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# The Grand March Continues



Crunch Match for the Seniors in the VuGraph

The steam roller that is team **Italy** continued to flatten everything in its path as the Championships draw towards a close. They collected 65VP to increase their advantage yet again, this time to 80.5 VP. **Spain** retained second place and they, together with **Norway** and **Bulgaria** hold a significant advantage over fifth placed **Poland**, who are hotly pursued by **Sweden** and **France**. **England**, **The Netherlands** and **Israel** are also close enough to have a chance.

Despite having their bye, **Germany's** stayed 8VP ahead of the field thanks to the activities of their opponents. **The Netherlands** retain second place, but they are now 14VP clear of third placed **England**, who have it all to do if they are to retain their title.

What might have been the vital match in the Seniors took place on VuGraph between **France** and **Israel**. It was a tense affair, but **France** prevailed 19-11 to open up an eleven point gap at the top. **Israel** moved into second place, just ahead of **Denmark**. **Croatia** appear to be the only other team in with a realistic chance of a medal.

## Today's VuGraph Matches

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 31*

**Norway v Italy** 10.30

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 32*

**Spain v Bulgaria** 14.15

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 33*

**Poland v France** 17.35

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**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 28**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	LATVIA	66 - 21	24 - 6
2	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	46 - 60	12 - 18
3	SLOVENIA	IRELAND	36 - 45	13 - 17
4	PORTUGAL	FINLAND	32 - 44	13 - 17
5	LEBANON	HUNGARY	87 - 39	25 - 5
6	CZECH REP	POLAND	43 - 62	11 - 19
7	ITALY	RUSSIA	86 - 7	25 - 1
8	MONACO	SAN MARINO	42 - 58	12 - 18
9	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	56 - 39	19 - 11
10	WALES	NORWAY	4 - 77	1 - 25
11	SPAIN	GERMANY	56 - 53	16 - 14
12	ROMANIA	YUGOSLAVIA	36 - 31	16 - 14
13	AUSTRIA	TURKEY	37 - 35	15 - 15
14	ICELAND	ENGLAND	25 - 75	5 - 25
15	BELGIUM	BULGARIA	7 - 92	0 - 25
16	NETHERLANDS	CYPRUS	59 - 49	17 - 13
17	GREECE	FAROE ISLANDS	52 - 32	19 - 11
18	SWEDEN	LIECHTENSTEIN	49 - 38	17 - 13
19	UKRAINE	DENMARK	15 - 75	3 - 25

**ROUND 29**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	LEBANON	71 - 49	20 - 10
2	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL	49 - 51	15 - 15
3	FINLAND	SLOVENIA	67 - 43	20 - 10
4	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND	26 - 34	14 - 16
5	ISRAEL	FRANCE	45 - 57	13 - 17
6	DENMARK	SWEDEN	27 - 50	10 - 20
7	LIECHTENSTEIN	GREECE	46 - 36	17 - 13
8	FAROE ISLANDS	NETHERLANDS	20 - 50	9 - 21
9	CYPRUS	BELGIUM	26 - 84	4 - 25
10	BULGARIA	ICELAND	43 - 43	15 - 15
11	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	67 - 30	23 - 7
12	TURKEY	ROMANIA	82 - 54	21 - 9
13	YUGOSLAVIA	SPAIN	29 - 88	4 - 25
14	GERMANY	WALES	58 - 33	20 - 10
15	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	35 - 37	15 - 15
16	CROATIA	MONACO	78 - 51	21 - 9
17	SAN MARINO	ITALY	3 - 70	2 - 25
18	RUSSIA	CZECH REP	68 - 30	23 - 7
19	LATVIA	UKRAINE	68 - 26	17 - 13

**ROUND 30**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	LATVIA	ISRAEL	51 - 68	11 - 19
2	FRANCE	IRELAND	84 - 32	25 - 5
3	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	87 - 21	25 - 2
4	SLOVENIA	HUNGARY	62 - 71	13 - 17
5	PORTUGAL	POLAND	35 - 53	11 - 19
6	LEBANON	RUSSIA	66 - 37	21 - 9
7	CZECH REP	SAN MARINO	53 - 30	20 - 10
8	ITALY	CROATIA	53 - 52	15 - 15
9	MONACO	NORWAY	40 - 68	9 - 21
10	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	51 - 55	14 - 16
11	WALES	YUGOSLAVIA	35 - 68	8 - 22
12	SPAIN	TURKEY	64 - 44	19 - 11
13	ROMANIA	ENGLAND	38 - 25	18 - 12
14	AUSTRIA	BULGARIA	22 - 48	10 - 20
15	ICELAND	CYPRUS	69 - 28	23 - 7
16	BELGIUM	FAROE ISLANDS	43 - 52	13 - 17
17	NETHERLANDS	LIECHTENSTEIN	104 - 19	25 - 0
18	GREECE	DENMARK	66 - 28	23 - 7
19	SWEDEN	UKRAINE	64 - 31	22 - 8

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 31****10.30**

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

**ROUND 32****14.15**

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

**ROUND 33****17.35**

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

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 30 rounds

1	ITALY	640.00
2	SPAIN	559.50
3	NORWAY	552.00
4	BULGARIA	551.00
5	POLAND	539.00
6	SWEDEN	534.00
7	FRANCE	527.00
8	ENGLAND	519.00
9	NETHERLANDS	517.00
10	ISRAEL	511.00
11	TURKEY	509.00
12	ICELAND	489.00
13	GERMANY	471.00
14	HUNGARY	463.00
15	CZECH REP	457.00
16	DENMARK	455.00
17	LEBANON	455.00
18	GREECE	452.00
19	RUSSIA	445.00
20	WALES	445.00
21	SCOTLAND	441.00
22	AUSTRIA	437.00
23	FINLAND	437.00
24	ROMANIA	426.00
25	CROATIA	416.00
26	IRELAND	416.00
27	PORTUGAL	412.00
28	SWITZERLAND	399.00
29	MONACO	396.00
30	SLOVENIA	389.00
31	UKRAINE	386.00
32	BELGIUM	378.00
33	YUGOSLAVIA	372.00
34	FAROE ISLANDS	367.00
35	LIECHTENSTEIN	305.00
36	SAN MARINO	297.00
37	CYPRUS	287.00
38	LATVIA	266.00

## CHAMPIONSHIP WATCHES



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The first part of the video filmed so far is being shown on the screen in the lobby of the Palazzo dei Congressi, just outside the entrance to the Salone Moresco.

