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THE LONELIEST NUMBER



The fantastic team of BBO operators

For the teams here in Warsaw the number seven is the one they want to avoid, as the teams in each of the competitions who finish in that position will be those for whom it will be a case of so near and yet so far.

In the *Open* series the race to avoid that position seems to rest between no less than six teams, while in the *Women's* event the situation is completely different with only **Croatia** appearing to have any chance to spoil the party.

There was a thrilling finish to the qualifying stage of the Seniors event, with **Netherlands, England & Scotland** battling for the final place in Group A. It proved to be a last board cliff-hanger, with **Scotland** being the one to go through by virtue of having defeated **Netherlands** earlier. At the moment **Poland** is the team holding the cursed seventh spot.

ATTENTION Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the 48th Prokom Software European Teams Championships will take place at the sport Stadium "Torwar" (Lazienkowska str.4) at 19.00 on Saturday (26th). The transportation (to the Torwar and back to the Intercontinental hotel) will be provided by MPT taxi (similar to the opening ceremony).

Free tickets will be offered to:

- All players, npcs, coaches of participating teams, (present on Saturday), and staff
- these invitations should be picked up by npcs at the hospitality desk.
- Journalists present at the Championships (members of the IBPA) - the invitations will be in the Press Room.
- EBL officials and official quests, Presidents (or Head of NBO Delegation) of participating NBOs (with a spouse if she/he is present) - these invitations should be picked up at the EBL Office (3rd floor).

If anybody wishes to invite other persons, there are a limited number of places at the price of 25 euro/person. Please, inform the hospitality desk immediately.

In case of any questions, please contact Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski or Mrs Jolanta Latala at the hospitality desk.

To all teams captains and players

Everybody who is continually taking, for health reasons, substances included in the WADA Anti doping list, must present to the EBL Anti doping Commission (or WBF Anti doping Commission for the related events) - in a sealed envelope - the medical certification attesting the need for the treatment. The same procedure must be followed for the substances

taken temporarily - always for health reasons - before or during the events.

This procedure is necessary to avoid possible sanctions if drawn for the anti doping examination and the presence of a forbidden substance is discovered.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 28 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	BELARUS	ISRAEL
2	NORWAY	WALES
3	HUNGARY	GREECE
4	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA
5	ICELAND	ROMANIA
6	ITALY	GERMANY
7	SCOTLAND	SERBIA
8	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL
9	ENGLAND	POLAND
10	BELGIUM	CROATIA
11	FINLAND	LITHUANIA
12	SPAIN	SAN MARINO
13	BULGARIA	TURKEY
14	IRELAND	LUXEMBURG
15	RUSSIA	DENMARK
16	ESTONIA	FRANCE
17	BYE	SWITZERLAND

ROUND 29 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ENGLAND	BELGIUM
2	POLAND	ITALY
3	WALES	SCOTLAND
4	FRANCE	SAN MARINO
5	SWEDEN	RUSSIA
6	LATVIA	ICELAND
7	ISRAEL	HUNGARY
8	SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA
9	ROMANIA	SPAIN
10	LUXEMBURG	LITHUANIA
11	GERMANY	FINLAND
12	DENMARK	NORWAY
13	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA
14	CROATIA	BELARUS
15	TURKEY	IRELAND
16	SERBIA	NETHERLANDS
17	GREECE	BYE

ROUND 30 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	LITHUANIA	GERMANY
2	SCOTLAND	DENMARK
3	RUSSIA	BULGARIA
4	FRANCE	ROMANIA
5	TURKEY	LUXEMBURG
6	SAN MARINO	SWITZERLAND
7	IRELAND	PORTUGAL
8	SPAIN	LATVIA
9	HUNGARY	CROATIA
10	ICELAND	SERBIA
11	NORWAY	SWEDEN
12	ESTONIA	GREECE
13	NETHERLANDS	WALES
14	BELARUS	ENGLAND
15	BELGIUM	ITALY
16	FINLAND	POLAND
17	BYE	ISRAEL

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 26 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 BULGARIA	LUXEMBURG	71 - 58	18 - 12
2 HUNGARY	FRANCE	29 - 78	5 - 25
3 ENGLAND	LITHUANIA	90 - 42	25 - 5
4 RUSSIA	SERBIA	47 - 85	7 - 23
5 ICELAND	ESTONIA	51 - 103	5 - 25
6 BELGIUM	GREECE	56 - 44	17 - 13
7 SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	105 - 34	25 - 2
8 CROATIA	GERMANY	72 - 48	20 - 10
9 NORWAY	LATVIA	65 - 53	17 - 13
10 WALES	PORTUGAL	21 - 91	2 - 25
11 NETHERLANDS	SAN MARINO	46 - 32	18 - 12
12 ISRAEL	POLAND	15 - 74	4 - 25
13 SWEDEN	IRELAND	50 - 47	16 - 14
14 DENMARK	TURKEY	35 - 88	5 - 25
15 BELARUS	SWITZERLAND	37 - 69	8 - 22
16 ITALY	FINLAND	82 - 9	25 - 1
SPAIN			18 - 0

ROUND 27 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 GREECE	BELARUS	54 - 44	17 - 13
2 ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	14 - 49	8 - 22
3 POLAND	CROATIA	46 - 4	24 - 6
4 GERMANY	ENGLAND	13 - 30	11 - 19
5 ISRAEL	BELGIUM	55 - 41	18 - 12
6 SAN MARINO	ICELAND	22 - 84	3 - 25
7 IRELAND	BULGARIA	28 - 40	13 - 17
8 SPAIN	ESTONIA	62 - 38	20 - 10
9 LATVIA	SCOTLAND	24 - 68	6 - 24
10 LUXEMBOURG	FINLAND	33 - 32	15 - 15
11 SERBIA	NORWAY	30 - 52	10 - 20
12 TURKEY	SWEDEN	31 - 60	9 - 21
13 SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	37 - 54	11 - 19
14 PORTUGAL	DENMARK	40 - 70	9 - 21
15 LITHUANIA	ITALY	7 - 100	0 - 25
16 WALES	RUSSIA	63 - 41	19 - 11
FRANCE			18 - 0

BBO OnLine Transmissions

Italy - Germany	10.30
England - Poland	10.30
Estonia - France	10.30
France - Poland (Women)	10.30
France - San Marino	14.15
Israel - Hungary	14.15
Denmark - Norway	14.15
France - Romania	17.35
Belgium - Italy	17.35
Finland - Poland	17.35
Sweden - France (Women)	17.35

Swan Games OnLine

Denmark - Turkey (Seniors)	10.30
Sweden - Russia (Seniors)	14.15
Denmark - Scotland (Seniors)	17.35

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 27 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	550.00
2	NORWAY	497.00
3	IRELAND	487.00
4	NETHERLANDS	474.00
5	SWEDEN	471.00
	ICELAND	471.00
7	POLAND	465.00
8	ENGLAND	441.00
9	GERMANY	440.00
10	HUNGARY	438.00
11	FRANCE	437.50
12	RUSSIA	430.00
13	TURKEY	421.00
14	ISRAEL	420.50
15	SPAIN	419.00
	BULGARIA	419.00
17	DENMARK	415.00
18	SCOTLAND	408.00
19	FINLAND	406.00
20	BELARUS	383.00
21	BELGIUM	371.50
22	SERBIA	370.00
23	WALES	362.00
24	ESTONIA	359.00
25	PORTUGAL	357.00
26	CROATIA	350.00
27	GREECE	348.50
28	LATVIA	341.00
29	ROMANIA	327.00
30	SWITZERLAND	326.00
31	SAN MARINO	318.00
32	LUXEMBURG	311.00
33	LITHUANIA	291.00

