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ITALY'S SEVENTH SYMPHONY



Seventh heaven for the Azzurri

That Italy's record breaking run would continue was confirmed last night as they established an unassailable lead over the rest of the field to record their seventh successive victory in the 48th Prokom Software SA European Open Team Championship.

Congratulations to the team captained by **Maria Teresa Lavazza**, and coached by **Massimo Ortensi**, **Norberto Bocchi**, **Giorgio Duboin**, **Claudio Nunes**, **Fulvio Fantoni**, **Alfredo Versace** & **Lorenzo Lauria**, the latter taking his personal tally to seven, just three behind the legendary Giorgio Belladonna. (Did we say seven was the loneliest number?)

When chess legend Bobby Fischer won the US Championship with a perfect 11-0 score the runner-up Larry Evans was congratulated for winning the tournament and Fischer for winning the exhibition. We could be forgiven for making the same analogy here, so great is Italy's domination.

Today's VuGraph Matches

Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor
England - Germany (Women) 14.15
Germany - Poland 17.35

BBO OnLine Transmissions

Netherlands - Finland (S) 10.30
France - Turkey (Seniors) 10.30
Scotland - Italy (Seniors) 10.30
Poland - Denmark (Seniors) 10.30

Italy - Belarus 14.15
Poland - Lithuania 14.15
Latvia - France 14.15
France - Norway (Women) 14.15
France - Serbia 17.35
Hungary - Italy 17.35
Norway Ireland 17.35

Swan Games OnLine

Sweden - Germany (Seniors) 10.30
Denmark - Sweden (Seniors) 14.15
Netherlands - Sweden 17.35

Today's Press Conference



The President of the EBL, **Gianarrigo Rona**, will hold a Press Conference today at 10.45 on level - 1 of the Intercontinental Hotel.

It will include a presentation on the 2008 European Team Championships in Pau.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 31 14.15**

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

ROUND 32 17.35

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

Prokom Software, sponsors of the 48th European Team Championships is providing prizes for the best articles concerning the Championships. There will be two categories:

The first will be for the best general article on the Championships published in a Bridge magazine.

The second will be a clippings contest for articles printed in Newspapers.

You can enter by email to the following addresses:

biuro@polbridge.pl
kielbasinski@jbp.pl

You must also send an original copy of the magazine and/or clipping to the Polish bridge Union at:

Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego
ul. Złota 9/4, PL-00-019 Warsaw, Poland

The closing date for entries is 30 November 2006.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 28 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 BELARUS	ISRAEL	17 - 51	8 - 22
2 NORWAY	WALES	88 - 28	25 - 3
3 HUNGARY	GREECE	12 - 56	6 - 24
4 NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	80 - 16	25 - 3
5 ICELAND	ROMANIA	59 - 21	23 - 7
6 ITALY	GERMANY	53 - 20	22 - 8
7 SCOTLAND	SERBIA	61 - 21	23 - 7
8 SWEDEN	PORTUGAL	64 - 25	23 - 7
9 ENGLAND	POLAND	36 - 23	18 - 12
10 BELGIUM	CROATIA	44 - 47	14 - 16
11 FINLAND	LITHUANIA	71 - 45	20 - 10
12 SPAIN	SAN MARINO	50 - 16	22 - 8
13 BULGARIA	TURKEY	39 - 20	19 - 11
14 IRELAND	LUXEMBURG	71 - 21	25 - 5
15 RUSSIA	DENMARK	37 - 40	14 - 16
16 ESTONIA	FRANCE	34 - 53	11 - 19
SWITZERLAND			18 - 0

ROUND 29 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 ENGLAND	BELGIUM	48 50	15 - 15
2 POLAND	ITALY	58 - 35	20 - 10
3 WALES	SCOTLAND	45 - 52	14 - 16
4 FRANCE	SAN MARINO	124 - 33	25 - 0
5 SWEDEN	RUSSIA	83 - 31	25 - 5
6 LATVIA	ICELAND	48 - 42	16 - 14
7 ISRAEL	HUNGARY	27 - 78	5 - 25
8 SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA	62 - 9	25 - 5
9 ROMANIA	SPAIN	77 - 55	20 - 10
10 LUXEMBURG	LITHUANIA	45 - 82	7 - 23
11 GERMANY	FINLAND	82 - 30	25 - 5
12 DENMARK	NORWAY	46 - 46	15 - 15
13 PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	44 - 47	14 - 16
14 CROATIA	BELARUS	79 - 14	25 - 3
15 TURKEY	IRELAND	49 - 23	20 - 10
16 SERBIA	NETHERLANDS	37 - 58	11 - 19
GREECE			18 - 0

ROUND 30 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 LITHUANIA	GERMANY	36 - 35	15 - 15
2 SCOTLAND	DENMARK	41 - 54	12 - 18
3 RUSSIA	BULGARIA	36 - 46	13 - 17
4 FRANCE	ROMANIA	65 - 26	23 - 7
5 TURKEY	LUXEMBOURG	29 - 60	9 - 21
6 SAN MARINO	SWITZERLAND	23 - 75	5 - 25
7 IRELAND	PORTUGAL	34 - 37	14 - 16
8 SPAIN	LATVIA	47 - 55	14 - 16
9 HUNGARY	CROATIA	23 - 27	14 - 16
10 ICELAND	SERBIA	37 - 19	19 - 11
11 NORWAY	SWEDEN	23 - 44	11 - 19
12 ESTONIA	GREECE	49 - 20	21 - 9
13 NETHERLANDS	WALES	32 - 15	19 - 11
14 BELARUS	ENGLAND	49 - 45	16 - 14
15 BELGIUM	ITALY	18 - 64	6 - 24
16 FINLAND	POLAND	16 - 62	6 - 24
ISRAEL			18 - 0