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 17**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	DENMARK	ENGLAND	52 - 20	22 - 8
22	SWEDEN	FRANCE	37 - 63	10 - 20
23	CROATIA	ICELAND	73 - 36	23 - 7
24	GERMANY	SCOTLAND	59 - 49	17 - 13
25	CZECH REP.	NETHERLANDS	32 - 55	10 - 20
26	ITALY	FINLAND	74 - 23	25 - 5
27	AUSTRIA	POLAND	45 - 35	17 - 13
28	RUSSIA	NORWAY	46 - 36	17 - 13
29	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	16 - 51	8 - 22
30	IRELAND	SAN MARINO	30 - 54	10 - 20
31	SPAIN	TURKEY	60 - 50	17 - 13
32	FAROE ISLANDS	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

**ROUND 18**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	FRANCE	DENMARK	67 - 22	24 - 6
22	ICELAND	SWEDEN	43 - 55	13 - 17
23	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	34 - 52	11 - 19
24	Bye	GERMANY	0 - 0	0 - 18
25	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	44 - 46	15 - 15
26	FINLAND	CZECH REP.	31 - 43	13 - 17
27	POLAND	ITALY	37 - 33	16 - 14
28	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	42 - 10	22 - 8
29	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	40 - 59	11 - 19
30	SAN MARINO	HUNGARY	36 - 41	14 - 16
31	TURKEY	IRELAND	37 - 49	13 - 17
32	FAROE ISLANDS	SPAIN	27 - 58	9 - 21

**WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 19 10.30**

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

**ROUND 20 14.15**

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

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING  
after 18 rounds**

1	GERMANY	342.00
2	NETHERLANDS	334.00
3	ENGLAND	320.00
4	NORWAY	310.50
5	ITALY	309.50
6	DENMARK	305.00
7	SWEDEN	302.00
8	RUSSIA	299.00
9	CROATIA	296.00
10	SCOTLAND	284.00
11	SPAIN	282.00
12	FRANCE	279.00
13	FINLAND	277.00
14	ISRAEL	273.00
15	CZECH REP	259.00
16	POLAND	256.00
17	AUSTRIA	248.00
18	HUNGARY	237.00
19	TURKEY	235.50
20	IRELAND	223.00
21	ICELAND	214.00
22	SAN MARINO	181.00
23	FAROE ISLANDS	132.50

**ROUND 21 17.35**

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

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 15**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	81 - 21	25 - 3
42	DENMARK	ENGLAND	54 - 46	16 - 14
43	FRANCE	SWEDEN	87 - 36	25 - 5
44	TURKEY	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
45	WALES	CZECH REP.	29 - 51	10 - 20
46	ITALY	CROATIA	25 - 56	9 - 21
47	GERMANY	IRELAND	41 - 58	11 - 19
48	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	26 - 40	12 - 18
49	POLAND	AUSTRIA	47 - 34	18 - 12
50	PORTUGAL	ISRAEL	20 - 72	5 - 25

**ROUND 16**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	60 - 25	22 - 8
42	SWEDEN	DENMARK	49 - 38	17 - 13
43	ISRAEL	FRANCE	33 - 50	11 - 19
44	Bye	SPAIN	0 - 0	0 - 18
45	CZECH REP.	TURKEY	34 - 67	8 - 22
46	CROATIA	WALES	73 - 32	23 - 7
47	IRELAND	ITALY	48 - 60	13 - 17
48	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	37 - 72	8 - 22
49	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	69 - 0	25 - 2
50	PORTUGAL	POLAND	2 - 90	0 - 25

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 17 14.15**

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

**ROUND 18 17.35**

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

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING  
after 16 rounds**

1	FRANCE	318.00
2	ISRAEL	307.00
3	DENMARK	305.00
4	CROATIA	296.50
5	POLAND	273.00
6	NETHERLANDS	271.00
7	SCOTLAND	249.00
8	TURKEY	249.00
9	ENGLAND	241.00
10	GERMANY	241.00
11	CZECH REP	236.50
12	AUSTRIA	235.00
13	ITALY	234.00
14	SWEDEN	223.00
15	WALES	209.50
16	IRELAND	176.00
17	SWITZERLAND	172.00
18	PORTUGAL	166.00
19	SPAIN	165.00

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**OPEN TEAMS**  
**Round 27**  
**Poland v Italy**

The VuGraph auditorium was crowded with spectators when two giants of modern bridge, Poland and Italy, played against each other at the end of Tuesday. We pick up the match at board number 3:



Piotr Bizon, Poland

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bizon	Lauria	Kowalski	Versace
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass			3♦

Lauria-Versace in the Closed Room did well to stay low in spite of the promising diamond suit and duly made their 3♦ contract. Italy +110.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Lesniewski	Bocchi	Martens
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			3NT

In the Open Room Marcin Lesniewski felt he had another bid over 3♦. Thus, an impossible 3NT was reached, against which a club was led to the jack and queen. Norberto Bocchi returned a beautiful ♥6 for queen and king. With the heart suit wide open, the good defence resulted in 3NT going down three. Italy 6 IMP's.

On Board 5 the Poles got back some points:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 3
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♥ A Q 9		♥ J 10 7 3									
♦ 3 2		♦ A 8 7 4									
♣ K Q 10 5 2		♣ 8 3									

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bizon	Lauria	Kowalski	Versace
3♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
	Pass	4♣	All Pass

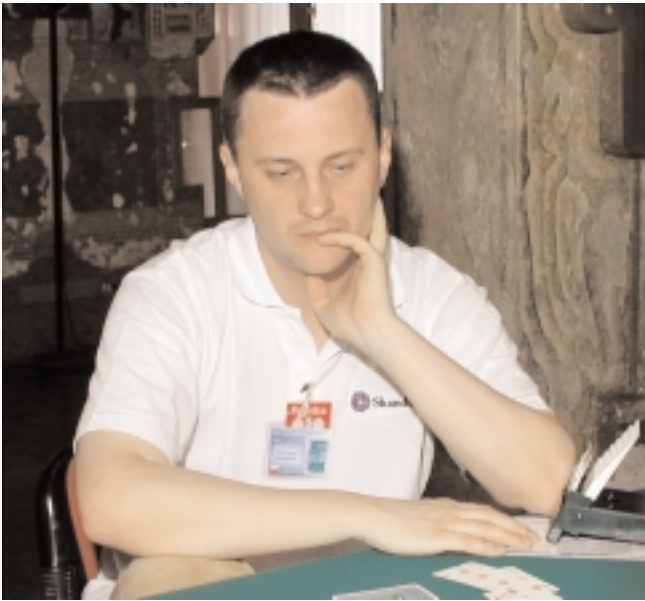
In the Closed Room Bizon-Kowalski went one down in 4♣, when declarer took the wrong view in diamonds.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Lesniewski	Bocchi	Martens
3♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
3NT	3♠	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

Open Bocchi-Duboin reached the highly ambitious 3NT played by West, against which North had to find a lead. Lesniewski, afraid to give the ninth trick, didn't lead his long suit. He kicked off with a neutral club. Dummy's nine won, followed by a heart for nine and king. North returned a low diamond and declarer inserted the king in dummy. When South returned the ♠J, Duboin had to accept down five, 5 IMP's to Poland. The score at this point: 12-10 to Italy.

