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Italy Makes History



The Five Card Tricksters

They won in Vilamoura in 1995, in Montecatini in 1997, in Malta in 1999, in Tenerife in 2001 and now by winning here in Salsomaggiore in 2002 with a truly awesome display, **Italy** has become the first team in the history of these great Championships to win five times in a row, surpassing the record of the legendary Blue Team, who won in 1956, 57, 58 and 59.

We raise our glasses to **Francesco Angelini, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Antonio Sementa & Alfredo Versace**, together with their Captain, Maria Teresa Lavazza and Coach, Massimo Ortensi.

The ease of their victory makes them clear favourites to go on to a sixth victory in Malmö in two years time, but meanwhile they will spearhead the European challenge for the greatest prize of all in next years Bermuda Bowl.

The silver medallists, **Spain**, will accompany them in their quest for Bridge's Holy Grail, along with **Norway**, who took bronze, **Bulgaria** and **Sweden**.

These five countries, together with **Poland, The Netherlands** and **England** will receive invitations to compete in the Champions Cup in Warsaw in October.



The Netherlands, winner of the gold medal in the Women's European Championships. From left to right: Ed Franken (npc), Bep Vriend, Anneke Simons, Marijke van der Pas, Wietske van Zwol, Femke Hoogweg, Jet Pasman and Chris Niemeijer (coach).

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 37

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 POLAND	HUNGARY	51 - 35	18 - 12
2 BELGIUM	LATVIA	99 - 5	25 - 0
3 NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	53 - 51	15 - 15
4 GREECE	AUSTRIA	73 - 43	21 - 9
5 SWEDEN	ROMANIA	36 - 14	20 - 10
6 UKRAINE	SPAIN	24 - 50	10 - 20
7 DENMARK	WALES	49 - 29	19 - 11
8 LIECHTENSTEIN	SCOTLAND	41 - 58	11 - 19
9 FAROE ISLANDS	MONACO	25 - 60	8 - 22
10 CYPRUS	ITALY	41 - 41	15 - 15
11 BULGARIA	CZECH REP	33 - 44	13 - 17
12 ENGLAND	LEBANON	58 - 44	18 - 12
13 TURKEY	PORTUGAL	47 - 52	14 - 16
14 YUGOSLAVIA	SLOVENIA	38 - 63	10 - 20
15 GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	86 - 10	25 - 1
16 NORWAY	FRANCE	66 - 28	23 - 7
17 CROATIA	ISRAEL	71 - 39	22 - 8
18 SAN MARINO	IRELAND	58 - 45	18 - 12
19 RUSSIA	FINLAND	47 - 28	19 - 11

Director!

by Victor Silverstone

At Game All as West you pick up:

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

You open One Spade in third position and North bids 2NT for the minors. Partner bids Three Diamonds to show a good spade raise and South bids Four Clubs. Knowing that partner has a club shortage you carefully bid only Five Spades asking partner about the quality of his trump support. You are duly raised to Six Spades, North leads the ace of diamonds and before you take in the full deal, look at the dummy:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West now summoned the Director to complain about his partner's failure to produce a club shortage or for misinformation. The problem was John Collings who was holding the South cards, and had used an old ruse to perfection.

OPEN TEAMS
Final Ranking

1 ITALY	767.00
2 SPAIN	696.50
3 NORWAY	679.00
4 BULGARIA	675.00
5 SWEDEN	665.00
6 POLAND	659.00
7 NETHERLANDS	638.00
8 ENGLAND	637.00
9 ISRAEL	635.00
10 FRANCE	629.00
11 TURKEY	622.00
12 GERMANY	591.00
13 ICELAND	589.00
14 DENMARK	576.00
15 HUNGARY	572.00
16 GREECE	570.00
17 RUSSIA	568.00
18 CZECH REP	565.00
19 AUSTRIA	553.00
20 SCOTLAND	551.00
21 FINLAND	550.00
22 LEBANON	547.00
23 WALES	537.00
24 IRELAND	525.00
25 PORTUGAL	523.00
26 ROMANIA	521.00
27 MONACO	506.00
28 CROATIA	502.00
29 BELGIUM	492.00
30 SLOVENIA	490.00
31 UKRAINE	468.00
32 SWITZERLAND	455.00
33 FAROE ISLANDS	448.00
34 YUGOSLAVIA	433.00
35 LIECHTENSTEIN	384.00
36 SAN MARINO	384.00
37 CYPRUS	338.00
38 LATVIA	314.00

Farewell Speech from the President

Dear Friends,

Another chapter of our history is closing this evening and from tomorrow we will start looking towards the next event. But this evening we wish to celebrate this fantastic event which has just finished, the 46th European Bridge Teams Championships, and enjoy ourselves all together. This evening there are only winners, all of you, players, officials, officers, staff, kibbizers. With your behaviour, fair-play, enthusiasm, professionalism, and with your love for our marvellous discipline, you have enabled us to write another important chapter, to achieve another important goal.

On the occasion of this event we have celebrated the 70th Anniversary of our Championships and I think that we will all remember it for life. The emotion on Saturday 22nd was truly memorable and I personally will treasure in my heart the images and all the feelings they provoked. The enthusiasm shown by the old champions and former officers, who came specially to Salsomaggiore for this celebration, is a great lesson for life and will be stimulating for the whole bridge movement.

On Thursday evening we thanked the members of the Organising and Tournament Committees and staff, but I think it is right to thank them again officially here. They did a fantastic job. The organisation is like a body. Let me introduce to you, to receive your applause, the big chief, the heart and soul of this organisation, Jean-Claude Beineix; the head of the body, Ton Kooijman and Ghigo Ferrari; the eyes, Antonio Riccardi, Max Bavin and their Tournament Directors; the ears, Bill Pencharz and his Appeal Committee; the mouth, Mark Horton and his colleagues of the Daily Bulletin, Panos Gerontopoulos and all the staff of Internet, e-Bridge and Canal Plus, Elly Ducheyne and the Press Room; the lips, Jean-Paul Meyer, Guido Ferraro and Eric Kokish; the voice, Mabel Bocchi, Agnès Fabre and Carlo Arrighini; the shoulders, Gianni Baldi, Gianni Bertotto and all the technological operators and Attilio Ricci and all his colleagues of the Venue facilities; the arms, Fulvio Colizzi and his colleagues of Main Office, Monica Gorreri and the Duplicating Staff, Jan Louwerse and the Line Up people, Grattan Endicott and his assistants; the legs, our marvellous Caddies; the blood, our Secretariat with Christina, Federica, Andrea and Dirk; the nervous system, our Master of Protocol, Ceremonies and Hospitality, Annamaria Torlontano, our Treasurer, Mark De Pauw, and the On Site Organizer, Vittorio Brandonisio; the skin, Silvia Valentini, Elena Biagiola and Maggie Pierce of the Hospitality Desk and finally the capillaries, the Lavazza and Angelini Girls.