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	39 - 27	17 - 13
2	AUSTRIA	CROATIA	45 - 45	15 - 15
3	NORWAY	ISRAEL	49 - 27	20 - 10
4	GREECE	SAN MARINO	45 - 36	17 - 13
5	GERMANY	ITALY	41 - 24	19 - 11
6	DENMARK	TURKEY	81 - 39	24 - 6
7	FRANCE	POLAND	65 - 27	23 - 7
8	ICELAND	ENGLAND	8 - 84	1 - 25
9	FINLAND	SWEDEN	51 - 26	20 - 10
10	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	9 - 69	3 - 25
11	HUNGARY	RUSSIA	43 - 42	15 - 15

ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	44 - 94	5 - 25
2	FINLAND	ICELAND	49 - 21	21 - 9
3	SPAIN	GREECE	96 - 36	25 - 3
4	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL	42 - 82	7 - 23
5	SWEDEN	FRANCE	65 - 55	17 - 13
6	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	68 - 39	21 - 9
7	POLAND	IRELAND	78 - 47	21 - 9
8	CROATIA	DENMARK	57 - 40	19 - 11
9	TURKEY	GERMANY	28 - 71	6 - 24
10	ITALY	HUNGARY	83 - 14	25 - 2
11	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	38 - 41	14 - 16

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	CROATIA	39 - 38	15 - 15
2	ISRAEL	SPAIN	72 - 55	19 - 11
3	AUSTRIA	FINLAND	62 - 28	22 - 8
4	DENMARK	ENGLAND	29 - 48	11 - 19
5	IRELAND	FRANCE	16 - 90	1 - 25
6	SCOTLAND	SAN MARINO	60 - 17	24 - 6
7	HUNGARY	TURKEY	47 - 68	11 - 19
8	GREECE	RUSSIA	31 - 34	14 - 16
9	ICELAND	SWEDEN	19 - 44	10 - 20
10	NORWAY	POLAND	30 - 10	19 - 11
11	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	71 - 19	25 - 5

Appeals Booklet 2005

The European Bridge League Appeals Booklet 2005 including the appeals from the European Championships, Tenerife 2005 can be found in pdf format on the official EBL website at www.eurobridge.org

In the main Headlines view, click on 'departments' on the left, then 'appeals' and find the link for the Booklet on the top.

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 20**

14.15

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

ROUND 21

17.35

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

University Bridge News**FISU World University Bridge Championships
Tianjin - China 2006**

The Championships will be held from 21 October till 27 October 2006.

2 national teams will be allowed in the competition per country.

Entry is via the National University Sport Federation (NUSF).

**European University Bridge Cup 2007
Brugge, Belgium
4-9 August 2007**

In this competition between Universities an unlimited number of teams is allowed!

The tournament will be organised by the University of Antwerp.

You can find all the information you need on: www.unibridge.org

Contact: geert.magerman@pandora.be

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM GROUP A

ROUND 5 10.30

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

ROUND 6 14.15

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

ROUND 7 17.35

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

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS GROUP A

ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	TURKEY	58 - 8	25 - 4
2	GERMANY	ITALY	51 - 42	17 - 13
3	FRANCE	SCOTLAND	36 - 43	14 - 16
4	SWEDEN	POLAND	12 - 17	14 - 16

ROUND 3 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	SWEDEN	57 - 34	20 - 10
2	POLAND	FRANCE	31 - 47	11 - 19
3	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	8 - 43	7 - 23
4	ITALY	DENMARK	66 - 5	25 - 2

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	TURKEY	45 - 29	19 - 11
2	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	61 - 27	23 - 7
3	GERMANY	POLAND	37 - 26	17 - 13
4	FRANCE	SWEDEN	22 - 49	9 - 21

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM GROUP B

ROUND 5 10.30

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

ROUND 6 14.15

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

ROUND 7 17.35

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

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS GROUP B

ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	40 - 31	17 - 13
6	ENGLAND	WALES	20 - 47	9 - 21
7	FINLAND	ESTONIA	36 - 41	14 - 16
8	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND	20 - 43	10 - 20

ROUND 3 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	44 - 27	19 - 11
6	IRELAND	FINLAND	16 - 30	12 - 18
7	ESTONIA	ENGLAND	25 - 42	11 - 19
8	WALES	ISRAEL	20 - 76	3 - 25

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	WALES	NETHERLANDS	27 - 56	8 - 22
6	ISRAEL	ESTONIA	61 - 6	25 - 3
7	ENGLAND	IRELAND	22 - 13	17 - 13
8	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	22 - 26	14 - 16