**Press Championship!**  
**JOURNALIST PAIRS**  
**FRIDAY EVENING 21.30**  
*Entries to Elly please*



Dariusz Kowalski, Poland

Board 10 turned out to be a big gain for Poland:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Lesniewski	Bocchi	Martens
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♥

When Lesniewski, on his way to slam, learned that his partner had no diamond control, the bidding rested in 5♣ in which eleven tricks were made easily. Poland + 600.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Bizon	Lauria	Kowalski	Versace
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			4NT

In the Closed Room the Italians faced a rare disaster ending up in 4NT, which proved to be an interesting contract, especially when Piotr Bizon found the good lead of the ♦K. The first trick was ducked by declarer. He took the next diamond, unblocked the ♥A, overtook the ♠Q with the ace, finessed twice in clubs, played ♠A and gave a club to West. Bizon returned the ♠10 for declarer's king. South exited with a third spade. East won and cashed another two diamonds and Versace had to accept two undertricks. 13 IMP's to Poland.

But what would have happened had Versace decided to win the ♦A immediately, unblock the ♠Q and the ♥A and lead a diamond? With the spades 3-3, the defence would not be able to prevent him making ten tricks. When the spades are not 3-3 the defenders will have to allow declarer access to his hand anyway to take a couple of club finesses.

Board 19 was the last big swing of the match:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Bizon	Lauria	Kowalski	Versace
1♦	1♥	Dble	1♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	4♠
			All Pass

In the Closed Room the 1♥ bid of Lauria showed a spade suit, but not necessarily five. Probably that's the reason why Versace didn't bid spades once more at the five level. So Poland scored +600 when declarer only lost two black aces.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Lesniewski	Bocchi	Martens
Dble	2♠	3♠	2♣
4NT	Pass	5♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♠
			All Pass

In the Open Room Martens knew that his partner had at least five spades. This enabled him to find the excellent save of 5♠ which was down just one.

11 IMP's to Poland.

The final score of the match: 56-30 or 20-10VP to Poland, an excellent result that consolidated the qualifying spot they were in at the time the match was played.

**OPEN TEAMS**  
**Round 28**  
**Austria v Turkey**

Wednesday, June 26, 2002 was destined to be a great day in the history of Turkish sports. Their football team would get their revenge for the unjustified defeat against Brazil in the preliminary round of the World Cup as they would have to face the same opponent again, this time in their first-ever semifinal of this great event. The organisers of the Championships here thus quite rightly decided to put their focus on Turkey too. This was overdue, as the team had been doing quite well during the last few days and were trying to reach qualification from the 7th spot they were in when the match started. Meanwhile, Austria had recovered from their bad start and were just over average, so an interesting match of two competent teams could be expected.

And so it proved: the match was very tight, well-fought and thus low-scoring. There were a few big swings, certainly at the start of the match. An early goal by Austria had given them a 1-0 lead when board 2 arrived:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac	Assael	Wernle
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

1♠ was Canapé, according to the Austrian methods. On a diamond lead, this contract had to go down two, Turkey +200. North seemed not to appreciate the value of her honours in partner's suits. She might have been right had partner's suits been not so good.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

After 1♥-2♥ Arigun would always settle for a heart contract,

even when 3NT confirmed 4-3-3-3 with his partner. Turkey another +620 and 13 IMPs.

Too much experimenting saw the lead change hands once again shortly afterwards:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac	Assael	Wernle
1♦	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♣	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

When West pressed on after the invitational 3♦, there was no safe haven for East. Please note the final double by North after South smoothly passed 4♠. The contract went three light for +800 to Felix Austria.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
1♦	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♣	All Pass	

What a difference in approach! As East could not be sure of his partner's number of diamonds he did not even bother to bid again over 3♣. So there it rested, North going one down for another +100 or 14 IMPs to Austria.

With the score at 21-14 to Austria, board 9 came up:

**RE: BULGARIA V POLAND BOARD 12**

This hand was well-played by the Bulgarian declarer as was duly reported, but North had a spectacular counter available. When North wins declarer's ♣K with his ace, he can disrupt declarer's timing by exiting with the ♦K! He subsequently plays a second diamond when he wins the ♣Q and, try as he might, declarer cannot come to a tenth trick.

**Tony Gordon**



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac 2♠	Assael Pass	Wernle 4♠
All Pass			

The twosuit 2♠ opening silenced East, and the automatic preemptive raise to 4♠ silenced everyone. The contract went just one off when there were not enough trumps in dummy to take care of the many losers in declarer's hand: he could not ruff two clubs and one heart with dummy's remaining two trumps. Turkey +50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
Dble	1♠	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

When North could not open anything here, both east and West got the room to show they had some values between them. This made a double of the final contract the obvious move. Declarer went down two when he took sort of a safety finesse in trumps, trying to avoid down three in case the trumps would be 3-1. Austria +300 and 6 IMPs.

A variation on this theme we saw a few boards later, but this time the swing went to Turkey:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac All Pass	Assael	Wernle
4♥			

On a spade lead and a club switch declarer had to go down two. Austria +100. This looked a good result for Turkey as NS are cold for 5♦. The inescapable heart loser cannot be cashed at any time by the defenders.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here, Schifko opened only 3♥, thus making room for Arigun to bid the most likely game under the circumstances: 3NT. East was not to be silenced however, holding the highest-ranking suit, so once again, a preempt was made. This time, it was North who could double as South clearly had shown some values by bidding 3NT. So here too, 5♦ proved impossible to reach, but collecting +300 gave Turkey a 5-IMP swing anyway. The score now: 29-22 to Austria.

Then came the cruel board 13:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac	Assael	Wernle
Pass	Pass	1♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

There was little Sascha Wernle could do to avoid going down 1100. However, with a slam on for EW this might be a good score after all.

This hand caused havoc all over the room. We saw quite lot of telephone numbers, but also a few pairs going down in 6♥ on an initial club ruff. Even those who got doubled in 6♥ forgot to retreat to 6NT, the only makeable slam.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

When South overcalled only 2♣, North thought this was the proper moment for an S.O.S. redouble. South then retreated to 2♦, which the Austrians did not dare to double. Instead, they climbed their way up to 4NT only and thus had to be content with +690 and to accept a loss of 9 IMPs. Turkey were in the lead again: 31-29.

Italy showed the way to cope with the EW hands. When South ran to 2♦, West doubled and led the ♦K. This way, declarer could muster just his four trump tricks.