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 17

10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN
2	AUSTRIA	CROATIA
3	NORWAY	ISRAEL
4	GREECE	SAN MARINO
5	GERMANY	ITALY
6	DENMARK	TURKEY
7	FRANCE	POLAND
8	ICELAND	ENGLAND
9	FINLAND	SWEDEN
10	IRELAND	SCOTLAND
11	HUNGARY	RUSSIA

ROUND 18

14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SCOTLAND	NORWAY
2	FINLAND	ICELAND
3	SPAIN	GREECE
4	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL
5	SWEDEN	FRANCE
6	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA
7	POLAND	IRELAND
8	CROATIA	DENMARK
9	TURKEY	GERMANY
10	ITALY	HUNGARY
11	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS

ROUND 19

17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GERMANY	CROATIA
2	ISRAEL	SPAIN
3	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
4	DENMARK	ENGLAND
5	IRELAND	FRANCE
6	SCOTLAND	SAN MARINO
7	HUNGARY	TURKEY
8	GREECE	RUSSIA
9	ICELAND	SWEDEN
10	NORWAY	POLAND
11	NETHERLANDS	ITALY



Matthias Thorvaldsson



Magnus Magnusson

Regretably misidentified in the absence of their badges

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	ISRAEL	48 - 49	15 - 15
2	AUSTRIA	ITALY	47 - 70	10 - 20
3	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO	53 - 48	16 - 14
4	GERMANY	SPAIN	53 - 55	15 - 15
5	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	51 - 49	15 - 15
6	ICELAND	TURKEY	38 - 113	1 - 25
7	IRELAND	GREECE	74 - 69	16 - 14
8	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	53 - 49	16 - 14
9	POLAND	SCOTLAND	66 - 41	20 - 10
10	DENMARK	RUSSIA	79 - 61	19 - 11
11	FINLAND	CROATIA	55 - 46	17 - 13

ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	GERMANY	19 - 54	8 - 22
2	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	34 - 34	15 - 15
3	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	32 - 69	7 - 23
4	ITALY	DENMARK	41 - 68	9 - 21
5	ENGLAND	FINLAND	79 - 22	25 - 4
6	SWEDEN	POLAND	29 - 34	14 - 16
7	ISRAEL	IRELAND	25 - 21	16 - 14
8	SAN MARINO	NETHERLANDS	22 - 78	4 - 25
9	GREECE	NORWAY	37 - 56	11 - 19
10	SPAIN	HUNGARY	56 - 51	16 - 14
11	CROATIA	ICELAND	69 - 33	22 - 8

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING
after 15 rounds*subject to official confirmation*

1	TURKEY	277.00
2	GERMANY	270.00
3	FRANCE	267.00
4	DENMARK	265.00
5	SWEDEN	258.00
6	ITALY	244.00
7	POLAND	225.00
8	SCOTLAND	218.00
9	NETHERLANDS	218.00
10	ENGLAND	217.00
11	FINLAND	207.00
12	ISRAEL	196.00
13	SWITZERLAND	193.00
14	WALES	189.00
15	IRELAND	180.00
16	ESTONIA	154.00

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING
after 16 rounds*subject to official confirmation*

1	NETHERLANDS	302.00
2	GERMANY	294.00
3	FRANCE	289.00
4	ENGLAND	284.00
5	DENMARK	280.00
6	POLAND	270.00
7	CROATIA	260.00
8	SPAIN	250.00
9	AUSTRIA	243.00
10	ITALY	238.00
11	SWEDEN	237.00
12	NORWAY	234.00
13	TURKEY	233.00
14	HUNGARY	223.00
15	ISRAEL	222.00
16	IRELAND	218.00
17	FINLAND	214.00
18	SCOTLAND	213.00
19	SANMARINO	207.00
20	RUSSIA	192.00
21	GREECE	182.00
22	ICELAND	163.00

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND	46 - 33	18 - 12
2	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	30 - 9	20 - 10
3	POLAND	SWITZERLAND	41 - 35	16 - 14
4	TURKEY	ISRAEL	69 - 24	25 - 5
5	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	39 - 21	19 - 11
6	ITALY	WALES	24 - 37	12 - 18
7	DENMARK	FINLAND	31 - 16	18 - 12
8	GERMANY	IRELAND	45 - 25	20 - 10

Today's VuGraph Matches*Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor*

Russia - Denmark	10.30
Poland - Italy	14.15
Norway - Sweden	17.35

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM GROUP A

ROUND 2 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	DENMARK	TURKEY
2	GERMANY	ITALY
3	FRANCE	SCOTLAND
4	SWEDEN	POLAND

ROUND 3 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	TURKEY	SWEDEN
2	POLAND	FRANCE
3	SCOTLAND	GERMANY
4	ITALY	DENMARK

ROUND 4 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	TURKEY
2	DENMARK	SCOTLAND
3	GERMANY	POLAND
4	FRANCE	SWEDEN

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS GROUP A

ROUND 1 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	POLAND	24 - 63	6 - 24
2	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN	24 - 35	13 - 17
3	ITALY	FRANCE	40 - 18	20 - 10
4	DENMARK	GERMANY	20 - 29	13 - 17

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING GROUP A after 1 round

subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	246.75
2	SWEDEN	241.75
3	TURKEY	241.00
4	FRANCE	238.00
5	DENMARK	236.50
6	ITALY	228.00
7	POLAND	216.50
8	SCOTLAND	197.25

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM GROUP B

ROUND 2 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
5	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS
6	ENGLAND	WALES
7	FINLAND	ESTONIA
8	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND

ROUND 3 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
5	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND
6	IRELAND	FINLAND
7	ESTONIA	ENGLAND
8	WALES	ISRAEL

ROUND 4 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
5	WALES	NETHERLANDS
6	ISRAEL	ESTONIA
7	ENGLAND	IRELAND
8	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS GROUP B

ROUND 1 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	48 - 39	17 - 13
6	ESTONIA	SWITZERLAND	67 - 29	24 - 6
7	WALES	FINLAND	54 - 26	22 - 8
8	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	36 - 22	18 - 12

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING GROUP B after 1 round

subject to official confirmation

1	NETHERLANDS	211.00
2	ENGLAND	200.75
3	ISRAEL	197.50
4	FINLAND	193.75
5	WALES	187.00
6	SWITZERLAND	174.50
7	IRELAND	172.75
8	ESTONIA	157.25

OPEN TEAMS

Round 23

Netherlands v Hungary

by Jos Jacobs

After the well-deserved day off, play resumed on Tuesday morning in all three Championships. On Vugraph, another interesting match was scheduled as The Netherlands badly needed a big win to keep their chances to make the top six alive at all, whereas Hungary, after being blitzed by Norway on their national holiday, could not afford another big loss if they wanted to keep their promising position intact.

The match started in a minor key for Hungary when they let through a perfectly reasonable Dutch slam on board 2, which cost them 11 IMPs. The board will be discussed by Barry Rigal elsewhere in this issue.