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 30 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	606.00
2	NORWAY	548.00
3	NETHERLANDS	539.00
4	SWEDEN	538.00
5	IRELAND	533.00
6	ICELAND	527.00
7	POLAND	521.00
8	FRANCE	504.50
9	ENGLAND	488.00
10	GERMANY	487.00
11	HUNGARY	483.00
12	BULGARIA	471.00
13	ISRAEL	465.50
14	SPAIN	465.00
15	TURKEY	464.00
	DENMARK	464.00
17	RUSSIA	461.00
18	SCOTLAND	459.00
19	FINLAND	437.00
20	BELARUS	409.00
21	CROATIA	407.00
22	BELGIUM	406.50
23	GREECE	399.50
24	SERBIA	397.00
25	ESTONIA	396.00
26	PORTUGAL	394.00
	SWITZERLAND	394.00
28	WALES	390.00
29	LATVIA	375.00
30	ROMANIA	361.00
31	LUXEMBURG	347.00
32	LITHUANIA	336.00
33	SAN MARINO	331.00

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 19 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	NETHERLANDS	360.00
2	GERMANY	352.00
3	FRANCE	350.00
4	ENGLAND	349.00
5	DENMARK	326.00
6	POLAND	309.00
	CROATIA	309.00
8	SPAIN	299.00
9	NORWAY	298.00
10	AUSTRIA	289.00
11	SWEDEN	284.00
12	ITALY	278.50
13	ISRAEL	274.00
14	SCOTLAND	267.00
15	TURKEY	264.00
16	FINLAND	263.00
17	HUNGARY	250.50
18	RUSSIA	237.00
19	SANMARINO	233.00
20	IRELAND	231.00
21	GREECE	216.00
22	ICELAND	186.00

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

GROUP A after 4 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	303.75
2	SWEDEN	286.75
3	DENMARK	286.50
4	ITALY	285.00
5	FRANCE	280.00
6	TURKEY	276.00
7	POLAND	256.50
8	SCOTLAND	227.25

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

GROUP B after 4 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	NETHERLANDS	265.00
2	ISRAEL	264.50
3	ENGLAND	245.75
4	FINLAND	239.75
5	WALES	219.00
6	IRELAND	217.75
7	SWITZERLAND	211.50
8	ESTONIA	187.25

OPEN TEAMS

Round 26

Sweden v Ireland

by Jos Jacobs

The play in the Open Series resumed on Wednesday afternoon with an interesting choice on Vugraph: Sweden v. Ireland. This was the first of a number of matches Sweden still have to play against well-placed opponents. One might equally consider this match as their first warm-up match for Thursday evening's great show: the Scandinavian derby Norway v. Sweden.

Ireland so far have done remarkably well. On BBO the commentators had great trouble in finding out if Ireland had ever qualified for the Bermuda Bowl; the answer turned out to be NO. Therefore it would be a unique performance by them if they were to continue the good work for just three or four more days. Looking at the positions in the standings one might say, however, that Ireland would also be content with a small defeat whereas Sweden could not afford to lose too many VP at all; before the match started there was a gap of 26 VP between the two countries.

That gap closed in to 24 VP when on board 1 the Swedes brought home a game on the opening lead away from a king. As it happened the same opening lead was made in the other room but the contract there was only 2♠. Had the ♠K been right and the trumps 3-2 we would just have said that Ireland missed a game on board 1 to lose 6 IMPs.

The next board was more serious stuff, however, though neither side managed to come anywhere near a heart game (!):

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

♠ 10 8 6 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ K Q 9 8 6 ♣ 10 7	♠ — ♥ Q 9 7 6 5 2 ♦ A J 5 4 2 ♣ 9 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q J ♥ J 10 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ K Q J 8 4	♠ A 9 7 5 4 3 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ — ♣ A 6 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Efrainsson	Hanlon	Morath
		INT	2♠
All Pass			

When West returned the ♥K at some point in the play Morath actually managed to make his contract. Sweden +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Fitzgibbon	Bertheau	Mesbur
		INT	2♠
All Pass			

The Irish, too, did not have any stratagem to show a black 6-4. Had either of the NS pairs been playing 2♣ as clubs and another or for example double as spades and another, North would at least have had the theoretical chance to introduce his nice red twosuit.

When declarer won the ♦K lead in dummy and immediately advanced the ♥Q, losing to the king, the last chance of a defensive mistake had gone. Ireland -100 and another 5 IMPs to Sweden to lead 11-0.

On the next board, the Irish revealed one of the secrets of their success here in Warsaw:

Board: 3. Dealer: South. E/W vul.

♠ 4 ♥ A J 10 9 8 4 ♦ K 4 ♣ J 10 7 4	♠ K J 9 8 7 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ K Q 9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 5 3 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ A J 10 3 2 ♣ A 8 6	♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 5 3 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Efrainsson	Hanlon	Morath
2♥	3♥	4♥	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

3♥ showed 6+ spades, invitational or better.

Hanlon thought he held sufficient defensive values opposite his partner's jump overcall and right he was! ♥A and a shift to the ♦K produced two undertricks for a well-deserved +300 to Ireland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Fitzgibbon	Bertheau	Mesbur
			1♦
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

The defensive position appeared far less clear for the Swedes, who get 4♠ go undoubled. Down two on a heart lead and a club switch, but only +100 to Sweden and 5 IMPs back to Eire.