Turkey were still 2 IMPs up when board 19 made its reappearance. It had been played in the Open Room long ago, and it had left behind some suspicion.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 6 ♥ J ♦ AKQ87 ♣ J7653	<table 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		♠ 5 ♥ AQ109872 ♦ 105 ♣ Q94	♠ KQ10972 ♥ K43 ♦ J43 ♣ 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ A843 ♥ 65 ♦ 962 ♣ AK108											

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Smederevac	Assael	Wernle
			1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

By opening 1♠ in Canapé style (1♣ would have been strong) Wernle had made it virtually impossible for his opponents to find their 4♣ contract. On the other hand, Smederevac did not think of making 4♥ opposite a limited opening, so she contented herself with passing 4♦. This went one off, Austria +100. On the club ruff, 4♥ should go down one so this looked a good result for Austria.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Nuri	Gloyer	Arigun
			1♣
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When Gloyer just bid 1♠ Schifko could no longer imagine he had such a useful hand, so the Austrians sold out to 4♥ which duly went down after a club lead. Austria another +50 to score 4 IMPs and win the match.

The final score: 37-35 to Austria, but 15-15 in VP. Turkey would not have to travel to Yokohama, but their chances for Bali had stayed alive.

## The Not So Pitiful Crutch

When this deal appeared on the VuGraph screen during Round 29 it appeared that a plus score was impossible to achieve on the North/South. However, in the match between England and Austria the defenders found a way to give their opponents a winning option.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Smederevac	Hackett	Wernle
	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Dble	All Pass		

In this Blue Club auction, North showed at least nine cards in the minors and South used fourth suit forcing, what Terence Reese once described as 'the pitiful crutch'.

Knowing his side had lots of values South decided to take his chance at a low level. You can even speculate what might have happened had he ventured a redouble, although that might have been misinterpreted.

West led a top heart but declarer was able to use his two entries to dummy to ruff two diamonds in hand. +670 went well with the plus score from 3NT-1 in the other room.

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# Repetitiae placent!

by Stefan Back

The unforgettable final in the Women's World Championship in Paris last year found its perfect continuation when Germany and France met in round 15. A lot of difficult boards and a number of "big points" made watching an entertaining pleasure.



Cathrine D'Ovidio, France

came a spade to the ace and a spade back to jack and queen. When North cleared the diamonds, there was no way to score more than seven tricks; Germany +200.

In the other room Rauscheid - Nehmert for Germany bid 3NT as well. Again, a diamond was led, but Andrea Rauscheid was more suspicious when her ♠10 was covered by North's queen. When a heart came back she took the trick and turned her attentions to spades. The winning move now was to play the ♠J as North erred by not covering. South won with the king and cashed a heart, before she shifted back to diamonds. Declarer took ♦A, played a spade to the ten and established a heart trick; Germany: +600 and 13 IMPs in.

The German lead was extended to 29-0, when France bid an all-to-ambitious slam in the Closed Room:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Germany had the better start:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Auken	d'Ovidio	Weber
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

\* five hearts and four spades

Sabine Auken led ♦5 to declarer's king. After ♥J to the queen, king and ace and another diamond to the ace, Veronique Bessis laid down ♥10. To her disappointment North showed out. Next

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Cronier	Nehmert	Willard
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Unfortunately for France the board was over soon. Declarer lost trump control and finished four down; Germany: +400.

At the other table, North/South settled for game in no trumps, when they heard that their hands didn't fit well:

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Auken	d'Ovidio	Weber
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> transfer to diamonds

<sup>(2)</sup> shortness in hearts

East led a heart to the jack and king and North had an easy ride when East's ♣K fell on the first round; Germany +630 and 14 IMPs.

On the next eight boards some smaller swings reduced Germany's lead to 36-14, when board 13 hit the table to bring France well back into the match:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Pony Nehmert had to play 3NT from the East seat and received ♠5 lead. She won with the ace and let ♣8 run. Then she cashed ♣A and - hoping for the best - finessed in spades to come to nine tricks. As this manoeuvre lost to North her only chance later on was a diamond to the king, which didn't work as well. Declarer was therefore held to eight tricks; France +100.

In the Open Room Catherine d'Ovidio took the ♠2 lead with the ace and played ♣A and a club to the jack. Now she tried a small diamond, North played the queen and East ducked. North switched to ♥K, which held, and another heart to South's jack, who switched back to a small spade. Declarer took some time, a deep breath and finally called for the king, putting her money on a successful heart finesse to the 10. Nine tricks, France: +600 and 12 IMPs to close the gap with Germany still leading 36-26.

More IMPs were at stake, when a slammish hand followed immediately.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Cronier	Nehmert	Willard
2♣	Pass	INT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♣	all Pass	2♠	Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> 11-13

In the Closed Room Rauscheid - Nehmert stopped in 4♣ making six; Germany: +480.

At the other table Bessis - d'Ovidio were soon on the way to six:

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Auken	d'Ovidio	Weber
2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♠	Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> game forcing

<sup>(2)</sup> four spades

<sup>(3)</sup> asking for controls

<sup>(4)</sup> Roman keycard

Once again twelve easy tricks, France: + 980 and for the first time in the match in the lead by 1 IMP, 37-36. Three boards and an overtrick-IMP to Germany later, the match stood at the razor's edge, 37-37.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, the bidding was short and sweet... for Germany:

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Cronier	Nehmert	Willard
		1♠	All Pass

Pony Nehmert was left to play on the one-level, where she came to four spade tricks and ♣A; France: +100.

Could North/South in the Open Room do better and reach game?

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Auken	d'Ovidio	Weber
Pass	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	1♠	INT
Pass	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> hearts

<sup>(2)</sup> maximum, 4-card support

<sup>(3)</sup> second transfer attempt

Elke Weber chose the right moment for a nice little experi-

ment, treating her 4-4-4-1 as balanced and Sabine Auken took the chance to transfer her hearts. When her partner showed a maximum hand, North transferred again and finally raised South to game.

West led a spade to the queen and ace. South decided to play this one safe: Heart to the ace and a heart to the queen and king. Back came a club to the ten and another club. South ruffed, drew the outstanding trump and claimed for ten tricks; Germany: +620 and 11 IMPs ahead.

Two boards to go and the match was far from over:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Here is the Closed Room bidding:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rauscheid</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	3♦	Dble	1♦
3♠	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Pony Nehmert proved to be up to the task not to lead her partner's suit and went for ♥K instead. Now, declarer could only take eight tricks and finished one down; Germany: +50.

There was more action in the other room, where Sabine Auken had to face three difficult bidding problems:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Weber</i>
1♠	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	3♥
Pass	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	all Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> forcing

<sup>(2)</sup> spade fit

South could have made life easier for her partner, had she doubled 4♠ on her own. When she passed and left the decision to North, Sabine had to guess whether her partner held ♥A - a card that would ensure heart ruffs to defeat 4♠. After a long trance she went for the "cheap" solution and bid 5♦, which could have been either a makeable game or a non-expensive save.