The serenity and friendship of the atmosphere of these 15th days depended by the ideal form of this perfect body, able to run the Championships without delay, mistakes and accidents. Thank you, all of you, with all my heart.

But in my opinion a perfect body is not sufficient to guarantee the success of a event. In addition we need a pleasant and comfortable venue and we found this in Salsomaggiore, the "Bridge Town". Salsomaggiore is able to give bridge players the impression of being at home and I think this is the best compliment we can pay this small big town. And let me now thank the town of Salsomaggiore Terme, and all its components, political

and economical, public and private, represented here today by the Mayor, my great friend, Adriano Grolli. We thank them for their warm welcome, perhaps also too warm in the first ten days, but unfortunately we do not have a direct line to the climate decider to ask him to be clement with us. We thank them for their hospitality, willingness to help, marvellous attitude towards the guests, for their colours and flavours, for their cuisine.

I hope that you all enjoyed your stay in Salso and that tomorrow morning going home our idea is not to say "goodbye" but "see you soon".

There is another component which enabled us to run this Championship: the support of our sponsor friends. The resources needed to organise an event like this are truly impressive in terms of quantity and quality and without the help of our sponsor friends it would be impossible even to think of it. Thanks to all of them, thanks to Eventi Company, Lavazza Company, Angelini Group, Viaggi e Sapori, Villa Fabbrica, Fornaciari Wine Company, Bormioli, Barilla, Nestlé Italia, Parmigiano Reggiano, Consorzio del Prosciutto, and all the others who helped us.

This evening is for you players. And we are here to thank and honour you. Once more your enthusiasm, behaviour, fair-play, friendship, sportsmanship, respect of the rules and tolerance exalted our event. We are proud of you. You are the flag of our whole movement. You represent the best image of our sport which we proudly show to the world. As I have said before, tonight there are no losers; all of you are winners, all of you are happy to be here, to have participated in this great event, to be an essential part of our marvellous discipline. Of course as in every sports competition also in bridge there is a ranking and there are medals, but the medallists represent all the players and in presenting these medals we want to praise all of you, all together.

Our thoughts now turn to Menton 2003 where we hope to be able to achieve another goal with our first European Open Championship, a completely transnational event where all players from all over the world will be allowed to participate and it will be possible to compete in all series and categories, both in teams and pairs. We hope that all of you here will be present in Menton together with many, many other friends.

And our minds are already jumping from Menton towards Malmö 2004 where the 47th European Bridge Team Championships will be held. A delegation from Malmö, led by the Mayor, Mr Ilmar Reepalu, has come to Salsomaggiore and they are here with us now this evening. It will be a pleasure for us to link Salsomaggiore to Malmö, giving them after the closing of this Championship the EBL Flag, which they will keep in their care till the Opening Ceremony in Malmö when it will be raised there.

My speech over, now our attention has to be directed to the Prize-giving. I hope that you judge our work with benevolence, forgiving our errors and being convinced that we did our best.

Thank you again and again. I wish you a safe journey home. See you soon.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 36
Italy v Bulgaria

When this match was played, on Friday late afternoon, nothing very much was at stake for either team. Italy, of course, had long before sealed their 5th consecutive title, and Bulgaria looked pretty well fixed on 3rd place. So the main objective of the players was to make it a good show, and so they did. Here are a few of the dishes they served us.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Sementa	Mihov	Versace
3♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
4♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass

Once East elected to open his hand, EW were in game. Bulgaria +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Stamatov	Bocchi	Karaivanov
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
2♥	All Pass	2♣	Pass

When Bocchi passed in first seat, South could open a 15-17 NT this time. Of course, Bocchi showed his majors when this ran to him, but as he could be much weaker (remember he did not open) Duboin did not make any forward move, non vulnerable. So game was missed, Italy +170 and Bulgaria the first 6 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Sementa	Mihov	Versace
Pass	1♠	3♥	Pass
All Pass			3♠

Once East led his suit, the contract was doomed. ♥K to the ace and ruffed, followed by a trump. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and played a diamond to East's ace. Mihov next cashed his ♥Q and exited with a club, establishing two more defensive tricks. One down. Bulgaria +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Stamatov	Bocchi	Karaivanov
Pass	2♠	3♥	INT
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Bocchi made the good lead of the ♦A, which should have set up a defensive cross-ruff. When Duboin contributed the ♦4, Bocchi read this as a club preference signal, so he continued a club. Now declarer was able to draw trumps and establish the diamonds for his contract, losing just two diamonds and a club.

On a heart continuation, three down would have been the outcome, but as it was, Bulgaria had another +420 and led 16-0.

The Bulgarian lead had gone up to 29-15 when the match came to its closing stages.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Sementa	Mihov	Versace
Dble	2NT	1♦	1♠
All Pass		Dble	4♠

As the Bulgarian 1♦ did not locate the E/W fit in the suit, N/S were allowed to try 4♠ undoubled in the end. Versace had little trouble in losing only the three obvious tricks. A fine +420 to Italy, mainly due to Versace's very light overcall.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Stamatov	Bocchi	Karaivanov
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
5♦	Dble	4♦	Pass
		All Pass	

Here, Ivo Karaivanov did not bother to overcall, so the Italians could discover their fits and values, finally settling for the diamond game that proved too high. To underline this, Stamatov had the last word in the auction. Bulgaria +100 alright, but little compensation for the lost game. Italy 8 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Sementa	Mihov	Versace
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A perfectly normal contract, but look at the defences displayed. The ♣10 was led to South's queen, but Versace immediately opened the attack on declarer's communications by returning a spade. Declarer won and ducked a diamond to Versace who persisted with spades. Now Nanev was cut off from his hand: he could not establish both a club and a heart trick and cash the third top spade any more without the risk of going down. He played a club to North's ace and a diamond came back. Nanev next took his diamond winners but now had to lead hearts from dummy, so the contract was easily defeated on this nice defence. Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Stamatov	Bocchi	Karaivanov
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Same contract, same lead, but Karaivanov continued clubs after winning his ♣Q at trick 1. Now declarer had all the time in the world to establish the diamonds as well as the one heart trick he needed, as North would never again gain the lead to cash his clubs. Italy another +600 and 12 IMPs to go in the lead for the first time in the match: 40-29.

Another Italian victory was sealed two boards later:



Antonio Sementa, Italy

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Sementa	Mihov	Versace
4♠	Dble	1♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	6♣	6♣
Pass	7♣	All Pass	Pass

When Mihov opened 1♠ only, it was relatively easy for N/S to reach their proper contract. Please note Versace's courageous Pass of 6♣ holding two quick losers in diamonds but confirming his spade void. Sementa of course had no trouble in raising to seven with his ♦AK. Italy +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Stamatov	Bocchi	Karaivanov
3♠	4♥	1♠	INT
Pass	6♣	4♠	5♣
		All Pass	

Here, N/S lacked the tools to fully cope with the unusual South hand and, left to their own devices as the opponents remained silent after 4♠, could not get beyond the six-level. Bulgaria +1390 and another 13 IMPs to Italy.