The Irish took the lead on the next board:

Board: 4. Dealer: West. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McGann</i>	<i>Efraimsson</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This time it was Dr McGann's turn to diagnose a double opposite his partner's overcall, as he could see the clubs were not too well-placed for declarer. He too was quite right, even more so when Hanlon found a lead from his secret weapon (diamonds) to put the contract two down again, but this time vulnerable. Ireland a great +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>
Pass	2♣	2♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Well, the patient apparently was so seriously ill that Nystrom could also diagnose the double easily enough; but this time, Mesbur believed him! Had Fitzgibbon found the courage to pass 4♣ the Irish success would have been even greater. As it was, they lost 200 but gained 7 IMPs to take the lead.

More Irish fireworks a few boards later, but this time the doctor's diagnosis was a little too optimistic:

Board: 7. Dealer: South. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McGann</i>	<i>Efraimsson</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠
6♦	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Once again an inspired double from Hanlon but this time, McGann did not want to go for the sure plus. Thus, once again a fine +500 got converted into a dismal -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>
All Pass			4♠



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

Once again, Bertheau stayed quiet where Hanlon had not. This effectively kept his side away from trouble, so Sweden collected another +200 to gain 9 IMPs and increase their lead to 24-12.

There was more to come for Sweden when a brilliant lead by Bertheau made a difference of four tricks:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.

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



Dr. Hugh McGann, Ireland

tinued a spade to declarer's ace. In again with the ♣K he then could lead a third spade to beat the contract by one trick. Very well done: Sweden +100 and 7 IMPs to lead 36-12 at the halfway stage.

On the next board, the Irish came back strongly when the Strong Club could not easily cope with higher-level intervention:

Board: 11. Dealer: South. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
McGann	Efrainsson	Hanlon	Morath
2NT	Dble	3♦	1♣
All Pass			Dble

1♣ showed 16+. It is easy to understand Morath's double

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Efrainsson	Hanlon	Morath
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	2♥

Hanlon found the good lead of a low spade to the queen and ace. Declarer went on to cash the trump ace, unblock the ♥A and play a trump to clear the suit. Hanlon knew his only chance of defeating 3♣ was an underlead in diamonds but declarer, who in act had no guess at all, simply put up the king and had the balance. Sweden +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Fitzgibbon	Bertheau	Mesbur
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	2♥

Bertheau found the brilliant lead of a low diamond! This not only removed the only entry to dummy prematurely but also completely led declarer astray. As Fitzgibbon held the ♦109 in the combined hands he elected to duck the lead, so Nystrom won his jack and continued the ♠Q on which Bertheau contributed the ten. When this held, Nystrom's next card was a heart.

The rest was easy. Declarer won the ace perforce, cashed the ♣A and led a diamond. Bertheau won his ace and con-

on all his soft values in the red suits. The inspired lead of the $\diamond 8$ locked set to collect a telephone number... but Hanlon guessed to duck! Well done everyone! To make matters worse for the Swedes, the spade fit and North's values were just enough for 12 tricks in the NS line.

lead by East, Fitzgibbon managed to make ten tricks for another +180 and 7 IMPs to Ireland. The match stood at nearly level again.

On the next board, the Swedes fell overboard:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>
Pass	2 \diamond	Pass	1 \clubsuit
3 \diamond	4 \diamond	Pass	2 \spadesuit
Pass	5 \heartsuit	Dble	5 \clubsuit
Pass	Redble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			6 \spadesuit

Ireland an easy enough +980 and 10 IMPs back.

The score stood at 37-27 to Sweden with just four boards to go but much was to come on them:

Board: 17. Dealer: North. None vul.

	\spadesuit 6 3	
	\heartsuit Q J 8 5	
	\diamond A K 8 5	
	\clubsuit A Q 4	
\spadesuit K 9 8 7 4		\spadesuit A 10 5 2
\heartsuit K 7		\heartsuit 10 6 2
\diamond 10 7 3		\diamond Q
\clubsuit 10 8 5		\clubsuit K J 7 6 2
	\spadesuit Q J	
	\heartsuit A 9 4 3	
	\diamond J 9 6 4 2	
	\clubsuit 9 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McGann</i>	<i>Efraimsson</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Morath</i>
	INT	2 \diamond	Dble
3 \spadesuit	Dble	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			

2 \diamond showed a threesuiter with a red singleton. The final contract was quite OK except that there is no legitimate way to make it after the $\diamond Q$ lead. Even playing the $\heartsuit A$ and another does not prevent the ruff so declarer had to go down two very quickly. Ireland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>
	INT	All Pass	

The Swedes once again were less enterprising. On a club

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

	\spadesuit A 4 2	
	\heartsuit A 4	
	\diamond A K 5 2	
	\clubsuit A J 10 4	
\spadesuit K J 7		\spadesuit 10 9 8 6 5
\heartsuit Q 8 7		\heartsuit 10 9 3
\diamond 6 4		\diamond J 9 8 7
\clubsuit 9 6 5 3 2		\clubsuit Q
	\spadesuit Q 3	
	\heartsuit K J 6 5 2	
	\diamond Q 10 3	
	\clubsuit K 8 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McGann</i>	<i>Efraimsson</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	3 \heartsuit
All Pass			5NT

Unlucky, Morath's quantitative action, as the wrong hand



Beng-Erik Efraimsson

was declarer and the ♠Q did not behave either. One down. Ireland +100 on the obvious spade lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Fitzgibbon	Bertheau	Mesbur
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	All Pass	2NT

A little less quantitative here; on the same lead of the ♠10 declarer made the same 10 tricks for a vastly more satisfying score than his counterpart at the other table. Ireland +630 and 12 IMPs. They once again had taken the lead, with just two boards to go...

