Euro" was the reply.

Three Turkish Tales

This deal was interesting for the Turkish Open and Senior Teams.

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



In the Open Series Salvatore Assael played Four Spades from the South seat and received the lead of the ace of diamonds and a diamond continuation. He ruffed and led the jack of clubs, finessing when West played low. Now he ducked a spade to West's jack, ruffed the diamond continuation with the ten of spades, cashed the ace and entered dummy with the king of hearts and played the king of spades, making five when both opponents followed.

When Ergun Bankoglu played Four Spades in the Seniors West again started with two rounds of diamonds. Declarer counted his tricks and thought he could make ten by ruffing three diamonds in hand, along with three hearts, two clubs and two top spades. He tried to cash three hearts but the third one was ruffed by West who continued with a third diamond. Declarer ruffed, cashed two clubs ending in dummy and ruffed a diamond with the ten of spades. He cashed the ace of spades and the king and nine in dummy were good for two more tricks. In the other room the bidding went like this:

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Sarimsakci | Russyan | Korkut | Klapper |
| Pass | 1♣ | | |
| 1♦ | 2♦ | Dble | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Sarimsakci led the ace of diamonds and continued with a small one, ruffed by declarer who led the jack of clubs, covered by the queen and king. He tried to cash three hearts but West ruffed and played a club. South won and played a third club, ruffed by East who played a heart. Declarer discarded a club and West ruffed with the queen of spades. Dummy overruffed with the king and declarer finessed the ten of spades to go one down. The same contract had produced three different results.

(We received an excellent analysis of this deal from Catellani Marco. At the point where West plays a third diamond after ruffing a heart, declarer must decide between two lines after ruffing. He can play for the ♠QJ to be in one hand or for split honours. In the first case he only needs two club tricks, but in the second he must finesse in clubs.

Marco says that obviously one of these two lines must be best - but which one?

We have considered the matter carefully - and decided it is far too hot to work it out. Editors)

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TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Today 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:

| Open Teams | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Spain | 9.30 | Italy | 13.45 |
| Lebanon | 9.45 | Latvia | 13.55 |
| Belgium | 9.55 | Faroe Islands | 17.20 |
| Iceland | 10.10 | Finland | 17.35 |
| Germany | 10.20 | France | 17.50 |
| Cyprus | 13.30 | Hungary | 18.05 |

| Women Teams | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Germany | 9.45 | Iceland | 17.30 |
| Hungary | 10.00 | Israel | 17.40 |
| Faroe Islands | 13.30 | Italy | 17.50 |
| Finland | 13.45 | Netherlands | 18.00 |
| France | 14.00 | Norway | 18.10 |

Marco Marin
EBL Photographer

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Flights , Hotels and Reservations

Air Canada is the official carrier for the Championships, and is offering 15% and 20% discounts off air fares from outside North America, 5% to 15% within North America. Please quote Convention N° CV 664436

Hotel reservations must be made through the 2002 World Bridge Championship Housing Bureau:

Tel: +1 514 844 0848; Fax: +1 514 844 6771; Email: reservations@tourisme-montreal.org

Please note that the number of rooms at the venue hotels is limited and **you are advised to book early** if you wish to stay in either of the venue hotels - The Queen Elizabeth is already sold out for 15th & 31st August and you are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Prices are per room (double or single occupancy), per night and payable in Canadian dollars. The rates shown do not include 7% Canadian tax, 7.5% Quebec tax and a \$2 per room per night guestroom tax. (At the present time the 7% rate is refundable to non-Canadian visitors). Conversion to US\$ is calculated on the basis of US\$1 = Cnd \$1.60. On the list below, US \$ prices are shown in brackets.