The final score: 53-30 or 20-10 VP to Italy. Bulgaria would need a good win in their last match to make sure of the bronze.

Woolly Jumpers

Though winners of neither the laurel leaves nor the wooden spoon in the table of bridge players per 1000 inhabitants, Wales and the Faeroe Islands would almost certainly take first and second place in any European league table of sheep per head of population.

The match between the two countries took place on Friday afternoon in the friendliest of spirits, and featured one of the most spectacular auctions of the tournament:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ 4 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A K 8 4 3 ♣ K Q J 6 5</p> <p>♠ Q 10 9 8 7 5 ♥ A K 3 ♦ — ♣ A 10 9 4</p>	<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	<p>♠ A K 6 3 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ J 8 7 6 4 ♦ J 10 9 7 6 2 ♣ 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						
West	North	East	South			
		2♠*	Pass			
6♠	6NT	Pass	Pass			
Dble	Pass	Pass	7♦			
Dble	All Pass					

1100 away for a flat board.

The Welsh team would like to thank the Faeroese for being such delightful opponents and are almost (but not quite) sorry to have won the match. Diolch yn fawr.

Championship Diary

At last nights Journalist Pairs your Editor dropped in to watch a couple of boards from this light-hearted event. He took the unusual step of calling the Director as a spectator to complain about the very poor defence of the pair he was watching!

While we hope to see many of you in Deauville next month and then in Montreal in August. Meanwhile we can tell you that the first new style EBL European Bridge Championship will be in the delightful French seaside town of Menton, from 14-28 June 2003. You can be sure of good weather, good food and good wine!

Ron Tacchi took more than 1500 pictures, an amazing statistic when you consider that only around 100 were published in the Bulletin.

Well, that's the end of another Championship Diary - time to find a lift to the airport after the World Cup Final.

Bridge Magazine IMP presents Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

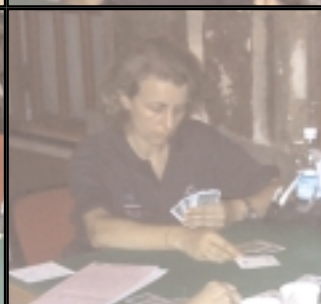
It will surprise no-one that Italy have strengthened their lead after their marvellous performance in Salsomaggiore. After the European Championships the ratings for the Open series have become:

The first number is the rating, in VP; the second is the number of (16-board) matches that are taken into account for the rating.

1 Italy	21.67	196	51 Pakistan	12.46	52
2 United States	20.36	131	52 Chile	12.38	20
3 Poland	19.77	197	53 Guadeloupe	12.32	60
4 Norway	19.66	206	54 Syria	11.93	20
5 Spain	18.76	116	55 Yugoslavia	11.86	86
6 Indonesia	18.74	89	56 Côte d'Ivoire	11.75	10
7 Sweden	18.62	155	57 Peru	11.70	10
8 Netherlands	18.59	123	58 Faroe Islands	11.68	63
9 France	18.30	162	59 Thailand	11.22	43
10 Bulgaria	18.18	116	60 Lithuania	11.14	28
11 England	18.13	159	61 Bahrain	10.99	18
12 Israel	17.88	136	62 Uruguay	10.84	26
13 Russia	17.46	133	63 Colombia	10.71	32
14 Brazil	17.19	86	64 Malaysia	10.65	49
15 Denmark	17.18	144	65 Luxembourg	10.52	61
16 China	17.08	78	66 Mexico	10.31	16
17 Germany	16.69	116	67 Zimbabwe	10.29	2
18 Austria	16.61	123	68 Philippines	10.23	49
19 Chinese Taipei	16.59	70	69 Tunisia	10.06	28
20 Iceland	16.56	142	70 Liechtenstein	9.92	116
21 Greece	16.50	116	71 China Macao	9.86	33
22 Turkey	16.41	116	72 Bangladesh	9.85	26
23 Hungary	16.40	116	73 San Marino	9.76	116
24 Canada	16.24	44	74 Venezuela	9.75	34
25 Argentina	16.16	57	75 Bermuda	9.20	24
26 India	15.54	78	76 Sri Lanka	9.14	17
27 Belgium	15.51	118	77 Trinidad & Tobago	9.03	20
28 Lebanon	15.50	116	78 French Polynesia	8.85	4
29 Scotland	15.44	147	79 Singapore	8.80	49
30 Wales	15.42	147	80 Reunion	8.69	29
31 Australia	15.34	112	81 Latvia	8.64	92
32 Egypt	15.22	53	82 New Caledonia	8.53	10
33 Japan	15.20	70	83 Jordan	8.41	15
34 South Africa	15.05	49	84 Martinique	8.08	24
35 Czech Republic	15.04	116	85 Kenya	7.82	21
36 Portugal	14.83	116	86 Mauritius	7.81	21
37 Ireland	14.70	175	87 Paraguay	7.76	10
38 New Zealand	14.68	105	88 Guyana	7.63	8
39 Finland	14.53	137	89 Jamaica	7.59	15
40 Morocco	14.13	16	90 Bolivia	7.51	10
41 Romania	13.99	116	91 Cyprus	7.28	77
42 Croatia	13.60	116	92 Tonga	6.50	10
43 Northern Ireland	13.40	20	93 Barbados	5.70	13
44 Estonia	13.27	28	94 Malta	4.73	27
45 Monaco	13.25	77	95 Ecuador	4.51	10
46 Belarus	12.79	9	96 Tanzania	4.42	21
47 Slovenia	12.72	116	97 Botswana	1.12	13
48 Ukraine	12.60	100	98 Palestine	-1.91	16
49 China Hong Kong	12.59	66	99 Costa Rica	-5.31	8
50 Switzerland	12.54	116			

VICINE VICINE

Le ladies italiane meriterebbero, oggi, pagine di elogi. La squadra in parte mutata (De Lucchi/Rosetta, Arrigoni/Olivieri e Torielli/Vanuzzi) ha centrato la qualificazione per i mondiali ottenendo un larghissimo quarto posto. Meglio che a Tenerife, dunque, dove ottenemmo una stentata qualificazione nei board finali dell'ultimo turno. Abbiamo combattuto stavolta per la medaglia di bronzo (l'avevamo in tasca alla quart'ultima mano) con la mitica Inghilterra. Siamo dietro soltanto ad Olanda, Germania e Inghilterra, appunto, cioè il fior fiore d'Europa, ma davanti a Francia, Austria, Svezia, Danimarca. Abbiamo dimostrato una forza di carattere ed una voglia di lottare veramente degne di elogio. Brave ragazze! Siete sulla strada giusta. Ancora un po' di lavoro e di sudore e l'Europa si accorgerà, costantemente, che ci siete anche voi.