Two boards later, the Dutch registered another big swing when Berry Westra read the cards better than his Hungarian counterpart:

Board: 4. Dealer: West. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦2 (3rd-5th) on which dummy's ten was inserted. South played the jack which held and shifted to the ♠9, ducked all round. The next spade went to the ace, a club was taken by the ace and a heart went to the ten and queen — the finesse into the "safe" hand. South exited with a heart and now declarer cashed his heart and club tricks and led a diamond to the king. When South won the ace and returned the suit, North had the rest: down two. Netherlands +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Honti for Hungary chose to lead the ♦8 so declarer had to insert the ten which was taken by South's jack. The ♠7 came back, covered by the jack, queen and ace. At this table too, declarer crossed in clubs and played a heart to the ten and queen on which South exited in hearts. Declarer went on to cash all his winners and then simply exited with his last club. South had to win this and return a diamond and thus made two spades, three hearts, three clubs and the ♦K to fulfill his contract. Nicely down and a pretty +600 and 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Two boards later a light overcall made it easy for the Dutch to get to another thin vulnerable game:

Board: 6. Dealer: East. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass	2♥	Pass

Even on a club lead this contract stood little chance. After South was given his spade trick he correctly played ♦A and another to collect five tricks in the suit. In the end, declarer even went two off as he had apparently mixed up his entry positions, Netherlands +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
2♠	4♦	1♥	2♦
		4♠	All Pass

Once West's five-card spade suit was shown, East was out of trouble as to his choice or rebid. North led the ♥Q won in dummy and declarer returned the ♥J (a very nice play by Westra - giving the defence a chance to err). When South

mistakenly ducked, North had to ruff. Next came a club to declarer's queen and a diamond to South's ace. South now played the ♠10, ruffed by declarer with the ten which held the trick. When the ♠A and another cleared the trumps declarer's problems were over: Netherlands +620 and 13 more IMPs to lead by 40-0.

Two boards later you had to draw the right conclusions from an opposing opening bid:

Board: 8. Dealer: West.: None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1♠	2♥	All Pass	

Well done by Bauke Muller as eight tricks was about the limit of the hand. One wonders, however what the fate of 3NT would have been had he bid it...



Laszlo Szilagyi, Hungary

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Well, we might have seen the fate of 3NT here but maybe, Honti did not believe in his partner's spade stopper. So we will never know what might have happened but we DO know what DID happen: Ramondt used the axe and collected +300 for another swing of 9 IMPS to the Netherlands.

On the next board, the Hungarians finally got off the Schneider:

Board: 9. Dealer: North. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

On the lead of the ♠Q and a spade continuation, both ducked by declarer, this poor contract was beaten easily enough. Hungary +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
	1♣	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Westra won the ♣Q lead in dummy and led a heart. Honti overtook his partner's jack to lead a trump which South ducked. Another heart went to South's queen and trumps were cleared now. This way, declarer could not

avoid losing four hearts, a diamond and the ♠A for one down, (which should have been two down) +200 and 7 most welcome IMPs to Hungary.

Board: 12. Dealer: West. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	3♣	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Once Muller decided to take action again over 2♥ the Dutch were overboard. His jump to game gave Dumbovich an easy chance to double this and collect +500 on a trump lead by East and a spade shift by West. Well done Hungary.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

You might consider 2♥ a slight underbid but it worked to perfection this time. Hungary another +100 and 12 IMPs. More to come for them on the next board:

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Winkler played this hand very well. He played low from dummy on the ♦6 lead, North playing the ten to Winkler's bare ace. Next came a heart to the jack and ace and a heart back. Winkler won this with the king, unblocking dummy's nine (!) and led a club to the queen which held. The ♣9 now followed, bringing down the ace when Winkler ducked. The ♦3 now went to the seven and jack and North returned a spade, Winkler winning this in hand with the ace. His net move was to cash the ♠KQ and exit from dummy with the ♦Q! When this scooped the nine he was home: North could either lead into the club tenace or give dummy one more diamond trick after which a spade from dummy would force South to lead into declarer's heart tenace. Beautifully played for a well-deserved +600 to Hungary.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

No such brilliancies here. Same ♦6 lead to the ace, but

North played low when dummy played low! The ♥K went to the ace and a club came back to the ten and queen. The ♥J and ♥Q came next, followed by the ♠AK and a spade to the queen. When the jack did not drop the defence had the rest. Down two, Hungary another +200 and 13 IMPs more. The score now: 54-32 to the Netherlands.

But just as the match seemed to have closed up, two boards later, the Dutch struck, twice in succession:

Board: 15. Dealer: South. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♠ was showing a good heart fit. In the play, however, this time Winkler did not quite live up to the expectations one had after seeing his play on board 13. Say you ruff the opening club lead and duck a trump. What can the defenders do? If they continue clubs you ruff and get overruffed, but now the ♥A will collect the outstanding trumps and the ruffing finesse in diamonds does the rest. You finish up with four spades, three trumps, one ruff and two diamonds.

When Winkler first unblocked the ♦A (a logical enough play) and then ducked a trump, he ran into a defensive cross-ruff and misguessed the position one down. Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
			Pass
1♣	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Honti was certainly unlucky that the clubs did not break

as this was the reason he was doubled and set two tricks, vulnerable. Netherlands another +500 and 11 IMPs.

And the next one:

Board: 16. Dealer: West. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After this bidding, the opponents having shown values in at least three suits, De Wijs found the fine lead of the ♣2. Incidentally, should not East have removed 3NT ...to 4♥? Now declarer was faced with a nasty problem, as he would undoubtedly attribute the club length to North. So after ducking twice he won the ace and immediately took the spade finesse, which lost to South's queen. All of sudden, South cashed three more club tricks and the ♦A was the 7th defensive trick, so Netherlands scored a very satisfactory +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On a less revealing auction, North led a heart, which gave declarer ample time to drive out the ♦A and make ten tricks. Netherlands +630 and another 14 IMPs to increase the lead to over 40 again. When a transfer misunderstanding on the last boards cost the Hungarians another 15 IMPs the final score of the match became 98-36 or 25-3 VP to the Netherlands. As a result of this, they had managed to beat the Hungarians to 6th place by just 1 VP and thus increase the tension...

WOMEN TEAMS

Round 13

France v Netherlands

by Jos Jacobs

When this match started on Tuesday afternoon, England were leading the field with 227 VP, ahead of Germany on 219, Netherlands on 218 and France on 216 VP. So far, these four teams, all among the pre-championships favourites, had been doing, more or less, what was expected from them. Strangely enough this was to be the Netherlands' last match against any of the current top six teams. When I looked this up, I also noticed that France-Poland, Denmark-England and England-Germany are the only other direct matches involving the current top six left at this point. The significance of the remaining programme for each team should not be stressed too much as we all know that most bridge matches are lost rather than won. This match proved no exception, though on board 2 one would rather think the opposite:

She could overcall 1♠ for the time being but when East continued the French good work with a jump rebid of 3♦ it had suddenly become virtually impossible for North to show her second suit. When she sold out to 3♦ Cronier went one down for +50 to the Netherlands but 11 IMPs to France. The hand thus was a perfect example of a winning action in bridge. Allez les Bleues!

A few boards later, we saw the difference in style between the two teams: the Standard francais as opposed to the forcing NT.