West led a club and South could do no better than come to ten tricks; France: +100 and 2 IMPs.

Another 5 IMPs on the last board to France saw Germany win this prestigious encounter 48-44, 16:14 respectively, in an exciting match that definitely makes journalists and readers look forward to more Paris re-matches in the future.

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Wales	10.00	Portugal	14.05
Monaco	13.00	Slovenia	17.00
Austria	13.15	Sweden	17.10
Romania	13.25	France	17.20
Turkey	13.35	England	20.10
Scotland	13.55	Denmark	20.20

All the teams must be at the front of the bulding for the picture.

### Marco Marin

*EBL Photographer*

## 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.

# Nice play!

by Peter Lovász

In recent years the Hungarian team was not between one of the strongest but sometimes some achieved good results. Still, there are some good players on the two sides of the Danube.

## Women's series, Round 12 Hungary v Denmark

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mezei		Kerekes	
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ is min. 16 HCP, 1♦ max 7. HCP. 1♠ may be four cards, and East offers the 3NT contract. But Kati Mezei - she knows why - decided four spades will be better.

The lovely Danish South started with a small club to the king and the ace. East followed with the queen of clubs, and ruffed a club on the table. Now declarer played three rounds of hearts, finishing on the table, and played a small ♠ to the 7-2-A! South was in trouble! She switched to the queen of diamonds, but Kerekes found the right way: she won with the king of diamonds, and played the three of spades to the ten and jack. The third, and the last trick for N-S was the king of spades, as declarer could draw the last trump with the queen of spades and finesse in diamonds.

It was nice play - was it not?

## BEAUTY CONTEST

The 46th European Bridge Championships Staff is proud to introduce the 1th Bridge Beauty Contest. Candidates to the podium and judges of the competition will be all the bridge players engaged in the Championships plus all the staff: at the Hospitality Desk voting papers will be available to choose the "Bridge Beauty 2002". You'll find some suggestions too, but the choice is totally free. So, don't forget to express your preferences: the urns will remain open only today.

## Laws of Bridge (7C)

Ton Kooijman's interesting thoughts on the Laws is obviously being read with interest by the people following the Championships via the internet. Here are the thoughts of one of our Dutch readers.

A continuing discussion in the daily bulletin is 'Laws of bridge'. In bulletin 10 number 7 Ton asks if it is preferable to make different sets of rules for different levels of competition. In general I believe that the rules should be a unique set, which applies for all players. So I would like the drafting committee to make a decision whether a player may ask his partner about a revoke.

But the rules ARE different depending on the level of play. In the championships (as in the top levels in the Netherlands) the use of screens is mandatory. But using screens a number of rules are viewed different from those used in a club. So I would like to see two sets of rules for bridge, one for play with and one for play without screens. But those sets should be applied in all games not depending on the zone or NBO.

In an earlier article Ton asked whether a mis-bid should be dealt with in the same manner as a mis-explanation (not excluding the psych). My experience is that the most irritation in bridge is the fact that the rules make it possible to bid whatever you want (as long as it's not a partnerships understanding).

When the level of play gets higher it's more likely that players can figure out what happened (or have their bidding instruments so fine they can describe their hand even with the mis-bid). Personally I would like a mis-bid to be the same as a mis-explanation.

Furthermore article 40 should explicitly forbid the use of psyches if they are made with a bidding that has more than one (straight forward) meaning (e.g. Gh-estem, multi)

Sincerely,

**Marcel Schoof**  
The Netherlands

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## La route du chelem

Tous ceux qui connaissent le double champion du monde Christian Mari savent qu'il est un peu perfectionniste.

Il aurait presque regretté de ne pas avoir appelé le grand chelem sur la donne suivante. Regardez la main de son partenaire en Est:

♠ R 7 6 2  
♥ A R 7 4  
♦ A 6 4  
♣ A 10

Ouest ouvre d'1♠. La première enchère du répondant divise déjà les joueurs. Trois tendances se révèlent : 2♣ enchère fourre-tout dans le système français que l'on répugne à faire avec 2 cartes, 2♦ qui garantit du ♦... et 2♥ qui en donne une meilleure vision mais qui promet un cinquième ♥.

De ces trois maux, François Leenhardt choisit l'enchère de 2♣.

La séquence continue par 3♣ en Ouest et 3♠ en Est puis les contrôles :

4♣ des beaux ♣ (Ouest), 4♦(Est), 4♥(Ouest).

Et maintenant ? Que doit faire Est ? Quel est l'atout ?

En cas de double fit possible, lorsque l'atout n'est pas exprimé de manière certaine, la couleur de l'atout dépend de celui qui pose le Blackwood.

En l'occurrence, si Est pose le Blackwood, il fixe l'atout dans sa couleur.

Est dit 4SA (BW à ♣) et entend 5♠ (deux clés - As de ♠, Roi de ♣ - et la Dame de ♣).

Tout le problème consiste maintenant à connaître la présence de la Dame de ♠. Mais comment s'y prendre ?

Sur 5SA, Est entend 6♣ (absence du Roi de ♦)

On peut encore envisager le grand chelem avec la Dame de ♠ en Nord (5 ou 4 levées de ♣ dès qu'Ouest est 5-5 ou possède le Valet de ♣ ; dans le pire des cas la présence du 10 permet de faire l'impasse au Valet, 5 levées de ♠, As de ♦, une coupe à ♦ du mort et As-Roi de ♥).

6♥, question à la Dame de ♠ permet alors de demander ce grand chelem.

Main d'Ouest :

♠ A D 10 8 3  
♥ 10  
♦ 10 3 2  
♣ R D 8 5

## Impasse de sécurité

Etui 13. Donneur Nord. Tous Vul.

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

Contrat : 5♣

Entame : Valet de ♣

Les enchères

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	-	-	1♣
X	XX	3♦	-
-	3♥	-	3♠
-	4♣	-	5♣

Christian Mari prend l'entame de l'As de ♣ et joue ♦ pour le Valet d'Ouest. La Suédoise Eva-Liss Gothe joue la Dame de ♥ pour le Roi de Nord. ♦ coupé, trois tours de ♠ en finissant au mort et impasse de sécurité à ♣. Ouest, en main, rentre dans la fourchette As-10 de ♥ ou joue coupe et défausse.

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# GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI

## BOARD PER BOARD

### 28° INCONTRO OPEN: ITALIA - RUSSIA

Aperta: NORD Lauria / SUD Versace ITA  
EST Gromov / OVEST Petrunin RUS

Chiusa: NORD Matushko / SUD Khven RUS  
EST Bocchi / OVEST Duboin ITA

#### BOARD 1

Un buon controgioco manda 2 down a 2 picche Duboin in chiusa, ma Lauria, in aperta, totalizza 8 prese a 1 senza. 1 I.M.P. Italia. 1-0.