The Grand Finale

At the start of the last round of these Championships, Spain were looking pretty sure of the silver, but Bulgaria could lose its 3rd place to Norway if they should lose to the Czech Republic and if, at the same time, Norway should beat France heavily. At 5th spot, Sweden were 4VP ahead of Poland, and the Swedes had to face a less stronger opponent, at least on paper. Around 8th spot, which would give the right to participate in the Champions League, next autumn in Warsaw, interesting developments were possible too, as there were three teams in contention for it: The Netherlands, France and England. Israel, who were lying 7th and were playing Croatia, looked rather sure to stay within the qualifying zone from Warsaw.

The programme read like this:

- Bulgaria v. Czech Republic
- England v. Lebanon
- Israel v. Croatia
- Netherlands v. Iceland (VuGraph)
- Norway v. France
- Poland v. Hungary
- Sweden v. Romania

Below, we are presenting a quick survey of what happened in all matches of interest on some of the boards played.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Here, 3NT was made by South in no less than three matches, so Poland, Norway and Iceland took an early lead.

On board 9, the problem was to avoid 3NT and reach 5♣.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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No swing in England v. Lebanon when BOTH teams reached 6♣. A swing to Hungary when Poland played in 6♣ as well. Swings to Norway and The Netherlands when their opponents played in 3NT.

Board 11 also caused havoc:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ Q J 8 4 2 ♣ 6	<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		♠ 8 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ A 10 6 3 ♣ A J 10 7 5	
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Neither 4♥ nor 4♠ can be made, as there are two diamonds, the ♣A, a club ruff and the ♥K (in 4♥) for the defence. Either contract was let through a few times, so swings were registered by Lebanon, Norway, Israel and the Czech Republic.

Big swings again in a few matches on the next deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 8 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q 6 5 3 ♣ K Q 6	<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 Q 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 4 ♣ 9 8 7 5 3	
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Well, at first sight it looks as if NS can make 4♥ and EW have a cheap save in spades available. This caused a swing to Norway when the French EW did not save.

The other two swings registered on this board had a rather different complexion. For Croatia, North was doubled in 4♥ and made it without any problem. His Israeli counterpart got doubled in 5♥, which should go down on a diamond lead and in fact went down.

In the Netherlands v. Iceland match, the Dutch had saved in one room and lost 50. On VuGraph, Simon de Wijs got doubled in 5♥ when the Dutch bid once more, but he got a trump lead. At this point, the contract is cold if you play for the small extra chance of the ♣KQx coming down, as they did. Well played by De Wijs to about level the VuGraph match.

The next board, the ever ominous no. 13, may well have been the decisive board of the round.



Krzysztof Martens, Poland

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Jan Kamras, who made his first appearance as non playing captain of Sweden, was very nervous. He did not want to watch in the Closed or Open Room when his team played its last match. He did not even dare to enter the VuGraph theatre, where results were rolling in on the big screen. He just stayed as close as he could near the bar ordering beers for relaxation.

The contract to be in on the board is 6♦. Although you miss the trump queen and an outside ace, the odds are still in your favour. This is how the Poles missed the slam in their match against Hungary:

West	East
Martens	Lesniewski
	1♦
1♠	2♣
2♥ (4th suit)	3♠
4♦ (suit established)	5♦
.... Pass	

Later, Marcin Lesniewski explained that in their system he could not bid 4♥, since that bid would show a void in the suit. He also felt that 5♣ would be overdoing it, especially since he al-

ready showed extras with the jump to 3♠. Therefore he decided to bid only 5♦ over 4♦. At the table Krzysztof Martens thought for ten minutes and then passed.

Still, the Poles won their match against the Hungarians. However, 18-12 turned out not to be enough, since the Sweden increased their lead by 2 VP's, beating Romania 20-10. In this match the Romanians played 4♠ on board 13, but Magnus Lindkvist and Peter Fredin for Sweden bid the slam with their artificial system:

West	East
Fredin	Lindkvist
	1♦
INT (gf)	2♦ (5+ diamonds)
2♥ [®]	2NT (4+ clubs, 0-1 heart)
3♣ [®]	3♦ (3-1-5-4)
3♥ [®]	4♦ (14-16, 2 key cards, no ♦Q)
4♥ [®]	4NT (♣K, no ♠K)
6♦	Pass

So Sweden did qualify for the Bermuda Bowl and Jan Kamras was all smiles.

In the other matches, there also were big swings. England, Bulgaria, Netherlands and Israel all stayed out of the slam whereas their counterparts all bid it. Four more swings. Only in the Norway v. France match there was no swing as both pairs bid the slam.

The last sensational board of the round was:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

A big swing to Poland who made 5♥ doubled with an over-trick in one room and went down only one in 5♠ in the other. A more normal swing to Bulgaria: 5♥ made and 5♦ two down, doubled.

An interesting swing to Croatia, who made 6♥ doubled on a diamond lead, but conceded 650 in 5♥ at the other table for a gain of 14 IMPs against Israel. And the best swing of them all: France finally recouping some points against Norway with 6♥ doubled made and 5♠ doubled down two.

In at least three of the matches involved there were a few more swings, but as they went to either side the outcome of the round looked clear enough. In the end England came back to beat Lebanon 16-14 while The Netherlands and Iceland drew. Croatia went on to beat Israel 22-8 and Norway beat France 23-7. As Bulgaria suffered a shock 13-17 defeat against the Czechs, the final table had undergone a serious reshuffle, compared with the way it looked overnight. Norway had taken the bronze at the post, ahead of Bulgaria. Sweden, Poland and The Netherlands had kept their positions (5,6,7), but England rose to 8th, level with The Netherlands, but ahead of Israel and France.

The 450th cap of Peter Schaltz

by Svend Novrup



Peter Schaltz, Denmark

The Danish Open team player Peter Schaltz passed a remarkable milestone Friday in round 36 when he got his 450th cap. If you are not British maybe I should explain that this means that he has played 450 matches for the Danish national team since his debut at the Europeans in Brighton 1975 with a creditable 5th place.

Already then he was a most experienced player with many titles. In 1970 he won the European Championships for junior teams in Dublin, the following year the Nordic junior teams in Finland, and he had achieved many of his now about 30 Danish championships.

With the national open team he got a silver medal in Lausanne 1979 and another in Menton 1993 followed by a place in the quarter finals of the Bermuda Bowl in Santiago, narrowly beaten by USA.