Board: 2. Dealer: East. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pasman	d'Ovidio	Simons	Gaviard
Pass	2♦(1)	1♦	Pass
4♦	4♥	3♦	3♥
		All Pass	

2♦ showed majors and the contract easily made after declarer went up with the trump ace when West led the ♥J, probably also having the standard safety play in mind. France +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wortel	B. Cronier	Michielsen
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
		3♦	All Pass

When Sylvie Willard made a psychic response of 1♥, pretty safe with her diamond fit, North had a difficult problem.

Board: 6. Dealer: East. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pasman	d'Ovidio	Simons	Gaviard
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	INT

Especially when non-vulnerable, South's INT is considered normal in France and so is North's pass of it. Had spades been 4-2 we would have had a different story to tell you, too. As it was Gaviard, with a little help from her friends, collected no less than 11 tricks. France +210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wortel	B. Cronier	Michielsen
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

The advantage of the forcing NT is that opener has to bid again — this obvious principle usually being extended to the INT response on passed hands. So with her non-minimum

hand North bid again, and so did South with her invitational hand. In fact, had she held the ♠10 instead of the ♠9 game would have been an excellent proposition. Anyway, once dummy's ♦J held the first trick after West led the ♦5, Michielsen had few further problems when the spades broke 3-3. Netherlands +430 and a gain of 6 IMPs.

Two boards later the Dutch missed a slam when the opponents did not interfere:

Board: 8. Dealer: West. None vul.

♠ 10 3 ♥ A J 10 8 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 7 5 ♥ Q 9 4 3 ♦ K J 6 ♣ Q 7 4	♠ J 9 8 6 4 ♥ 7 6 5 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 6 3
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	♠ A Q 2 ♥ K ♦ A Q 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ A J					

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Sylvie Willard, France

Would you rebid 3NT over North's 1♥? Would you go on as North over partner's 3NT rebid?

Three overtricks, Netherlands +490.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasman</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble ¹	3♥	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦

All Pass

¹ 3 or fewer spades

After the preemptive raise Gaviard, knowing that partner had already denied four spades, had an easy cuebid accepted by d'Ovidio as she cuebid her spade king. Simple and efficient. France +920 and 10 more IMPs to lead by 12 now.

On the next board, the Dutch North was the only one who showed any sense of enterprise:

Board: 9. Dealer: North. E/W vul.

♠ Q 10 ♥ K 7 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ K Q 8 7 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 6 5 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ A 4	♠ A K J 8 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ J 9 5
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ 9 7 ♥ A Q J 10 ♦ K Q J 7 6 ♣ 10 2					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasman</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

Over the 1♠ overcall, there is much to be said for a limit raise to 3♥ on this nice twosuit: had Gaviard jumped the French would certainly have bid game. Looking at so many very low cards one can understand why d'Ovidio gave up, in spite of the known 5-4 fit. France +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
Dble ¹	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Maybe it was Willard's negative double that induced Meike Wortel to compete once more, showing her diamond asset in the process. Whatever the reason it was an inspired decision.

Wortel also played the hand well. The ♠A was led followed by a club. She won the ace, cashed the ♥A and played off three rounds of diamonds, throwing her club loser. This works with diamonds 3-3 and also when someone had to ruff the third diamond with the ♥K — a better chance than the ♥K being right, even more so in view of the auction. Netherlands +420 and 6 IMPs back to trail by 6.

Little happened until the last 5 boards arrived. On board 16 the French NS overbid to game and thus lost 4 IMPs to lead 22-20. Then we saw this:

Board: 17. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasman</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

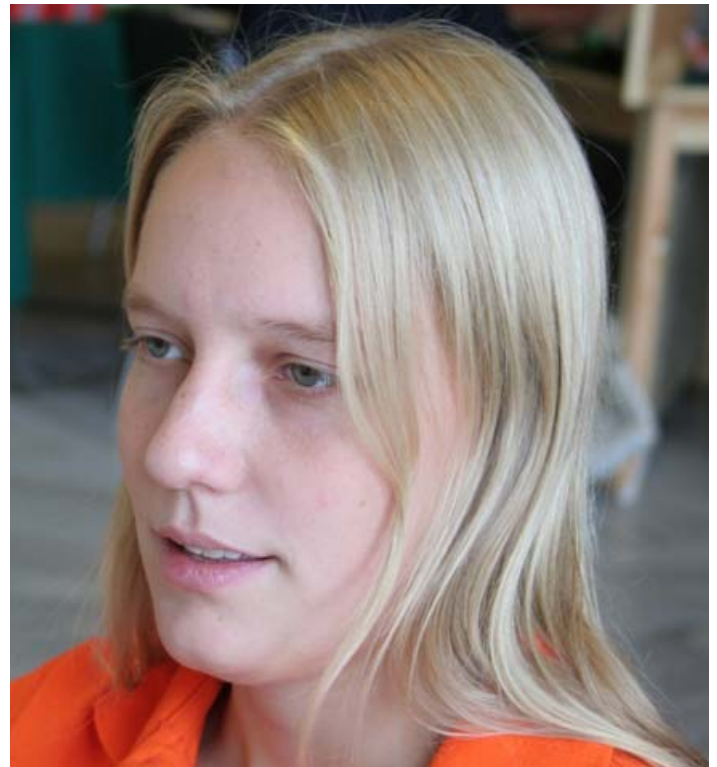
A review of the results showed that about one third of the declarers did not make 10 tricks in hearts. Maybe they played like d'Ovidio did: duck the lead, win the ♠A at trick 2, cross to ♦A and take the losing club finesse. East wins and continues a spade for you to ruff. Next, you unblock the ♣A, ruff a diamond in dummy and lead a trump. West wins and defeats the contract with yet another spade as East's ♥J gets promoted. Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

At the other table, Wortel followed a more successful line after Michielsen showed a fit with 2NT.

She won the spade lead and crossed to dummy's ♦A to lead a trump. West won and continued spades but Wortel was in full control. She ruffed the 3rd spade, drew the out-



Meike Wortel, Netherlands

standing trumps and simply played ♣A and another. The diamond ruff would present the necessary entry for the established clubs. Netherlands +420 and 10 Imps to regain the lead.

Board: 18. Dealer: East. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasman</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

For once, the lead-directing overcall by North backfired when South competed a bit too often.

As you can see, declarer was four down, vulnerable, before she got the lead for the first time.

Netherlands +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wortel	B. Cronier	Michielsens
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass	2♣	Pass

This was a normal, sound result on the hand though you might even make game, if necessary to do so, on the actual very declarer-friendly layout. France +140 and 6 more IMPs to Netherlands who now led by 14.

And the next board:

Board: 19. Dealer: South. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pasman	d'Ovidio	Simons	Gaviard
Pass	1♣	1♦	Pass
1♠	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Give West one more club together with (or instead of one of) her spades and there would have been a squeeze but as it was, the contract could not be made. Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wortel	B. Cronier	Michielsens
Pass	2♣	2♦	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

The junior pair showed less ambition and thus came nowhere near reaching the slam. Well done, Netherlands +450 and another 11 IMPs.

When France recouped 6 IMPs on a partscore/game decision on the last board the Dutch had won an important victory by 47-28 or 19-11 VP.