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Efrainsson	Hanlon	Morath
1♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		Pass

On a correct club guess and a slight defensive mistake, Efrainsson just went one off. Ireland +100. Maybe, East should not have passed for penalties at this vulnerability...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Fitzgibbon	Bertheau	Mesbur
1♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		Pass

Fitzgibbon tried to block the EW engines with a full-blooded 4♠ overcall. In a sense he was right as this could have been a fine save with 5♥ still making but difficult to find. However, on a misguess in clubs and a complete lack of defensive mistakes he had to go down four, Sweden +800 and all 12 IMPs just lost back at once. It looked like a winning draw for Sweden...

On the last board, one overtrick made it even better for the Swedes: with the help of the VP conversion table this IMP changed the result of the match into a 16-14 VP win for them, the final score being 50-47.

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OPEN TEAMS

Round 27

Germany v England

by Mark Horton

Two teams both with an outside chance of qualifying — and probably hoping, win or lose, for boards with swing potential. Alas, although there was certainly swing potential — more than one match traded in over a hundred IMPs — neither team gave much away.

Board:5. Dealer North. Vul: NS.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West led the three of clubs and East put in the queen, switching to the ten of hearts when it held. West took declarer's queen with the ace and played a back a club, East winning and returning a heart to dummy's king. Declarer ruffed a club, cashed the queen of spades, played a spade to the jack and exited with the six of hearts. West won and got off play with his remaining trump. Declarer played a diamond from dummy and when East played the ten, having earlier discarded the four, declarer played low and West won with the jack and played a heart. Declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the ace — a well played +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gotard</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Here West had to introduce his hearts at the two level—but this risky venture paid off when East joined in and the club fit was located. With hearts 3-3 the contract was not in danger, +110 giving Germany 6 IMPs.

Board:6. Dealer East. Vul: EW.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	All Pass		

West need little more than to find partner with ♥KQxxxx and the ♦Q was able to use exclusion Blackwood and signed off when East showed 0-3.



John Holland, England

When South led the queen of diamonds the hand was quickly over, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Gold	Piekarek	Townsend
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Two Diamonds promised more than a minimum and rather than resort to any kind of science West simply bid what he hoped his partner could make. Convert those points in spades to values in hearts and diamonds and he would have been right. This time it cost 13 IMPs, putting England ahead 13-7 IMPs.

Board: 11. Dealer South. Vul: None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Marsal	Holland	Fritsche
			1♣
1♠	2NT*	3♣*	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

North's 2NT bid was defensive, promising 0-5 and both minors, so South applied some pressure, hoping his opponent's might misjudge, or even that he might be bidding a making contract.

West led the ace of spades and when East followed with the queen he continued with the ten. Declarer ruffed with the jack of clubs and played the three of clubs — doubtless very annoyed to see East win with the king. When later on he got the diamond suit wrong he was three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Gold	Piekarek	Townsend
			1♣
1♠	2♣	3♥	5♣
5♠	All Pass		

West did not judge the hand as well as that his counterpart in the other room — although one doubts the penalty from 5♣ would have been so great.

Five Spades was one down at once when the defenders cashed their minor suit winners and later mis-guessed hearts to be —300, increasing England's lead to 27-8 IMPs.

Board: 15. Dealer South. Vul: NS.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Marsal	Holland	Fritsche
			Pass
1♠	Dble	2♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

Although Five Diamonds would have failed it was surely right for West to take out a small insurance policy. He won the trump lead in dummy, ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the queen, ruffed a second diamond and exited with the four of clubs, which ran to South ten. He promptly returned a club and although declarer could avoid losing a heart he was one down, -50. Double dummy after trick one 5♠ can (should?) be made. Diamond ruff, spade to queen, diamond ruff, queen of hearts ducked, jack, king, ace of hearts, ace of diamonds, nine of hearts, low club. Easy game!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Gold	Piekarek	Townsend
			Pass
1♠	Dble	2♠	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Here West judged to pass and right he was, declarer having to lose a spade and two hearts, -100 and 4 IMPs for his side.

In what was generally a well played match with few swings England won 30-13 IMPs, 19-11 VP to keep their slender hopes alive.

Appeal No. 8 Israel v Serbia

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England),
Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Open Teams Round 23

Board 15. Dealer South. North/South Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zipovski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Radisic</i>	<i>McGann</i>
2♦	2NT	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Comments: 2♦ 11-17, any 4441
2NT natural
3♦ pass or correct
3♠ (W-S) 4414
(E-N) 1444

Contract: Five Clubs doubled, played by North

Result: 8 tricks, NS -800

The Facts: North complained after the hand to the tournament director about different explanations for the bid of 3♦. He said he had misinterpreted his partner's double of 4♦.

The Director: Discovered that East/West were unable to prove which of the explanations was the correct one, and decided to rule that North had been misinformed. The director consulted with several players about the meaning of South's double with North's actual information, and all players agreed that this double must be for penalties, but they had differing opinions about passing or removing. The director believed it was not certain that North would always pass with the other information and decided to weight the scores.