He is married to Dorthe Schaltz, and the Schaltz-dynasty is probably the strongest in the world, counted for three generations. His mother Lizzi won two European Womens championships, his father had a silver medal in the Nordic championships and both won several Danish titles, many of them together. When their children were old enough to be alone at home for a couple of weeks, Dorthe and Peter started to play together, and they won the silver in Menton together and was one trick from reaching the semi final of the 1992 olympiad in Salsomaggiore, losing to the gold winners from France. In 2000 they won the European Mixed teams together with Sabine and Jens Auken.

Third generation is thundering forward with Martin Schaltz who has already bronze in the world championships for junior teams in Rio earlier this year and several Danish championships to his credit while their daughter Anne-Mette has won two Danish school bridge championships.

Peter Schaltz took over the record as the most capped Danish sports man some days ago at match 440 when he passed another bridge player, Stig Verdelin, who held the record for around 15 years. The most capped Danish sports man outside

bridge is a table tennis player, Claus Pedersen, with 354.

In case you wonder that the caps are counted for a bridge player, just think of this. If a soccer player enters the field in the last minute of a match, he is credited with one cap. A bridge player has to play for several hours to get his, and it is not possible to many more matches in one year than for example an ice hockey or handball player. But of course bridge players last longer if they work seriously with their game and fight off challenges from the younger generations which can be hard enough!

Despite good preparations Denmark never got in the run for a top ranking in this championship and asked for a good hand Thursday evening Peter Schaltz denied having one. When Denmark defeated Romania 25-0 (104-16) in round 35 he had at least four!! This one was very satisfactory:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 6		♠ A K 9 2			
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♣ J 4		♣ K 7 6			
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	♣ A 10 8 2				

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Dorthe and Peter Schaltz E-W. North led ♥J to ♥Q, and a spade to ♠J was won by North with ♠Q. West took ♥K as South showed an even number to play a diamond to ♦8 and ♦Q. South was already endplayed!

He tried a diamond which ran to ♦10, and Schaltz took a diamond finesse with the ♦7 to cash ♦A. North had to find discards and threw two hearts confirming West's diagnoses that he had spade length. Now followed a club to ♣K and ♣A and a club back to ♣Q, North following with ♣J. Schaltz was now in control. With the actual lie of the cards he could have finessed ♠9 but that was an unnecessary risk. He checked the spades with ♠AK, and when North as expected had four spades he led towards ♣9 in the penultimate trick. South had his ♣10 but ♣9 took the decisive trick 13. +600 to Denmark and a game swing.

Correction

In the Women's Series, the positions of Croatia and Spain are reversed, with Spain finishing eighth and Croatia ninth.