Award for the unluckiest auction

by O.Beauvillain

For sure, awards are nice but I strongly think a few are missing, so I want to submit a couple.

First this one for the "unluckiest auction" by Fabienne Pigeaud and Catherine Fishpool, from the French women's team.

Round 21 (Women 10) board 7

Dealer South. All Vul

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

Usually, South opens with a spade preempt and the standard auction was 3♠-Dble-Pass-3NT for a not challenging 600/630.

But with her powerful side suit in hearts (J543), against them, the South player passed, and the road was free for the French pair:

West	East
Fabienne	Catherine
1♦	1♠
2♣	3♦
3♥	4♦
4♥	4NT
5♠	6♦

- 3♦ Game forcing
- 3♥ Cuebid
- 4♦ Very good diamonds and as she cannot be without a black control, promising both

When you look to the hands you may be impressed ... but a little less when North missed the spade lead in 'partner suit - unbid, remember -' to try club ace and another,

That's how you lose 12 instead of winning 12. That was worth 5VP which might be expensive next Saturday. I hope not ...

Seniors bid like Juniors

by Hans-Olof Hallen

In Bulletin 8 we reported about a hand on which Sweden played in INT down three whereas Hungary reached a useful 3♥ just making for a swing of 7 IMPs. The board was even more useful for the Swedish seniors in their match against Germany.

In the Closed Room a nice the Swedes were allowed to play 2♦ which made with an overtrick for a score of +110 to them. The is what happened in the Open Room:

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

♠ A K 10 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ Q J 5 4 3 ♣ K 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 5 4 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 10 9 7 ♣ 7 6 3	♠ J 9 7 3 ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ 6 ♣ Q 10 9 4
N						
W E						
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Schneider</i>	<i>Hallen</i>	<i>Uhlmann</i>	<i>Fager</i>
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	INT	Pass
All Pass		4♦	4♥ (!)



Hans-Olof Hallen, Sweden

West bid Canape showing 4-5 in the pointed suits.

He led a top spade and switched to a diamond. Dummy's ace won and Fager ruffed a diamond in hand. Next came the ♣Q, covered (not that it mattered) and won in dummy and another diamond was ruffed in hand. Only now, Fager could draw trumps. East won the second round and led another diamond, but dummy ruffed, drew the last trump and enjoyed three more club tricks, just losing one more spade in the end for +420 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

Award for the unluckiest defense

by O.Beauvillain

Round 13 Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul

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

This board has been discussed a lot, but someone asked how you can score 460 in 3NT on the lead of the ♣4.

Very simple in fact, let's look my candidate:

South after opening a weak two in hearts and pushing E/W to 3NT found the lead of the ♣4

to the ten, queen and two. North didn't want to underlead fearing a doubleton jack and cashed the ace to the three and a huddle from South. He wants to express a lead from three cards and now thought the best way was to give a count of the remaining cards. With two cards, they play the highest so he played the jack. Now, we go back to North side: 'If my partner has got four cards, I must underlead but if clubs are 3/3 I must cash out. This jack looked like the beginning of an unblock, so he must have four cards, but this \$#@%&* partner forgot the 10 was in dummy, so the unblock was not working and I must underlead' So came the ♣5 to the 9, 8 ...

Let's go to IMPs's time:

'Board 11 we made 4♥ with a 5-1 break, +420.'

'One for them.'

'How, did they find spades to make 11 tricks?'

'They didn't, it was 3NT.'

'Ho, you missed the club lead, bad luck.'

'No, we found it'

Appeal No. 6

Romania v Bulgaria

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Jens Auken (Denmark), Jean-Claude Beineix (France), Gratian Endicott (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Herman De Wael sat in on the meeting to act as Scribe

Open Teams Round 20

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West Vulnerable.

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 2

♥ 10

♦ K Q 9

♣ Q 7 4

♠ A
♥ K J 6 3
♦ A 8 7 6 5
♣ 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 4
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 10 4 2
♣ A J 10 3

♠ 10 5 3

♥ A 8 5 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ K 9 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Petkov</i>	<i>Briciu</i>	<i>Marashew</i>	<i>Ghigheci</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: Three No trumps, played by East

Lead: ♥4

Play:

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

At this point, the remaining cards are:

♠ Q 9 8

♥ -

♦ -

♣ Q

♠ -
♥ K (J)
♦ -
♣ 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J
♥ -
♦ -
♣ A 10

♠ 10

♥ (A)

♦ -

♣ 9 6

The Facts: At this point, East shows his hand (and specifically the ♣10) to North, and tells him "You are squeezed". North plays the ♠8, and East the ♠J. Now North calls the Director and tells him that East has claimed.

The Director:

Ascertain the facts and rules that East has claimed. He judges that throwing the ♣10 on this trick is a normal play and he rules that North/South make one more trick.

Ruling: 8 tricks, 3NT-1 (NS +100)

Relevant Laws: Law 68A, 70A

North/South appealed.

Present: All players except West and both Captains

The Players:

East, through his captain, accepted that he had indeed said "You are squeezed" to North.

North had not said anything, but had played the ♠8. Now East had thought again, and he had remembered the ♠7 from North, followed by the ♠6 and ♠2, and the ♠3 in South, noting that his opponents had been giving correct count all the time. So East had clear evidence that North held three more spades and that the ♣Q had to be bare.

The Captain of East/West further told the Committee that he was not sure what the laws say about this matter, but that he believed it was not a claim if North played on. He did not believe that playing on meant that North thought he was not squeezed, as a player need not admit to being squeezed. He was certain his player had made no use of unauthorized information in selecting the ♠J for trick 10.

The Committee asked the Director to read Laws 68A and 68D to the meeting:

Law 68A: Any statement to the effect that a contestant will win a specific number of tricks is a claim of those tricks. A contestant also claims when he suggests that play be curtailed, or when he shows his cards (unless he demonstrably did not intend to claim).

Law 68D: After any claim or concession, play ceases. All play subsequent to a claim or concession shall be voided by the Director. If the claim or concession is acquiesced in, Law 69 applies; if it is disputed by any player (dummy included), the Director must be summoned immediately to apply Law 70 or Law 71, and no action may be taken pending the Director's arrival.

The Committee: Judged that the Director had made the correct ruling. This is a very clear case of Law.

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

Deposit: Forfeited

A study in Slamming

by Barry Rigal

Board: 2. Dealer: East. Vul.: NS

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>de_Wijs</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Muller</i>
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT ¹	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠ ²	Pass	4♦	Pass
		5♥ ³	All Pass

¹ any GF

² rkcb

³ 2 kc + ♥Q

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦ ¹	Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

¹ Extras

This board is a study in how far bidding has advanced in certain areas of the game. As the Italians' success gets more and more extensive, other players are stealing their ideas - well plagiarism is the most extreme form of flattery after all. Ten years ago no one used Gazilli - the idea that opener's re-bid of two clubs showed extras. These days the Americans call it Cole, and the Poles and Dutch each play their own patented variety. The real merit of this gadget is to let jumps show extra shape plus a smattering of high cards but not be forcing. Here both Easts got into an efficient auction - the Hungarians use the 2NT rebid as a forcing relay to achieve much the same result.