Ruling: Score adjusted to

Both sides receive: 25% of 4♦X-2 by West (NS +300) plus 75% of 5♣X-3 by North (NS -800)

Relevant Laws: Law 75A, 40C

Law 12C3, Code of Practice enabling Tournament Director to award Adjusted Scores under Law 12C3.

Both sides appealed.

Present: All players except West and the Captain of North/South

The Players: East explained that in his opinion, over a 3♦ pass/correct, 3♥ would show the singleton diamond, in a minimum hand, while the other bids would show the singleton bid and a maximum hand. East showed part of his system notes to try and explain what his partner had been thinking. He showed one situation (2♦-P-2♥-X) in which the first level would show a singleton heart, in a minimum hand, and the second level the same singleton in a maximum hand. The director could not comment on whether West had told South anything about his hand being maximum, but South later confirmed that West had in fact done so.

East explained that he had appealed the ruling because North, in any case, had the information that West held four clubs, and yet he had chosen to take the double out and play in clubs.

North explained that he had bid 2NT because he did not want to commit to too high a level. He suspected East/West to have a fit in one of the majors, and maybe he could steal the contract in 3NT, possibly even making that. North had asked about 3♠ and had it confirmed to him that it showed a singleton spade, even if East had added a question mark to his explanation ("1444?"). When the tray came back with a double over 4♦, he knew this would be penalty oriented, but it was clear partner was banking on some tricks by himself. He did not risk this and gambled that 5♣ would not cost too much. On the other hand, if he had known dummy had only singleton diamond, he could count on some trump tricks in partner and pass more confidently, certainly more than a quarter of the time.

The captain of North/South wanted to know how the director had arrived at the weight of the adjustment. He suspected that the director had consulted just four players, but the director told that he had consulted three, and that the weight was not a result of a poll but his estimation of how likely it was that North would pass.

The Committee: Started by confirming that it was not proven which was the correct explanation and that therefore the non-offending side was entitled to the best assumption for them. The committee confirmed it has to be assumed that North had been misinformed.

However, North had misdescribed his own hand so severely that he can no longer trust his partner's penalty double. So he would always be in doubt, and retreating to 5♣ would always remain an option for him.

With regards to the appeal lodged by East/West, the committee judged that North had been damaged and some percentage of him passing 4♦X should be taken into account.

With regards to the appeal lodged by North/South, the committee agreed with the judgment by the director that the frequency of passing was rather low.

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

Deposit: Returned (both)

Note: the result at the other table was 4♠W-1, NS +50 so the final result on the board was: 25% of +300 - +50 = +61MPs plus 75% of -800 - +50 = -131MPs equating to -8.25, rounded to -8 IMPs to the team of North/South

ODD NUMBERS

Hands up everyone who knows how to score 920? Too easy you say? Not necessarily, if I tell you that you are allowed to bid and make a minor suit slam, you are not vulnerable, and it is not from 1 of a major redoubled (+2 if non-vulnerable +1 if vulnerable). The magic number comes from playing 4NT** and making -1 and how often does that happen. Step forward the lucky -1 and guilty - parties. We'll tell you the countries but not the names of the defenders (our charity extends that far). It was Belarus who were the recipients, Turkey the donors.

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 7 6 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 2
♣ Q 9 6 4

The bulletin expounded on the play in 4♠, but did not look too carefully at the play in no-trumps. Curiously, against an inspired declarer the defence would really have to be on their toes to stop ten tricks in no-trumps.

Imagine as West that you remove yourself from 4♠* to 4NT on the lead of the diamond queen. You pass the ♠Q and find the expected bad news, then lead a heart to the jack. North wins and clears the diamonds, you lead a heart to your ace, and endplay South with the third heart.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ -
♦ -
♣ Q 9 6

No matter what South does you have ten tricks. Of course an astute South would pitch the ♥Q on the second diamond to avoid this position - and that would be nice defence would it not?

Let's go back to what really happened at the table. Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and ran the ♥9 to the 10. North cleared the diamonds, and South carelessly pitched a low heart. Declarer won the diamond in hand and exited with a low heart, leaving North with the obligation to crocodile his partner's ♥Q...but wait a second! Did partner have the bare ♥A or the bare ♥Q? Unable to bear the ridicule if he had reduced his three heart winners to two, North played low, and South had to win the ♥Q. Ten tricks made, and the magic number recorded.

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IBPA AWARDS WINNERS & SHORT LIST

IBPA Personalities of the Year (Joint): Bill Gates (USA) and Warren Buffett (USA)

For the first time in the 33-year history of this Award we are making two people joint winners. They certainly rank as two of the world's most famous bridge-players though their fame is built outside bridge.

This year one gave the other a donation that made headlines around the world and brought much favourable mention for bridge in that their friendship and trust of each other was based upon the game.

Last year the support they provided to junior bridge in the USA will hopefully transform the future of bridge in that country and reverse the trend of an ageing bridge population there.

When one of these two competed in the World Bridge Championships in Montreal in 2002 and Verona this year, the media were attracted to the championships in volumes we rarely see. Two intellects admired throughout the world are now firmly associated with bridge.

The two men, you will have deduced, are Bill Gates of Microsoft and Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway. Last year their donation to the ACBL to encourage young people to play bridge was one million dollars. The two argue that the game teaches logic, mental arithmetic, and co-operative behaviour, all beneficial to young people.