OPEN TEAMS

Final Butler Ranking

1	Lauria Loren	ITA	1.46	(540)	77	Schneider Ra	ISR	0.13	(320)	Denning Paul	WAL	-0.19	(500)	
2	Versace Alfr	ITA	1.27	(620)		Shaham Eran	ISR	0.13	(320)	Thomas Adria	WAL	-0.19	(500)	
3	Buratti Andr	SPA	1.20	(640)	79	Diamond Dere	SCO	0.12	(500)	155	Van Eijck Wi	NET	-0.21	(359)
	Lanzarotti M	SPA	1.20	(640)		Dragic Miros	SCO	0.12	(500)		Westra Berry	NET	-0.21	(359)
5	Bocchi Norbe	ITA	1.12	(600)		Kurbalija Fi	WAL	0.12	(540)	157	Lopes Jorge	POR	-0.22	(499)
6	Duboin Giorg	ITA	1.07	(620)		Rees Tim	WAL	0.12	(540)		Sa Joao	POR	-0.22	(499)
7	Fredin Peter	SWE	0.87	(580)	83	Elinescu Mic	GER	0.11	(420)		Matei Corn.D	ROM	-0.22	(480)
	Lindkvist Ma	SWE	0.87	(580)		Entscho Wlad	GER	0.11	(420)		Savin Daniel	ROM	-0.22	(480)
9	Karaivanov K	BUL	0.86	(500)	85	Eidi Michel	LEB	0.10	(560)	161	Anderson Rex	IRE	-0.23	(480)
	Trendafilov	BUL	0.86	(500)		Harfouche Ga	LEB	0.10	(560)		Greenwood Da	IRE	-0.23	(480)
11	Aydin Ata	TUR	0.67	(400)		Skoularikis	GRE	0.10	(519)		Allavena J.C	MON	-0.23	(520)
	Yilmaz Gokha	TUR	0.67	(400)		Zotos Loukas	GRE	0.10	(519)		Guglielmi Mi	MON	-0.23	(520)
13	Aviram Yoram	ISR	0.65	(540)		Hopfenheit G	GER	0.10	(520)	165	Ambroz Bojan	SLO	-0.25	(520)
	Barel Michae	ISR	0.65	(540)		Reim Sebast.	GER	0.10	(520)		Novak Miro	SLO	-0.25	(520)
15	Muller Bauke	NET	0.58	(540)	91	Kalish Avi	ISR	0.09	(579)		Hamdam Fayca	LEB	-0.25	(400)
	De Wijs Simo	NET	0.58	(540)		Podgur Leoni	ISR	0.09	(579)		Joensen Roi	FAR	-0.25	(540)
17	Lesniewski M	POL	0.53	(520)		Nikolayenko	UKR	0.09	(500)		Simonsen Bod	FAR	-0.25	(540)
	Martens Krzy	POL	0.53	(520)		Rybnikov Ge	UKR	0.09	(500)	170	Kemeny Gyorg	HUN	-0.26	(480)
19	Gustawsson M	SWE	0.52	(480)		Blasket Lars	DEN	0.09	(500)		Szappanos Ge	HUN	-0.26	(480)
	Morath Ander	SWE	0.52	(480)		Bruun Mathia	DEN	0.09	(500)		Cacic Aljosa	CRO	-0.26	(500)
21	Brogeland Bo	NOR	0.51	(500)	97	Khven Maxim	RUS	0.08	(520)		Diklic Dubra	CRO	-0.26	(500)
	Saelensminde	NOR	0.51	(500)		Matushko Geo	RUS	0.08	(520)	174	Medawar Sami	LEB	-0.27	(380)
23	Assael Salv.	TUR	0.49	(700)	99	Aukens Jens	DEN	0.06	(520)	175	Babsch Andre	AUT	-0.28	(420)
	Zorlu Nafiz	TUR	0.49	(700)		Schaffer Lau	DEN	0.06	(520)		Bieder Wolf.	AUT	-0.28	(420)
	Helgemo Geir	NOR	0.49	(520)	101	Gantar Metod	SLO	0.05	(480)	177	Kaplan Alain	BEL	-0.29	(500)
	Helness Tor	NOR	0.49	(520)		Senk Matija	SLO	0.05	(480)		Polet Guy	BEL	-0.29	(500)
27	Gloyer Andre	AUT	0.48	(560)		Sundelin P.O	SWE	0.05	(420)		Mouritsen He	FAR	-0.29	(540)
	Schifko Mart	AUT	0.48	(560)		Sylvan Johan	SWE	0.05	(420)		Mouritsen Jo	FAR	-0.29	(540)
29	Hackett Paul	ENG	0.47	(420)	105	Baroudi Nagi	LEB	0.04	(500)	181	Catellani Ma	MON	-0.31	(520)
	Waterlow Ton	ENG	0.47	(420)		Tchamitch Ha	LEB	0.04	(480)		Fissore Henr	MON	-0.31	(520)
31	Jansma Jan	NET	0.45	(579)		Lantaron Lui	SPA	0.04	(440)		Smederavac J	AUT	-0.31	(500)
	Verhees Louk	NET	0.45	(579)		Ventin J.Car	SPA	0.04	(440)		Wernle Alex.	AUT	-0.31	(500)
33	Hackett Jaso	ENG	0.44	(619)	109	Juuri-Oja Jo	FIN	0.01	(500)	185	Kutner Roger	SWI	-0.32	(500)
	Hackett Just	ENG	0.44	(619)		Kiema Osmo	FIN	0.01	(500)		Terretaz J.B	SWI	-0.32	(500)
35	Duguet Miche	FRA	0.42	(499)	111	Koistinen Ka	FIN	0.00	(560)		Mykhaylenko	UKR	-0.32	(480)
	Toffier Phil	FRA	0.42	(499)		Nyberg Clas	FIN	0.00	(560)	188	Protega Bran	SLO	-0.34	(480)
	Gotard Tomas	GER	0.42	(540)		Barbosa Juli	POR	0.00	(479)		Ralca Danilo	SLO	-0.34	(480)
	Piekavek Jos	GER	0.42	(540)		Pinto Rui	POR	0.00	(479)	190	Palmieri C.A	LIC	-0.36	(520)
39	Bitran Alber	FRA	0.41	(479)		Michaud-Lari	MON	0.00	(440)	191	Nemtsev OI	UKR	-0.37	(520)
	Voldoire J-M	FRA	0.41	(479)		Tardy Stepha	MON	0.00	(440)	192	Coenraets Ph	BEL	-0.41	(460)
41	Mihov Vlad.	BUL	0.39	(480)		Serpoi Gheor	ROM	0.00	(520)		Jeunen Frans	BEL	-0.41	(460)
	Nanev Ivan	BUL	0.39	(480)		Stirbu Calin	ROM	0.00	(520)	194	Arigun Cengi	TUR	-0.44	(380)
43	Balicki Ceza	POL	0.38	(520)		Carcassonne	BEL	0.00	(520)		Cengiz Nuri	TUR	-0.44	(380)
	Zmudzinski A	POL	0.38	(520)		Labaere A	BEL	0.00	(520)		Marinkovic P	CRO	-0.44	(480)
	Karaivanov I	BUL	0.38	(500)		Hatzidakis	GRE	0.00	(520)		Rase Davor	CRO	-0.44	(480)
	Stamatov Jer	BUL	0.38	(500)		Sapounakis A	GRE	0.00	(520)	198	Nikolic Vlad	YUG	-0.53	(560)
47	Schaltz Dort	DEN	0.37	(460)	123	Goldberg Vic	SCO	-0.03	(480)	199	Vucic Alex	YUG	-0.54	(540)
	Schaltz Pete	DEN	0.37	(460)		Gordon Irvin	SCO	-0.03	(480)		Briolini G.C	SMR	-0.54	(480)
49	Jakab Sandor	HUN	0.32	(480)		Johannsson S	ICE	-0.03	(520)		Fiorini Fior	SMR	-0.54	(480)
	Szilagy Lasz	HUN	0.32	(480)		Jonsson Stei	ICE	-0.03	(520)	202	Turletti Tol	LIC	-0.55	(580)
	Aa Terje	NOR	0.32	(460)	127	Soroldoni Ma	SMR	-0.05	(520)		Arnaboldi Se	LIC	-0.55	(580)
	Grotheim Gle	NOR	0.32	(460)		Zaccaria Dan	SMR	-0.05	(520)	204	Politis Taki	CYP	-0.59	(620)
53	Bizon Piotr	POL	0.30	(440)	129	Gromov Andre	RUS	-0.07	(460)	205	Abouchanab B	SWI	-0.62	(480)
	Kowalski Dar	POL	0.30	(440)		Petrinin Ale	RUS	-0.07	(460)		Sasselli Mar	SWI	-0.62	(480)
	Mraz Tomas	CZE	0.30	(500)	131	Mattila Jukk	FIN	-0.08	(420)		Bianchi Serg	LIC	-0.62	(520)
56	Svoboda Otak	CZE	0.28	(540)		Vihtila Pekk	FIN	-0.08	(420)	208	Evseev Vo	UKR	-0.68	(460)
57	Einarsson Bj	ICE	0.27	(500)		Costa Ant.An	POR	-0.08	(500)	209	Volkov OI	UKR	-0.70	(500)
	Ingimarsson	ICE	0.27	(500)		Mascarenhas	POR	-0.08	(500)		Christophide	CYP	-0.70	(560)
59	Torres J.Ign	SPA	0.25	(400)	135	Sementa Anto	ITA	-0.09	(300)	211	Baghetti Pao	LIC	-0.73	(440)
	Frances Anto	SPA	0.25	(400)	136	Cuthbertson	SCO	-0.10	(500)	212	Duricic Bran	YUG	-0.78	(440)
61	Bessis Miche	FRA	0.24	(500)		Matheson Joh	SCO	-0.10	(500)	213	Radisic Gora	YUG	-0.81	(420)
	Rombaut Jero	FRA	0.24	(500)		Juhas Anamar	YUG	-0.10	(500)	214	Kalavanas Di	CYP	-0.84	(520)
	Dubinin Alex	RUS	0.24	(500)		Parezanin Da	YUG	-0.10	(500)	215	Petersen Han	FAR	-0.88	(400)
	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.24	(500)	140	Borevkovic G	CRO	-0.11	(500)		Sivertsen Ar	FAR	-0.88	(400)
65	Hegedus Gal	HUN	0.23	(520)		Tesla Miro	CRO	-0.11	(500)	217	Rubenis Gint	LAT	-0.89	(540)
	Honti Laszlo	HUN	0.23	(520)	142	Jourdain Pat	WAL	-0.13	(440)	218	Jansons Ugis	LAT	-0.91	(560)
67	Karlsson Sno	ICE	0.21	(460)		Ratcliff Ton	WAL	-0.13	(440)	219	Milgravia An	LAT	-0.96	(540)
	Sigurhjartar	ICE	0.21	(460)	144	Vozabal Davi	CZE	-0.15	(460)	220	Koumas Mich	CYP	-0.97	(560)
69	Kurka Josef	CZE	0.18	(480)		Zadrazil Mic	CZE	-0.15	(460)	221	Bendiks Jani	LAT	-1.01	(500)
	Kannavos Pan	GRE	0.18	(439)	146	Carrroll John	IRE	-0.16	(460)	222	Guaraldi And	LIC	-1.08	(320)
	Kapayannides K	GRE	0.18	(439)		Garvey Tom	IRE	-0.16	(460)	223	Rubenis Ivar	LAT	-1.15	(400)
72	Volhejn Wit	CZE	0.17	(520)	148	Briciu Mariu	ROM	-0.18	(480)	224	Germanis Aig	LAT	-1.16	(420)
73	Fitzgibbon N	IRE	0.16	(540)		Ghigheci Ovi	ROM	-0.18	(480)	225	Tylliri Fros	CYP	-1.36	(340)
	Mesbur Adam	IRE	0.16	(540)	150	Duong Hong D	SWI	-0.19	(500)	226	Lordos Rena	CYP	-1.38	(360)
75	Armstrong Jo	ENG	0.14	(440)		Yalcin Tarik	SWI	-0.19	(500)	227	Fazzardi Fra	SMR	-1.43	(480)
	Davies Danny	ENG	0.14	(440)		Angelini Fra	ITA	-0.19	(280)		Simoncini Ma	SMR	-1.43	(480)