#### BOARD 2

Board 2 - dich. Est - NS in zona

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Petrinin	Lauria	Gromov	Versace
Passo	2NT*	Passo	1♥
Passo	4♥	Fine	3♠

2NT\*= 9-11 fit terzo

Chiusa:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Duboin	Matushko	Bocchi	Khven
Passo	INT	Passo	1♥
		Fine	

In chiusa i russi fanno 1 senza +1; in aperta Versace gioca manche a cuori, e realizza 11 prese con attacco Asso di fiori e Fante di fiori, che gli consente di battere due giri di atout finendo al morto e scartare una quadri sulla Dama di fiori, togliendosi il fastidio di dover indovinare la figura nel minore rosso, a cui sarebbe stato obbligato se la difesa avesse invece giocato quadri alla prima o alla seconda presa o se l'attacco fosse stato in atout. 11 I.M.P. Italia. 12-0.

#### BOARD 3

Pari a 2 cuori +1 in EO.

#### BOARD 4

In competizione sulle quadri avversarie, sono i NS che si ag-



giudicano il contratto, atout fiori, nelle due sale. 4 fiori -1 Russia in chiusa, 3 fiori fatte Lauria in aperta. 5 I.M.P. Italia. 17-0.

#### BOARD 5

Doppio score a fa-

vore della Russia; da una parte cadiamo a 4 picche su una linea, dall'altra ci spingiamo a 5 quadri in difesa, dove andiamo 1 down non senza aiuto da parte della difesa. 5 I.M.P. Russia. 17-5.

#### BOARD 6

Board 6 - dich. Est - EO in zona

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

Aperta:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Petrinin	Lauria	Gromov	Versace
Passo	1♠	Passo	1♥
Passo	4♠	Fine	3♠

Chiusa:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Duboin	Matushko	Bocchi	Khven
Passo	INT	Passo	1♥
Fine		Passo	2♥

Punti equamente ripartiti sulle due linee; i Russi in chiusa giocano 2 cuori giuste nella 6-1; Lauria-Versace non hanno alcuna difficoltà ad arrivare alla manche a picche nella 4-4 e Lorenzo mantiene il contratto con attacco fiori per l'Asso e quadri, su cui prende, incassa le due teste di cuori per poi affrancare il colore con un taglio prima di dare un colpo in bianco in atout. 7 I.M.P. Italia. 24-5.



**BOARD 7**

Gli Ovest, con 16 bilanciati, entrano in dichiarazione e, a fronte della bilanciata di zero degli Est, si cimentano entrambi nel contratto di 2 fiori contrate (in zona); Petrunin va 3 down, Duboin solo 2. 7 I.M.P. Italia. 31-5.

**BOARD 8**

Giochiamo 2 picche fatte in aperta in NS, mentre in chiusa l'apertura di 1 senza debole di Duboin mette in crisi gli avversari, che ci fanno giocare 2 fiori contrate, contratto in cui Bocchi fa 9 prese. 9 I.M.P. Italia. 40-5.

**BOARD 9**

Nessuna chance per i NS per realizzare 4 picche contrate, dichiarate in difesa preventiva, in prima contro zona, con 14 punti in linea (in realtà gli EO, sebbene con 26 punti e fit a cuori, non sembrano avere una manche realizzabile); con identico attacco e prosecuzione da parte della difesa, Versace va 1 down; Khven 2. 5 I.M.P. Italia. 45-5.

**BOARD 10**

Stavolta sono i russi a giocare nelle due sale: 3 cuori -3 in aperta su una linea e 2 quadri -1 in chiusa sull'altra. Il board è tutti in zona. 9 I.M.P. Italia. 54-5.

**BOARD 11**

Pari a 2 cuori in Sud.

**BOARD 12**

Picche 7-2 e 18 punti in EO; 22 punti in linea con fit 6-4 a quadri per NS, che a carte viste non possono perdere 3 senza; i russi giocano invece 4 fiori +1 in NS in chiusa, e 4 picche -2 sull'altra linea in aperta. 2 I.M.P. Russia. 54-7.

**BOARD 13**

Board 13 - dich. Nord- tutti in zona

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

Aperta:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Petrunin	Lauria	Gromov	Versace
	Passo	1♥	2♣
Passo	Passo	X	Fine

Chiusa:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Duboin	Matushko	Bocchi	Khven
	Passo	1♥	2♣
Passo	Passo	X	Passo
Passo	XX	Passo	2♦
X	Fine		



A carte viste, in EO 6 cuori sarebbero battuti solo se la difesa realizzasse il taglio a fiori sull'attacco o subito dopo aver incassato l'Asso di quadri, mentre

6 senza sarebbero di battuta grazie al favorevole piazzamento del Re di fiori ed alla caduta del fante di picche.

Da un parte giochiamo 2 fiori contrate nella 7-0 (resti 5-1), e andiamo 3 down, mentre i russi, preso il contro a 2 fiori, virano a 2 quadri contrate nella 5-3 (resti 3-2), contratto condannato a 4 down dall'attacco in atout (di Re) di Duboin, che toglie al dichiarante ogni possibilità di taglio in mano; 7 I.M.P. Italia. 61-7.

**BOARD 14**

Pari a 3 senza in Est.

**BOARD 15**

In EO la Russia fa 4 cuori nella 5-3; noi in chiusa 3 senza +1 sulla stessa linea. Pari.

**BOARD 16**

Nessun sconto da parte di Lauria-Versace, che, contro 3 quadri chiamate dai russi in EO in aperta nella 4-3, in controgioco incassano tutti i tagli e le vincenti a disposizione e mandano 3 down il contratto (in zona); sempre i russi, in chiusa, giocano 2 picche -1 sull'altra linea. 8 I.M.P. Italia. 69-7.

**BOARD 17**

Pari a 2 picche +1 in Est.

**BOARD 18**

I russi in EO si fermano a 3 picche in aperta, dove Bocchi gioca invece 4 picche +2. 6 I.M.P. Italia. 75-7.

**BOARD 19**

Bocchi fa 4 picche in chiusa, mentre solo un taglio ed un'attenta difesa impediscono a Lauria di fare 4 cuori contrate in chiusa sull'altra linea: 4 cuori contrate -1. 11 I.M.P. Italia. 86-7.

**BOARD 20**

Pari a 4 picche fatte Italia in chiusa; 3 senza+1 Russia in aperta.

**FINALE**

Italia - Russia 25 - 1 (86 - 7). Schiacciante superiorità azzurra; Quando nelle due sale si è giocato lo stesso contratto, i nostri hanno guadagnato sistematicamente prese, sia in attacco che in difesa. Quando il contratto era differente, quello giocato dall'Italia risultava sempre il migliore.