This year Buffett, "the sage of Omaha", made a donation to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a charitable trust, of sixty billion dollars, with the objective of tackling global poverty and disease. The mind-boggling amount has the chance to make a real difference to the world. Making the donation Mr. Buffett said "You can do a better job of giving it away than I can". Mr. Gates said: "It's almost scary. If I make a mistake with my own money it just doesn't feel the same as making a mistake with Warren's money."

The two first met in 1991. Buffett was already a bridge-player, and it was admiration for his intellect that encouraged Gates to give the game a try some eight years ago. Both now compete on the internet.

This year Bill Gates has also announced his forthcoming retirement from Executive control of Microsoft. We have little doubt that he intends to spend more time playing bridge.

P. D. Jourdain, President, International Bridge Press Association Warsaw 23rd Aug 2006

Alan Truscott Memorial Award

Winner: Chris Dixon (Eng)

For reporting from the South Pole IBPA (494.2) and then the Sahara (497.2)

C&R Motors Declarer Play of the Year

Winner: Tarek Sadek (Egypt) by Brent Manley (USA) (\$250) in Estoril 491.9

Short list:

Phil Gue, Governor's Cup, Jakarta Sep/05 by Jos Jacobs 490.5

Justin Hackett (Estoril) by Mark Horton 491.9

Andrew McIntosh (NEC Cup) by Eric Kokish/Richard Colker 495.2

Michael Rosenberg (ACBL Regional) by Bobby Wolff 495.3

ITES Defence Award

Winner: Nino Masucci (Italy) by Kyoko Ohno (Japan), Estoril Seniors 494.13

Short list:

Zia Mahmood, Lederer, by Simon Cocheme 493.2

Peter Gill (South African Nationals, July'05) by Ron Klinger 489.5

Fu Zhong & Jack Zhao, Estoril, by Mark Horton 491.8

Maarten Schollardt Dutch Teams Final by David Bird 495.4

Precision Bidding Award

Winners: Debbie Rosenberg & JoAnna Stansby (USA) by Matt Granovetter (USA) (\$200 + 6 months membership) in Estoril 499.12

Short list:

Tony Nunn & Sartaj Hans, Lederer, by Simon Cocheme 493.3

Jill Meyers & Jill Levin, Cavendish by Richard Colker 497.8

Tommy Garvey & John Carroll (Ire), Verona, by Peter Gill, Slovakia B1.3

Fred Gitelman & Brad Moss, Verona, by Sheri Winestock, 499.12

Brazilian Junior Award

Winner: Dana Tal (Isr) by Sandra Kulovic-Probst (Eng) (\$250), Bangkok 9.14

Short list:

Marion Michielsen, European University Teams, by Christer Andersson 490.13

Meike Wortel, White House Top Teams, by Jan van Cleeff, 495.14

Justin Lall, Chicago GNT 2.13 by Paul Linxwiler, Chicago

Adam Edgton-Niclas Ege defence World Junior Pairs 499.4 by Peter Gill

Thomas Bessis, Bangkok 7.15 by Brian Senior

Masterpoint Press Book of the Year (see 497.1)

Winner: Sabine Auken: I Love This Game (\$500) presented by Patrick Jourdain

Short list:

Roy Hughes: Card by Card

R. Jayaram (Jay): Serendipity in Bridge

Krzysztof Jassem: WJO5 - A modern version of the Polish Club

Ron Klinger: 5-card Major Stayman

Julian Pottage: Defend These Hands with Me

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Minutes of the EBL Seniors Open Forum

Warsaw, Wed 23rd Aug, 2006 14.30.

Present: Chair: G. Mattsson (Ger); Secretary: P. Jourdain (Wales); Hon Chair: N. Rand (Isr) plus 30 seniors from at least ten countries.

1. 2008

The Chairman announced that the next EBL Senior Team Championship would be in Pau, France (80 km East of Biarritz) in June 2008. The event for Seniors would be shortened to eight days with the first match on the middle Saturday and the last match on the final Saturday. Formats would be published for all likely number of entrants but the actual format to be used would not be known until the final numbers were known. There would be time to play 21 matches of 16 boards.

2. EBL Masterpoints

The Chairman reported on the new EBL Masterpoint scheme which would separately identify points won in the seven categories of Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed, Under 25, Under 20, and Girls events.

3. Warsaw

The Chairman asked for comments on the event in Warsaw. Comments were generally highly favourable. On the matter of number of boards per day there was a big majority in favour of the current 48, playing the same boards as the Women and Open. One problem with this was that hand records could not be allowed until the other events had completed 20 boards and Seniors had left the playing area, but this had been partly solved by providing hand records at the VuGraph Hall in the main hotel.

4. Qualification for WBF Seniors Bowl in Shanghai

The top six in the top Group would be invited. If any of

these did not take up the invitation, or Europe had a seventh team, the invitation would go to the winner of Group B ahead of the 7th team in Group A.

5. Entries

The numbers in Warsaw (16 countries) were disappointing but two countries (Lebanon and Austria) had dropped out at the last minute for special reasons. The notable missing countries tended to quote expense as the main factor but the Chairman felt that some Federations were simply not bothering to make the effort to arrange teams. The expense in Pau would be reduced by the shortened event and the availability of cheap hotels near the venue. Mr. Resta raised the matter again of more than one team per country, but the Chairman ruled this out of discussion, as it was a matter of principle decided by the EBL Executive that countries were limited to one team in the even-numbered years of the official EBL Team Championships.