In the Twinkle of an Eye

This deal from Round 17 of the Seniors gave Denmark's Peter Lund the chance to demonstrate a classic elimination.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Møller		Lund	
2♣	Dble*	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♦
		5♠	All Pass

When South led a club, declarer spotted his only chance in the twinkle of an eye. He won in hand, drew trumps, cashed the remaining clubs for a diamond discard, ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed the last diamond.

When he exited with a heart, the opposition were kind enough to resign. It was worth 11 IMPs to Denmark.

Appeal Committee statistics

Once again, the Directors have proven that they are the best of the World.

There have been only 25 appeals here in Salsomaggiore. That is 40% less than in the last two European Team Championships.

The Director's ruling was upheld on 16 occasions, and the deposit was forfeited 4 times.

A total of 11 different people sat on Committees, including one co-opted guest, and the average size of the Committee was 3.8 persons.

I would like to thank all Appeals Committee members for their time, professionalism and skill; Herman De Wael, our scribe, for keeping an accurate and highly readable record. And most of all I would like to thank all players, captains and coaches who, without exception, conducted themselves with courtesy and good humour and accepted the decisions of the Appeals Committee with dignified pleasure or fortitude (as appropriate).

Bill Pencharz
AC Chairman

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4	ITALIA - UCRAINA	53 - 71	-18	309	132	177	11 - 19	86	28	58	21,50	86,00	2	-3	OLA		
5	ITALIA - SVEZIA	49 - 14	35	358	146	212	22 - 8	108	36	72	21,60	86,40	1	4	REP. CECA		
6	ITALIA - GRECIA	69 - 29	40	427	175	252	23 - 7	131	43	88	21,83	87,33	1	11	ISL	25-0	2
7	ITALIA - OLANDA	28 - 30	-2	455	205	250	15 - 15	146	58	88	20,86	83,43	1	11	ISL	25-1	1
8	ITALIA - BELGIO	72 - 7	65	527	212	315	25 - 3	171	61	110	21,38	85,50	1	15	ISL	25-2	2
9	ITALIA - ISLANDA	70 - 21	49	597	233	364	25 - 5	196	66	130	21,78	87,11	1	18	NOR	25-3	2
10	ITALIA - AUSTRIA	33 - 44	-11	630	277	353	13 - 17	209	83	126	20,90	83,60	1	14	NOR	25-4	2
11	ITALIA - ROMANIA	39 - 14	25	669	291	378	20 - 10	229	93	136	20,82	83,27	1	12	NOR-SPA	25-5	5
12	ITALIA - SPAGNA	55 - 23	32	724	314	410	22 - 8	251	101	150	20,92	83,67	1	17	NOR	24-6	2
13	ITALIA - GALLES	91 - 36	55	815	350	465	25 - 4	276	105	171	21,23	84,92	1	20	NOR	23-7	2
14	ITALIA - SCOZIA	55 - 14	41	870	364	506	23 - 7	299	112	187	21,36	85,43	1	30	NOR	22-8	3
15	ITALIA - MONACO	73 - 27	46	943	391	552	24 - 6	323	118	205	21,53	86,13	1	35	NOR	21-9	3
16	ITALIA - LITUANIA	62 - 45	17	1005	436	569	19 - 11	342	129	213	21,38	85,50	1	32	NOR	20-10	2
17	ITALIA - REP. CECA	85 - 22	63	1090	458	632	25 - 3	367	132	235	21,59	86,35	1	48	BUL-NOR	19-11	3
18	ITALIA - LIBANO	61 - 13	48	1151	471	680	25 - 5	392	137	255	21,78	87,11	1	53	NOR	18-12	
19	ITALIA - PORTOGALLO*	56 - 29	27	1207	500	707	21 - 8	413	145	268	21,74	86,95	1	58	NOR	17-13	
20	ITALIA - SLOVENIA	66 - 14	52	1273	514	759	25 - 5	438	150	288	21,90	87,60	1	62	BUL	16-14	
21	ITALIA - SVIZZERA	74 - 2	72	1347	516	831	25 - 2	463	152	311	22,05	88,19	1	67	NOR	15-15	3
22	ITALIA - FRANCIA	58 - 29	29	1405	545	860	21 - 9	484	161	323	22,00	88,00	1	69	BUL	14-16	
23	ITALIA* - ISRAELE	43 - 20	23	1448	565	883	19 - 10	503	171	332	21,87	87,48	1	63	BUL	13-17	1
24	ITALIA - IRLANDA	75 - 46	29	1523	611	912	21 - 9	524	180	344	21,83	87,33	1	63	BUL	12-18	
25	ITALIA - FINLANDIA	50 - 30	20	1573	641	932	19 - 11	543	191	352	21,72	86,88	1	74	BUL	11-19	1
26	ITALIA - UNGHERIA	58 - 23	35	1631	664	967	22 - 8	565	199	366	21,73	86,92	1	79	NOR	10-20	2
27	ITALIA - POLONIA	30 - 56	-26	1661	720	941	10 - 20	575	219	356	21,30	85,19	1	75.5	SPA	9-21	
28	ITALIA - RUSSIA	86 - 7	79	1747	727	1020	25 - 1	600	220	380	21,43	85,71	1	84	BUL-NOR	8-22	1
29	ITALIA - SAN MARINO	70 - 3	67	1817	730	1087	25 - 2	625	222	403	21,55	86,21	1	84.5	SPA	7-23	
30	ITALIA - CROAZIA	53 - 52	1	1870	782	1088	15 - 15	640	237	403	21,33	85,33	1	80.5	SPA	6-24	
31	ITALIA - NORVEGIA	70 - 25	45	1940	807	1133	24 - 6	664	243	421	21,42	85,68	1	79.5	SPA	5-25	
32	ITALIA - GERMANIA	89 - 5	84	2029	812	1217	25 - 0	689	243	446	21,53	86,13	1	94.5	SPA	4-25	
33	ITALIA - YUGOSLAVIA	82 - 29	53	2111	841	1270	25 - 5	714	248	466	21,64	86,55	1	98.5	SPA	3-25	
34	ITALIA - TURCHIA	19 - 44	-25	2130	885	1245	10 - 20	724	268	456	21,29	85,18	1	86.5	SPA	2-25	
35	ITALIA - INGILTERRA	17 - 53	-36	2147	938	1209	8 - 22	732	290	442	20,91	83,66	1	69.5	SPA	1-25	
36	ITALIA - BULGARIA	53 - 30	23	2200	968	1232	20 - 10	752	300	452	20,89	83,56	1	75.5	SPA	0-25	
37	ITALIA - CIPRO	41 - 41	0	2241	1009	1232	15 - 15	767	315	452	20,73	82,92	1	70.5	SPA		