"E' stato un match fin troppo facile - dice Lorenzo Lauria -; abbiamo incontrato una formazione apparsa molto demotivata. Ha giocato male persino la loro coppia migliore, notoriamente assai forte. Peccato perché avrebbe potuto essere un bel confronto."

Dopo questo turno (28/37) l'Italia ha 84VP (massimo vantaggio del Campionato) su Norvegia e Bulgaria, seconde, 85 sulla Spagna, quarta, 100 sulla Polonia, quinta, e 108 sulla Svezia, sesta. Media: 21.42 VP a incontro, pari all'85.71%.

## Super Mom

by Stefan Back

As you all know, Daniela von Arnim of the German Women's team is here in a double function: a) as a player and b) as mom of a two month-old daughter. It is no understatement, that Lara is not the quietest baby on earth, so Daniela and her husband, Klaus "Rops" Reps (npc of the German Open Team) have a lot to do cuddling her, calming her down and carrying her around.

As Klaus sometimes thinks Daniela is "over-concerned" about her little girl, he invented a new and slightly ironical nickname for his wife: "Super Mom". Daniela on the other hand lives in a continuous fear, that Klaus might take her daughter to "TV soccer and beer" or lose her in the dark of the VueGraph.

Here is a typical dialogue from a couple a days ago, when Klaus tried to walk away with Lara. Daniela: "Do you take her with you?" Klaus: "Well, she will not implode if I do, will she?"

After a match Daniela is always eager to leave the table and have a look for her daughter to see if she is all right or in need of some "food". Fortunately all this positive stress leaves her with enough concentration to prove that "Super Mom" is super at the table as well.

In round no. 16 against Iceland she had to play the following "Mini 3NT":

♠ K 10 8 4  
♥ A Q 8 6 4  
♦ J 8 3  
♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ A K 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
Auken		von Arnim	
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> invitational (probably a minimum, the aggressive style of their opening bids given)

West led ♠Q, which holds the trick, and switches to a small club to the queen. What now?

Daniela called for a small heart and must have been happy to see East win with ♥10 and return another club. Now she finessed successfully in hearts and cashed ♥A to find the suit 3-3. After two more rounds of hearts, she still is in dummy. What now?

♠ K 10 8  
♥ –  
♦ J 8 3  
♣ –

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5  
♥ –  
♦ A 4  
♣ K 7

Daniela now tried the effect of a small spade and the board was over soon. Here is the full deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

East had to take the ace and was left helpless to concede all the tricks but one to "Super Mom", who scored a good-looking 3NT+1.

Eight boards later a hasty comparison confirmed that scoring the vulnerable game had significantly helped to win the match 25:4. But "Super Mom" still looks very focussed and maybe, but only maybe, a little concerned: "By the way, has anyone seen Rops with the baby?"

### STAFF "THANKSGIVING"

Today at 10 p.m. in the Auditorium (Rama Theatre) of the Palazzo dei Congressi the E.B.L. wishes to thank all the staff officers and operators who, working very hard, with great enthusiasm and high professionalism, have managed to run the Championship and have contributed greatly to its success.

All players, Captains, NBO Officials, and journalists are also welcome to attend to give their thanks to the staff.

### Seniors Congress Minutes Correction

#### Seniors Bermuda Bowl

WBF President José Damiani announced that the 2003 Bermuda Bowl for Seniors will contain at least two Senior teams (Gold and Silver medallists) from the European 2002 Senior Team Championships.

There is a reasonable chance that the bronze medalists will also be invited.

## FACTS

The advantage of writing about the laws is that some people then think that you are the right person to ask about matters related to the laws. This will eventually help you to become an expert if enough questions are asked and solved. Let me tell you about three recent experiences.

1. An official comes to me with the following: a player opens 2♣ showing 0 to 10 points with any distribution. This is a brown sticker convention, which should clearly be marked on the convention card. It is clearly marked on the convention card. Well done then. LHO calls the director and tells that he did not prepare a defence and feels damaged and the director shows a lot of sympathy for LHO, cancels the board and gives the pair some minutes to prepare a defence. What do I think of such a TD decision? Well, the TD's are my friends, I am one myself, so only reluctantly I gave my opinion that this decision might lack a legal basis.
2. Half an hour later a TD tells me the following: a player opens the bidding with a pass he alerts. LHO asks what the pass means and gets the answer that it shows 6 to 10 points. LHO calls the TD and tells him that he has noticed that his opponents play a 2♣ opening from 0 to 5 with any distribution, but hadn't realised that as a consequence the pass shows 6 to 10. So he asks some minutes to prepare for this special agreement. The TD refuses to give him these minutes and tells him to continue play. Asked for my opinion I say that if the preparation time has been short as between the second and third round, I could have imagined somewhat more consideration for LHO.
3. Some time later a captain tells me the following: one of his players opens with a pass and LHO follows with a pass. The RHO opens 2♣. Asked about the meaning he tells that the pass shows 6 to 10 points and his 2♣ is either 0 to 5 points or a strong hand. Now his screen mate suddenly opens the aperture and tells his partner that they don't have a defence and need to discuss this situation. Third man doesn't like this too much and calls the TD. The TD agrees that the opponents should get some time to prepare. Third man still doesn't like it and wants another TD to give a decision. This second TD supports his colleague, after which third man wants the chief TD at the table. The chief TD establishes the fact that both calls: pass and 2♣ are clearly marked on the convention card and denies the opponents any further time for discussion about their defence at this moment. Play should be continued. In the mean time according to the captain, the opponents having the aperture opened had enough time to agree a defence, though he adds that he is not sure they did. And he gently confirms that the result on the board was obvious so no harm was done. TD's are my friends so my brief remark to this captain was that the chief TD was apparently appointed as such with good reason.

Suppose these cases go the appeal committee. Any idea what will happen? After some time the appeal committee will find out that these three quite different cases are a description of the same incident that happened at one of the tables on Tuesday. You can imagine that appeals take so long when these are the presentations of the facts of one and only one occurrence and the appeal committee needs to find out what really happened?

That's another story.

**Ton Kooijman**

## The San Marino slam

There are some countries, which are not so big and whose results are not so good but which are very nice. I'm happy to have in this bulletin a nice hand bid by the San Marino players. They were very few to bid the big slam on the following hand:

Board 2. Dealer East N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 ♥ K J 10 9 4 ♦ 5 ♣ K Q 7 4	♠ A Q J 10 6 4 3 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 8px;">N</span> <span style="font-size: 8px;">W</span> <span style="font-size: 8px;">E</span> <span style="font-size: 8px;">S</span> </div> ♠ 8 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ A K Q J 9 ♣ 9 8 5 3	♠ K 2 ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 10 2	
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West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

In South, Topolino Zaccaria bid 3NT (♥ Stopper); 5♠ was to show the Queen of ♦ and a cue in ♠.