Slam is decent, though not laydown for E/W; an opening club lead might have taxed declarer (one would surely win the ace and hope for the majors to behave rather than rely on the club finesse at trick one). But of course both defenders led their singleton diamond. Now at the table Ramondt

followed the practical line of winning in hand and playing a spade at once; how should South signal on this? At the table Szilagy dropped the eight - he hoped as a suit-preference signal for diamonds, which is surely what it OUGHT to be, even if the partnership had no agreements to that effect. When Honti won his spade ace and returned a trump declarer was able to draw trump and test spades, then fall back on the club finesse. 12 tricks made, as also happened in the other room, where the overtrick was less important.

At double-dummy declarer must win the diamond in dummy and draw three rounds of trumps at once to prevent the ruff. Then a spade to the ten and ace and a diamond return lets declarer win in hand and test spades, to revert to the winning position.

So far so good, but what if North decides to throw a spanner in the works and duck the first spade? His plan would be to force declarer to play a diamond to get back to hand, and now if he takes the ruffing finesse in spades, North can win, and triumphantly cash his winning diamond. Of course this is all very well in theory, but declarer will be awake at the table and noting the tempo of his opponents. It is a little unlucky for North that he is holding the ace-nine doubleton in spades - the sight of that nine might tip declarer off to the winning line, and of course if South ducks the spade smoothly, and North takes a little while to play low on the spade ten, declarer might just get it right for the right reasons, by crossing to hand with a diamond and ruffing a spade.

So what did the field do here? In the Open Series, seven pairs played game, 11 defenders set six hearts by East (only the Finnish South Koistinen being uncharitable enough to lead a club against six hearts, the unlucky opponent being Birman). Five declarers made six hearts as East on a dia-



Laszlo Honti, Hungary

mond lead, six made it as West on either a top diamond lead. The arithmetically gifted will note that this adds up to 29 results, and there ought to be 32 in total. What of the other three? Two pairs who ought to remain nameless - but won't - bid the E/W cards to six no-trump. Kask-Oja and Elinescu-Wladow were the guilty pairs, but the East players in these partnerships played the cards distinctly better than they had bid them. Winning the diamond lead they knocked out the spade ace, and set up a double-squeeze, reducing to this ending:

♠ -	♠ -	♠ 6
♥ 8	♥ -	♥ J
♦ -	♦ Q	♦ 9
♣ A Q 9	♣ 8 7 6	♣ 2

♠ 8	♠ 8	♠ 6
♥ -	♥ -	♥ J
♦ -	♦ -	♦ 9
♣ K J 10	♣ K J 10	♣ 2

♠ -	♠ -	♠ 6
♥ 8	♥ -	♥ J
♦ -	♦ Q	♦ 9
♣ A Q 9	♣ 8 7 6	♣ 2

With the position coming down to the diamond menace biting North, and the spade menace hitting South, all that the declarers needed was the club finesse for trick thirteen

to go to the club nine. Of course both Norths could have broken up the ending by shifting to a club when in with the spade ace - but where would the fun have been in that?

And what of pair 32, you ask? Well the theme of this tournament on Vugraph has been of rather sporting defenders doubling low-level contracts for the lead, when they could not be sure that they could beat a game in that strain. This time the guilty party will have to accept sole not joint responsibility. Fulvio Fantoni as North decided to make his presence felt after a Gazilli auction from his opponents (1♠-INT-2♣-2♦). One redouble from Borevkovic later he may have felt less sure of his ground. 2♦ redoubled on a club lead duly collected the two overtricks it was supposed to collect - and that fetched +960! Of course since 6♥ was reached in the other room Fantoni could argue that his enterprise was due to earn an IMP but declarer could not bring home 12 tricks and Croatia collected 14 IMPs.

The Seniors and Women failed to offer any excitement in terms of unusual results here - up to a point. While all but two tables were content to play game or slam in hearts, with the approximately expected results, two pairs in the Seniors attempted to play in diamonds. The French attempted 5♦ down two, the Welsh (spearheaded by a regular contributor to this bulletin) tried the diamond slam and were informed by North that they had erred -down 500. I'm sure we shall be seeing an entry for the best bid hand very shortly....

EBL Congress Meeting



The President of the European Bridge League, **Gianarrigo Rona**, welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting.

The President of the World Bridge Federation, **José Damiani** told the meeting that he would be writing to NBOs early in September but meanwhile he mentioned the International Mind Sports Association and the events taking place in Beijing in 2008 where it planned to hold the first Intellympiad. At that event there will be special support for youth players, in the shape of accommodation and food and the possibility of some support for travel is being explored.

There was a special presentation about next year's European Open Championships in **Antalya**, featuring MNG

and Bentours and that was followed by a lively and constructive discussion about various aspects of the Championship.

The *Hon. President of the EBL*, **Bill Pencharz** addressed the meeting as to proposed changes to the statutes of the EBL.

Micke Melander outlined the proposed changes to the EBL Master Point regulations - we hope to provide more detailed information before the end of the Championships.

Geert Magerman presented the *University Bridge Plan* and there was a *Report on Teaching* from **Marijke Blanken**.



OPEN TEAMS

Round 24

England v Italy

by Mark Horton

In former times a match between Italy and Great Britain was always eagerly anticipated but following devolution all three countries now compete against the mighty Italians.

The match started with a bang.

Here declarer won the diamond lead, crossed to the ace of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs and played three rounds of spades, coming to eleven tricks, +450 and a fast 11 IMP start for Italy.

Board:1 Dealer North. Vul: None.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Not easy to decide what went wrong here — perhaps North's jump to Four Diamonds was a little too enthusiastic given his void in partner's first bid suit? Or maybe with three small diamonds South should have been more cautious?

Barry Rigal mentioned the French idea of rebidding 3NT on the North cards, which shows a spade shortage and heart support — that looks good to me.

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the ace and ruffed a spade. He cashed the king of clubs pitching a diamond and played a heart to the ace. The he played on spades, discarding dummy's diamonds. The trump position meant he was one down — but on a diamond lead even a 2-2 trump break would not have helped — that was —50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Board:8. Dealer West. Vul: None.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North knew South's strength, but with no first round control it was not easy to go on — would you for example have bid Four Diamonds?

West led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the king and cashed all his diamonds followed by three rounds of spades, squeezing West in the round suits to record all the tricks, +520.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The opening bid promised 14+ or a good 12/13 with a five card suit. Over the game forcing Two Clubs South was able to show his powerful suit and then make some cue bids, finally bidding the laydown slam for a 9 IMP pick up.

That was only the fourth swing so far — Italy leading 20-5 IMPs.

Board: 12. Dealer West. Vul: NS.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led a well-reasoned king of spades and continued with the four. Declarer got that wrong, putting up the queen, but it did not matter, as the contract was secure. It was a brilliant effort, but still —600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



John Armstrong, England

One Heart was a transfer to spades, but thereafter something went wrong — maybe South thought North has six spades and the final contract was dubious.

East led his club and declarer won in hand and played a spade to the eight and nine. East switched to a heart for the king and ace and a heart came back, declarer trying the ten, covered by the jack and queen. East won the next spade with the ace, cashed a heart and played a diamond. Declarer could not avoid the loss of two more trumps, one via club ruff and was three down, -300 and 14 IMPs to England, suddenly ahead 24-20.