legenda: con fondino e bordate le migliori e peggiori performance o strisce positive o negative;
nella colonna del distacco su fondino e non bordati i massimi vantaggi fino a quel momento.

* 1 V.P. di penalità

Arriverderci Salso

Having eleven people at your disposal makes you feel a bit like an army commander, and producing a Bulletin is in many ways like a military campaign.

Napoleon always said that he wanted his Generals to be lucky, whilst Wellington said that he didn't know if his troops frightened the enemy but they terrified him.

This year the tireless group that worked so hard to produce the Bulletins fell somewhere between those two extremes.

That experienced campaigner **Jos Jacobs** was my second-in-command, always in the front line, producing fast and accurate information. His lieutenant, recently demoted to the ranks, was **Jan van Cleeff**, who survived his first battle quite well.

Generals **Alberto Benetti & Gianluca Frola** produced the Italian Pages and sent the sales of English/Italian dictionaries soaring. Our French Lieutenant was **Philippe Brunel**, who remained cool under fire. Major **Stelios Hatzidakis** planned the layout of the battle with his customary aplomb.

Mabel Bocchi was our front line observer, gathering intelligence about the enemy.

Marshall of France **Ron Tacchi** was also my aide de camp, ensuring that essential supplies were available at all times.

Captains **Roberto Luchin**, Printing, and **Alessandro & Gabriele Grogardi**, hotel deliveries, performed their duties magnificently.

We always employ a few mercenaries and this time **Tony Gordon, Stefan Back & Marco Cetellani** were enlisted, as was the eleventh most famous Belgian, **Sergeant at Arms, Herman de Wael**.

Everyone showed tremendous courage and ability under fire, and have all survived to face another campaign.

As for me, I'm off to look for a new Josephine.

Mark Horton
Duke of Plaza-Toro

BARs

The Board-Appeal ratio at these championships (number of appeals per 1,000 boards played) was 0.56. This compares favourably with the ratios of 0.70 of Malta and 0.81 of Tenerife, and is even less than the highest we had in a pairs tournament (0.58 in Warszawa).

Over the past four years we have seen two complete cycles of European championships and we can see the following numbers:

The overall BAR is 0.54 (180 appeals on 335,992 boards). There are about 50% more appeals in Open competition (0.67) than in the others, with the Seniors (0.45) out-appealing the Mixed (0.41) and the Women (0.37). Team competition (0.69) produces almost twice the number of appeals of Pairs (0.39).

All appeals of Oostende and Salsomaggiore will be published in a booklet later this year, and they will also appear on the Internet.

Do contact me by e-mail (hermandw@skynet.be) for further information.

Herman De Wael
AC Scribe

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Tournament Program

Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat November 10-17, 2002

Sunday, November 10	20:30	National Simultaneous
Monday, November 11	20:30	IMP Pairs - 1st session
Tuesday, November 12	16:00	IMP Pairs - 2nd session
Wednesday, November 13	19:30	Get together Cocktail & Official Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, November 13	20:30	Open Pairs - 1st session
Thursday, November 14	16:00	Open Pairs - 2nd session
Friday, November 15	16:00	Open Pairs - 3rd session
Saturday, November 16	10:00	Teams - 1st session
Saturday, November 16	16:00	Teams - 2nd session
Saturday, November 16	20:30	Distribution of Prizes

Participants from all over the world, including the Israeli teams, European and World champions

- * Additional Tournaments each morning at 10:30 (Monday - Friday).
- * Results within 20 minutes after end of session.
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- * Special prizes for best unclassified pairs.

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Thursday, November 14 - 22:00

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The EBL is very proud to announce the 1st EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held from 14th to 28th June 2003. The venue for the Championships will be the Palais de l'Europe in the marvellous town of Menton on the French Riviera.

The championships will include:

- Mixed Pairs and Teams
- Open, Women's and Senior Teams
- Open, Women's and Senior Pairs

All events will be TRANSNATIONAL and bridge players from all WBF zones, in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to participate. There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

- Saturday 14th** - Opening Ceremony
- Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)
- Sunday 15th** - Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)
- Monday 16th** - Mixed Teams (16- & 8- Final / Consolation Swiss)
- Tuesday 17th** - Mixed Teams (4- & Semifinal)
- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1st & 2nd Sessions)
- Wednesday 18th** - Mixed Teams (Final)
- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 3rd & Final 1st Sessions)
- Thursday 19th** - Mixed Pairs (Final 2nd & 3rd Sessions)
- Friday 20th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (Qualifying Sessions)
- Saturday 21st** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (Qualifying Sessions)
- Sunday 22nd** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (Qualifying Sessions)
- Monday 23rd** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (16- & 8- Final / Consolation Swiss)
- Tuesday 24th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (4- & Semifinal)
- Men, Women & Senior Pairs (1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions)
- Wednesday 25th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (Final)
- Men, Women & Senior Pairs (3rd Qual. & 1st Semif.)
- Thursday 26th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs (2nd & 3rd Semifinal)
- Friday 27th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs (1st & 2nd Final & Consolation)
- Saturday 28th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs (3rd Final Session)
- Closing Ceremony & Prize-Giving at 7.30 p.m. followed by Victory Banquet

Play will start at 10/10.30 a.m. and finish at 8/8.30 p.m. each day, except for Saturday 14th June, when play will start in the afternoon after the Opening Ceremony.

Detailed information on hotel accommodation, social events, entry fees, etc., will be made available through the usual channels.

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We look forward to seeing you in Menton!