| Hotels | Walking Distance | Standard Rooms | Deluxe Rooms | Concierge | Suites | Cutoff date for reservations | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Host Hotels | | | | | | | |
| Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel | 0 mins | \$173 (\$108) | \$194 (\$121) | \$234 (\$146) | \$294 (\$184) | 15 July | Tournament Venue |
| Montreal Bonaventure Hilton | 0 mins | \$213 (\$133) | \$267 (\$167) | | \$450 (\$281) | 15 July | Tournament Venue |
| Nearby Hotels | | | | | | | |
| Château Royal Hotel Suites | 9 mins | \$135 (\$85) \$189 quad (2br) (\$118) | | | | 01 July | Apartment style hotel |
| Day's Inn | 10 mins | \$119 (\$75) \$129 triple (\$81) \$139 quad (\$87) | | | | 15 July | 10 th night free after 9 nights |
| Hotel du Fort | 15 mins | \$160 (\$100) | \$185 (\$116) | | | 15 May | Complimentary taxi once a day to venue |
| Le Cantile | 8 mins | \$165 (\$103) | | | | 15 May | |
| Le Nouvel | 12 mins | \$155 (\$97) | | | | 15 May | Free Parking for at least 10 nights' stay |
| Novotel | 6 mins | \$159 (\$99) \$174 triple (\$109) \$189 quad (\$118) | | | | 2 July | |
| Marriott | 2 mins | \$195 (\$122) | | | | | Available for 28/31 Aug |

Schedule of Events

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Fri | 16 August | Invitation Par Contest | | Opening Ceremony | |
| Sat | 17 August | Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1/2 | | | |
| Sun | 18 August | Mixed Pairs: 3rd qualifying & 1st Final Sessions | Zonal Mixed Pairs | | |
| Mon | 19 August | Mixed Pairs 2nd & 3rd Sessions Final | Zonal Mixed Pairs | | |
| Tue | 20 August | Rosenblum/McConnell | | Junior Teams | |
| Wed | 21 August | Rosenblum/McConnell | | Junior Teams | |
| Thur | 22 August | Rosenblum/McConnell | | Junior Pairs | |
| Fri | 23 August | Rosenblum (64)/McConnell (32) | Zonal Teams | Junior Pairs | Senior Teams |
| Sat | 24 August | Rosenblum (32)/McConnell (16) | Zonal Teams | Junior Individual | Senior Teams |
| Sun | 25 August | Rosenblum (16)/McConnell (8) | Pairs Qualifying | | Senior Teams |
| Mon | 26 August | Rosenblum (8)/McConnell (4) | Pairs Qualifying | | Senior Teams |
| Tue | 27 August | Rosenblum (4)/McConnell (2) | Pairs - Semi Final | Zonal Pairs | Senior Pairs |
| Wed | 28 August | Rosenblum (2) | Pairs - Semi Final | Zonal Pairs | Senior Pairs |
| Thur | 29 August | | Pairs - Final | IMP Pairs * | Senior Pairs |
| Fri | 30 August | | Pairs - Final | IMP Pairs * | Senior Pairs |
| Sat | 31 August | | Pairs - Final | Closing Ceremony | |

* Will declare Open and Senior winners

An ACBL Regional Tournament will be conducted in conjunction with the World Championships.
It will begin at 8pm on **16 August** with a 1-session mixed pairs event and end on **02 September 2002**

Entry Fees

| Event | Price US\$ | Length of event |
|--|------------|---|
| Mixed Pairs | 240 | Three days |
| Open and Women's Pairs | 400 | Four days |
| Players not qualifying for the Semi Finals may play free of charge in Zonal Pairs | | |
| Open and Women's Pairs Final | 80 | 2 1/2 days |
| Rosenblum and McConnell Teams | 800 | 10/11 days; teams are guaranteed to play at least 5 days |
| Senior Teams ** | 640 | Four days |
| Senior Pairs | 320 | Four days |
| IMP Pairs (50% discount to participants from the Open & Women's Pairs) | 160 | Two days |
| Juniors in Junior World Championship events | free | Six days |
| Can-Am Regional (per Player/per Session) | 10 | Every day |

** Senior players qualified for the Zonal Teams may enter the Senior Teams for an fee of \$320 instead of \$640

Further Information

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