Board: 15. Dealer South. Vul: NS.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the four of clubs and at trick two declarer played a spade to the jack and queen. West played the three of clubs and declarer's next move was to duck a heart, West winning with the ten, cashing the king of diamonds and returning the queen of hearts. Declarer had lost three tricks and had to lose a club and a diamond at the end for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The play to the first trick was identical, but here declarer crossed to hand with the ace of spades and played the nine of diamonds. The position in that suit meant that not only was the contract assured, but also declarer had an easy overtrick, +630 and 12 IMPs to Italy, who ran out winners 40-28 IMPs, 17-13 VP.

JAK GRAJĄ NASZE PANIE?

Marek Wójcicki

Podczas tegorocznych mistrzostw, z naszych drużyn reprezentacyjnych najrówniej gra drużyna kobieca. Naszym paniom nie zdarzają się wysokie porażki z drużynami z dołu tabeli, a dają sobie też radę z silnymi, tytułowanym przeciwniczkami. Daje to efekt w postaci zajmowanego obecnie (piszę ten tekst w środę rano) szóstego miejsca w tabeli i sporych szans na wywalczenie miejsca, uprawniającego do startu w mistrzostwach świata Venice Cup.

Popatrzmy na najciekawsze rozdania z dwóch ostatnich, wygranych meczów.

Runda XII. Polska – Holandia

Holenderki to jedna z najbardziej utytułowanych drużyn europejskich, i nie tylko. Kilkukrotnie zdobywały medale mistrzostw świata i mistrzostw Europy. Wydaje mi się, że obecnie zachodzi w tej reprezentacji zmiana pokoleniowa, ale na pewno nie osłabiło to tej drużyny, która w tej chwili prowadzi w mistrzostwach. Tym większe brawa należą się naszym reprezentantkom za wysokie zwycięstwo – 21–9 (69–39). Oto ciekawsze rozdania z tego meczu:

Rozd. 2. Rozdawał E; strona NS po partii.

♠ A 9		
♥ 9 4		
♦ D W 5 4 3		
♣ 8 7 6 3		
♠ 10		♠ K D W 6 4
♥ 8 7 5 2		♥ A K D W
♦ A 10 8 2		♦ K 9 6
♣ A D 9 5		♣ 2
	♠ 8 7 5 3 2	
	♥ 10 6 3	
	♦ 7	
	♣ K W 10 4	

W pokoju otwartym Sobolewska – Szczepańska zatrzymały się w 3BA z ręki W, biorąc po ataku blotką karo 12 lew. W pokoju zamkniętym para holenderska doszła do szlemika:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
	1♠	pas	
1BA	pas	3♣ ¹	pas
3♥ ²	pas	4♥	pas
5♥	pas	6♥	pas

¹ pytanie o ilość kart w kierach

² dokładnie cztery

Grażyna Brewiak wyszła damą karo.. Rozgrywająca zabiła asem i zagrała ♠10. Grażyna wskoczyła asem, a Ania Sarniak dołożyła czytelną ósemkę. N zagrała w karo i bez jednej. 11 imp dla Polski.

Być może rozgrywająca, po spadnięciu siódemki miała szanse odczytać podział kar i ściągnąć atuty przed zagranie w pika...

W poniższym rozdaniu nasza para wykazała się lepszą oceną karty:

Rozd. 7. Rozdawał S; obie po partii.

	♠ A 6		
	♥ A D W 7 3		
	♦ 8 6 2		
	♣ D W 9		
♠ K D 8 7 4		♠ 5 3	
♥ 8 2		♥ K 9 6 4	
♦ K D W 10 5		♦ 7 4	
♣ 2		♣ A K 7 4 3	
	♠ W 10 9 2		
	♥ 10 5		
	♦ A 9 3		
	♣ 10 8 6 5		

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Arnolds	Sobolewska	Vriend
1♠	2♥	PAS	pas
ktr.	pas	PAS...	

Bez dwóch, 500 dla Polski.

Ewa Sobolewska z kartą E zdecydowała się na traping pasa, a Ania Szczepańska, pomimo singla trefl, nie wahała się przed wznowieniem kontrą. Taki zresztą mają ustalenia. Gdyby Ewa uwierzyła, że partnerka może mieć singla trefl, byłoby 800, ale i tak to rozdanie przyniosło duży zysk – 12 imp, gdyż na drugim stole licytacja wygasła na 3♠ bez jednej:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
1♠	2♥	2BA ¹	pas
3♦	pas	3♠	pas...

¹ naturalne

Nasza drużyna poruszała się także śmiało i sprawnie w strefie częściowego zapisu, czego dobrą ilustracją jest poniższe rozdanie, zakończone zyskiem tylko 2 imp, ale wiele par, zarówno na WE jak i na NS nie ma z tego rozdania miłych wspomnień:

Rozd. 8. Rozdawał W; obie przed partią.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Arnolds	Sobolewska	Vriend
1♠	2♥	pas	pas
ktr.	pas	3♣	pas...

Bez jednej, 50 dla NS

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
pas ?	1♥	pas	1♠
pas	2♥	pas...	

Swoje, 110 dla NS i 2 imp dla Polski.

W rozdaniu 9 nastąpił duży swing dla Polski, spowodowany błędem wistowym pary holenderskiej:

Rozd. 9. Rozdawał N; strona WE po partii.

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

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
pas	1♣	1♦	1♥ ¹
pas	2♥ ²	pas	3♣
pas	3BA	pas...	

¹ 4+♠² 5+♠ i 4♥, od 17 PC

E wyszła ♦3. Po lewie na siódmkę Grażyna zagrała trefla do dziesiątki w stole. E powinna mieć pełny obraz rozdania – układ N 1-4-3-5 był jasny i wskoczenie asem, a potem zagranie w pika było dość oczywiste.

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Arnolds	Sobolewska	Vriend
	1♣	pas ¹	1♠
pas	2♥	pas	3BA
pas			

¹ para Sobolewska – Szczepańska gra po otwarciu 1♣ Lambdą, gdzie wejście 1♦ oznacza piki lub dwie starsze czwórki; naturalne wejście karami to 2♦, na które karta E jest za słaba.

Po tej licytacji kontrakt był ustawiony z odwrotnej ręki. Ania Szczepańska wyszła ♥6. Rozgrywająca wzięła na damę i zagrała ♣10. W dołożyła dziewiątkę (demarka kierowa) a E ósemkę (także demarka kierowa). Rozgrywająca zagrała teraz na podział kar 3-3 zgrywając asa i króla w tym kolorze i rozdanie skończyło się. 10 imp dla Polski.

Rozdanie 15 miało przebieg nieco anegdotyczny. Grażyna Brewiak zaliczyła w nim niezwykle konserwatywnie, ale też niezwykle skutecznie:

Rozd. 15. Rozdawał S; strona NS po partii.

♠ 5 3		♠ K W 7						
♥ K 10		♥ 8 7 5 4						
♦ 10		♦ D W 8 4 3 2						
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♦ K 9 7 6 5								
♣ 7								



Anneke Simons, Netherlands

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
1♣ ¹	2♣	pas...	

1 3♣

Para Brewiak Sarniak po otwarciu 1♣ stosuje wejście 2♣ naturalne, a po 1♣ z koloru 4+ Michaels. 2♣ było ostatnim idącym kontraktem na linii NS...

1 dla odmiany rozdanie bardzo dynamiczne:

Rozd. 18. Rozdawał E; strona NS po partii.