The captain Silvano Innocentini, who does a great job for his both teams (Open and Ladies) was very pleased to tell us a story: "My Ladies team, when they go to doctor, they don't say anymore 33 but 22".

## Championship Diary

If you get up early enough in the morning you will see the gardeners changing the date in flowers on the roundabout in front of the Grand Hotel Milano. You will also get the chance to breathe in some cool morning air.

At the workers pairs on Tuesday night a pair out of the e-bridge stable shuffled and dealt the cards for board one, earning them a standing ovation. Meanwhile our photographer got off to an outstanding start, managing to play all of two cards before revoking - and it was all down hill from there. First prize was a much sought after Italian Open Team shirt, which the winner gallantly swapped for a smaller size so as to make a present to his son - it would have taken him several diets to fit into it in any event.

## 46th European Team Championships

**After Round  
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**Women  
Series**

Team	GER	NED	ENG	NOR	ITA	DEN	SWE	RUS	CRO	SCO	ESP	FRA	FIN	ISR	CZE	POL	AUT	HUN	TUR	IRL	ISL	SMR	FRI	Bye	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
GERMANY			8	24	13			18		17	22	16		22	19	20	15	19	25	20	25	16	25	18		GERMANY	342	1
NETHERLANDS			15	19	25	14	16	23			14		19	17	20	25	11	17	24	22		16	19	18		NETHERLANDS	334	2
ENGLAND	22	15			14	8	17	16	18	10	16	12			11		25	25	18	25	25		25	18		ENGLAND	320	3
NORWAY	6	11				15	7	13	17	25	19		15	17		19	22	21	19.5	22		25	19	18	0.5	NORWAY	310.5	4
ITALY	17	5	16			25	9.5	20	25	15	15	10	25		23	14	25	11		12	24			18	0.5	ITALY	309.5	5
DENMARK		16	22	15	3			10			15	6	18	25	15	21	22	21	25	4		24	25	18		DENMARK	305	6
SWEDEN		14	13	23	20			13			14	10	18	17	16	16	13	17	17	14	17	25	25			SWEDEN	302	7
RUSSIA	12	7	14	17	10	20	17		12	11		21	15	19	25	19	17	21			24			18		RUSSIA	299	8
CROATIA			12	13	5			18		19	11	15	14	17	19	13	25	19	10	13	23	25	25			CROATIA	296	9
SCOTLAND	13		20	4	15			19	11		21	19		16	13		12	7	15	22	15	19	25	18		SCOTLAND	284	10
SPAIN	8	16	14	11	15	15	16		19	9		21	19	14	10	16			17		16	25	21			SPAIN	282	11
FRANCE	14		18		20	24	20	9	15	11	9				14		19	7	15	22	11	22	11	18		FRANCE	279	12
FINLAND		11		15	5	12	12	15	16		11			13	13	24	13	17	13	19		25	25	18		FINLAND	277	13
ISRAEL	8	13		13		4	13	11	13	14	16		17			14		22	19	21	14	19	24	18		ISRAEL	273	14
CZECH REP	11	10	19		7	15	14	5	11	17	20	16	17				11	15		24	14		15	18		CZECH REP	259	15
POLAND	10	4		11	16	9	14	11	17		14		6	16			13	15	16	16		25	25	18		POLAND	256	16
AUSTRIA	15	19	3	8	5	8	17	13	5	18		11	17		19	17		15		17	23			18		AUSTRIA	248	17
HUNGARY	11	13	1	9	19	9	13	9	11	23		23	13	8	15	15	15				14	16				HUNGARY	237	18
TURKEY	3	6	12	9.5		5	13		20	15	13	15	17	11		14				13	16	10	25	18	0.5	TURKEY	235.5	19
IRELAND	10	8	4	8	18	25	16		17	8		8	11	9	6	14	13		17		21	10				IRELAND	223	20
ICELAND	4		0		6		13	6	7	15	14	19		16	16		7	16	14	9		21	13	18		ICELAND	214	21
SAN MARINO	14	14		1		6	4		1	11	4	8	3	11		0		14	20	20	9		23	18	2	SAN MARINO	181	22
FAROE ISLANDS	0	11	4	11		0	4		3	1	8.5	19	3	6	15	5			0		17	7		18	0.5	FAROE ISLANDS	132.5	23

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Team	FRA	ISR	DEN	CRO	POL	NED	SCO	TUR	ENG	GER	CZE	AUT	ITA	SWE	WAL	IRL	SUI	POR	ESP	Bye	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
FRANCE		19		20	13	16		21	14	16	23	19	19	25	23	25	21	19	25			<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>318</b>	1
ISRAEL	11			19		25	16	16	19	20	14	15	25	24	19	25		25	16	18		<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>307</b>	2
DENMARK				25	13	7		24	16	15	18	24	24	13	21	25	18	19	25	18		<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>305</b>	3
CROATIA	10	11	3		18.5	18	18			23	25	15	21	23	23	22	23	25		18	0.5	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>296.5</b>	4
POLAND	17		17	10.5		10	17	12	21		19.5	18	13	25	15	10		25	25	18	1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>273</b>	5
NETHERLANDS	14	4	23	12	20		19		19	8	12	24		20		21	18	20	19	18		<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>271</b>	6
SCOTLAND		14		12	13	11		14	8	19	8	25	15		14	18	10	25	25	18		<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>249</b>	7
TURKEY	9	14	6		18		16		7	16	22	16	14	25	16		23	14	15	18		<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>249</b>	-
ENGLAND	16	11	14		9	11	22	23		11		15	20	7	10	17	18	16	21			<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>241</b>	9
GERMANY	14	10	15	7		22	11	14	19		17		9	15	18	11	19		22	18		<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>241</b>	-
CZECH REP	7	16	12	5	9.5	18	22	8		13		10	11		20	20	25	22		18	0.5	<b>CZECH REP</b>	<b>236.5</b>	11
AUSTRIA	11	15	6	15	12	6	4	14	15		20			16		23	25	16	19	18		<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>235</b>	12
ITALY	11	4	6	9	15		15	16	10	21	19			7	18	17	25		23	18	2	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>234</b>	13
SWEDEN	5	6	17	7	5	10		4	23	15		14	23		17	16	19	22	20			<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>223</b>	14
WALES	7	11	9	7	15		16	14	20	12	9.5		12	13			13	25	8	18	0.5	<b>WALES</b>	<b>209.5</b>	15
IRELAND	5	5	3	8	20	9	12		13	19	10	7	13	14			13	7		18		<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>176</b>	16
SWITZERLAND	7		12	7		12	20	7	12	11	4	2	4	11	17	17			11	18	2	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>172</b>	17
PORTUGAL	11	5	11	0	0	10	4	16	14		8	14		8	5	23			19	18		<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>166</b>	18
SPAIN	0	14	3		4	11	3	15	9	8		11	7	10	22		19	11		18		<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>165</b>	19