	♠ 8 6 4		
	♥ 10 8 4 2		
	♦ 10 8 6		
	♣ A D 5		
♠ A 9 7		♠ K D W 10 5 3	
♥ 7		♥ 5	
♦ D 9 4 2		♦ A W 7	
♣ 10 6 4 3 2		♣ K 8 7	
	♠ 2		
	♥ A K D W 9 6 3		
	♦ K 5 3		
	♣ W 9		

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Arnolds	Sobolewska	Vriend
		1♠	4♥
pas	pas	4♠	pas
pas	5♥	pas	pas
5♠	ktr.	pas...	

S wyszła ♥A, a po wzięciu lewy zmieniła na waleta trefl. Teraz N zabiła asem i próbowała dać przebitkę trefl. Rozgrywająca puściła do dziesiątki i zrobiła swoje. 650 dla Polki.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Brewiak	Simons	Sarniak
		1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	pas...

S wyszła w asa kier, a po dwójce od partnerki zagrała posłusznie ♣W. Rozgrywająca, po tak łagodnej licytacji pary NS nie przypuszczała, że podziały są aż tak niezrównoważone i ściągnęła dwa razy atu, po czym nie mogła już wygrać. 12 imp dla Polki.

Runda XIII. Polska – Grecja

W kolejnej rundzie Polki walczyły z drużyną Grecji. Ten mecz także zakończył się zwycięstwem, tym razem nieco skromniejszym – 19–11 (42–32). Popatrzmy z kolei na naj-

ciekawsze wydarzenia z tego meczu:

Już w drugim rozdaniu zarobiliśmy 10 imp:

Rozd. 2. Rozdawał E; strona NS po partii.

	♠ K D 6 4 3		
	♥ A D 8 7 6		
	♦ —		
	♣ D 9 8		
♠ 5 2		♠ A 9 7	
♥ W 10 9		♥ K	
♦ 10 6 3 2		♦ A K W 9 8 4	
♣ K 10 6 3		♣ W 7 5	
	♠ W 10 8		
	♥ 5 4 3 2		
	♦ D 7 5		
	♣ A 4 2		

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Tsirikou	Brewiak	Glavani	Sarniak
		1♦	pas
pas	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	4♠	pas...	

E wyszła asem karo. Grażyna przebiła i zagrała blotkę atu. Walet w stole wziął i kolejny pik. E zabiła asem i zagrał w pika po raz trzeci. W wyrzuciła teraz ♣2, co zgodnie ze stosowanymi zrzutkami zachęcało do zagrania w trefla. Grażyna doszła teraz do wniosku, że król kier musi być u E. Zagrała wobec tego asa w tym kolorze. Po spadnięciu króla kontrakt był bezpieczny. Dama kier i kier – W po lewie na waleta zagrała w karo – Grażyna wyrzuciła z ręki trefla – „przegrywająca na przegrywająca” i dama w stole była dziesiąta lewą.

Na drugim stole nasza para zagrała 5♦ bez kontry za 150...

W poniższym rozdaniu nasza para wykazała się wzorową licytacją:

Rozd. 8. Rozdawał W; obie przed partią.

	♠ K 7 5		
	♥ D 9 4 3		
	♦ K W 6		
	♣ D 7 4		
♠ 10 3		♠ W 9 8 6 4	
♥ A W 10 8		♥ 7 6 5 2	
♦ 4 3		♦ 8	
♣ K 9 8 5 2		♣ 10 6 3	
	♠ A D 2		
	♥ K		
	♦ A D 10 9 7 5 2		
	♣ A W		

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Tsirikou</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Glavani</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
pas	pas	pas	1♦
pas	1♥	pas	2BA ¹
pas	3♦ ²	pas	3♠ ³
pas	4BA ⁴	pas	6♦
pas...			

¹ forsujące do dogranej bez bocznego koloru

² fit karowy, zachęcające

³ z wartości – 3♥ wskazywałoby fit kierowy

⁴ maksimum pasa

Kontrakt, z ręki S, był całkowicie bezproblemowy.

Na drugim stole obie Greczynki nie odlicytowały się do końca:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Lambrinou</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Liakopoulou</i>
pas	pas	pas	1♦
pas	1♥	pas	3♦
pas	3BA	pas...	

Po tej licytacji zarówno N, jak i S miały na pewno spore, nie ujawnione nadwyżki... Nasza drużyna zarobiła kolejne 10 imp.

Kolejne rozdanie pokazuje, że Greczynki nie sprzedawały tanio skóry, i niejednokrotnie, aby zremisować rozdanie, też trzeba było wykazać się, tutaj w licytacji:

Rozd. 16. Rozdawał W; strona WE po partii.

♠ A K W 10		♠ 8 3
♥ 10 8 7		♥ K D W 9 6
♦ K 10 6 3		♦ 9
♣ K 6		♣ A D W 7 5
♠ D 6 2		♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ 5 3 2		♥ A 4
♦ A 8 4 2		♦ D W 7 5
♣ 4 3 2		♣ 10 9 8

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Tsirikou</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Glavani</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
pas	1BA	2♥	ltr.
pas	2♠	3♣	pas
4♥	pas...		

Greczynki doszły do bardzo ostrej końcówki, ale przy drugim królu trefl pod impasem kontrakt był nie do obłożenia. Ale na drugim stole:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Lambrinou</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Liakopoulou</i>
	1BA	ltr. ¹	pas
2♥ ²	pas	4♥!	pas.

¹ dwukolorówka na starszych lub piątka starsza i 4* młodsze

² licytacja do koloru

Tutaj Ewa Harasimowicz podjęła trafną decyzję – wiedziała, że partnerka ma fit kierowy, a z bilansu stołu (pas S po kontrze) mogła przypuszczać, że ma też pewne wartości. Zdecydowała się więc na zalicytowanie końcówki.

Ostatnie rozdanie pokazuje, że odważnym szczęście sprzyja. W pokoju zamkniętym nasza para doszła do końcówki z rękami, z którymi Greczynki na drugim stole nie zabrały w ogóle głosu w licytacji:

Rozd. 20. Rozdawał W; obie po partii.

♠ A W 4 2		♠ 10 7 3
♥ D 7 6 4		♥ A K W 9
♦ 6 5 4		♦ A W 9
♣ A 6		♣ W 8 2
♠ D 9		♠ K 8 6 5
♥ 3		♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ K 10 7 3		♦ D 8 2
♣ K D 9 7 5 3		♣ 10 4

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Lambrinou</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Liakopoulou</i>
2♣ ¹	pas	2♦	pas
3♣ ²	pas	3♦ ³	pas
4♦ ⁴	pas	5♣	pas...

¹ Precision

² 6+♣ układ niezrównoważony

³ relay

⁴ 6♣ i 4♦

N dość naturalnie wyszła w kiery. Małgosia Pasternak zabiła asem, na drugiego kiera wyrzuciła pika i zagrała w atu. Obrona próbowała, po lewie na asa, zdjęć dwa piki, ale nie udało się. Po ściągnięciu atuta, rozgrywająca trafiła damę karo i zapisała +600.

Na drugim stole licytowały tylko nasze zawodniczki, na szczęście nie za wysoko:

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Tsirikou</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Glavani</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
pas	1♣	pas	1♦
pas	1♥	pas...	

Swoje, +80 i 12 imp dla Polski.

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