6. 2007

There would be Senior Pairs and Teams in Antalya. The meeting generally agreed that the schedules in both Tenerife and Verona for Seniors Pairs/Teams had been too exhausting and that there should be at least one break of at least a half-day during the Schedule.

7. EBL Approved Seniors Congresses

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the Seniors events in England (Brighton), Italy (Riccione), and Israel (Tel Aviv). Mr. Resta described the 7-day Seniors Festival in Riccione in July 2007. Details would be put on the EBL website. The Chairman said that that it had been agreed that the EBL website should have a Seniors page.

Meeting closed at 15.30.

G. Mattsson Chairman

P. Jourdain Secretary



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EBL MASTER POINTS PLAN

The EBL today is living with a system that is uncontrollable. We don't know the history of why and when a player received master points. Furthermore we have a system in which the titles are very unfair. There are no titles given just because you are a champion.

All countries have treated this system over the last 20 years with different interest. This creates problems when some countries choose to transfer national quotas and some don't, i.e. the system becomes unfair. Some even transfer EBL points back to the national systems.

The master point committee has discussed this over the last year and the point has been on the agenda for the last years. The outcome of these discussions is outlined below.

European MasterPoints (EMP) can only be obtained from EBL events, which comprise the following categories:

Open
Women
Senior
Mixed
Junior
Schools
Girls

An award will be given to the first 3 ranked players in each category every second year (the first occasion will be in Antalya 2007).

So far as the overall ranking list is concerned all players will be in a common ranking list and all EMPs will show the category in which they have been earned.

There will be ranking lists for each category, reflecting the number of master points won in the relevant EBL events.

There will be no cutting of points; the ones already earned will stand. There will be no transfer of points from WBF or national events.

TITLES

These will be awarded using a player's overall ranking taking into account all categories as shown on the overall list.

European Grand Master

The title of European Grand Master is given to players who have earned at least 1000 EMPs or are already WBF Grand Masters.

European Master

To qualify for European Master a player must have acquired 250 EMPs or more.

European Champion

The title of European Champion is given to a player who was awarded an EBL gold medal.

To be able to get a good start we need to destroy the old system and set everyone back to zero. The main reason for this is that we are living with a system that not is comparable with the new proposal in any way. When this is done, we will recalculate all tournaments from 1980 according the new scales. This will in fact create a more accurate system then the one we are running on today. The reason for

this is that the old system started to count in 1984 or 1985 so the new system will have more data included.

Each player will have their personal account, which is visible for all to see. This is important also so the players can check that they actually got what they should have received.

To check an account, use the menu to go to people and search for the one you want to look at.

The tables providing details of the master point awards can be found at: www.eurobridge.org

(Use the menu to go to departments and then master points)

Dummy Reversal in the Bidding

by O.Beauvillain

You know about this manoeuvre when playing the dummy, but have you ever encountered it in the bidding?

On this deal from Round 25 of the Open series Deep Finesse tells us that you can win the heart slam from East but not from West, but how can you possibly first bid the heart suit from that side?

Let's have a look at Germany's Elinescu-Wladow, fighting against the Israeli team to stay in contention.

Dealer North. All Vul.

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E							
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Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Grinberg</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
		Pass	2♠*	3♣
4♣*		Pass	4♥*	Pass
6♥		All Pass		
2♠		11-14, 6 card suit		
4♣		RKCB		
4♥		0-3		

That was worth 13 IMPs on the way to a 24-6 VP victory to stay near the top six and send Israel away!!!

Maybe we will see this deal in some future bidding challenge!

Bjornlund makes his Debut

by Daniel Auby - Sweden

In 1996 the European junior championships were played in Cardiff. Surprise winners of the Butler were the "2nd" Swedish pair Fredrik Bjornlund and Anders Eriksson. At the time they used the Ultimate Club which arguably is the most complicated system ever used by at least a substantial number of players, whatever "substantial" may mean. Ever since we have waited for Fredrik to take the step from the Junior elite into the open elite, a step many promising juniors fail to accomplish.

During these 10 years Fredrik has educated himself, as every young man should, but as well continued to develop his bridge skills.

When some time ago the partnership of Magnus Lindkvist and Peter Fredin, mainstays on the Swedish team since 1999, broke up their partnership Fredrik got his chance to form a great partnership. Magnus retired from bridge and Peter and Fredrik decided to try and make it for this year's national team. They succeeded and thus Fredrik now makes his debut in this championship and had to prove his worth.

Incidentally this caused some problems for the rest of us on the team as we now have one partnership consisting of Peter and Fredrik and then we have another one consisting of Fredrik (Nystrom) and Peter (Bertheau).

Peter Fredin was sent home a couple of days ago and since then we have played on as a five-man team. Fredrik Bjornlund played two of the last 10 or so matches together with Fredrik Nystrom. In round 28 they were up against Portugal and Fredrik Bjornlund had the task of taking 9 tricks in 3NT on board 13.

king. Fredrik ducked it and North continued with the 8. Fredrik won with the ace as South followed with the five. How would you continue?

Fredrik was able to spot a 100% line of play providing South had four diamonds, which the carding very strongly suggested. Can you?

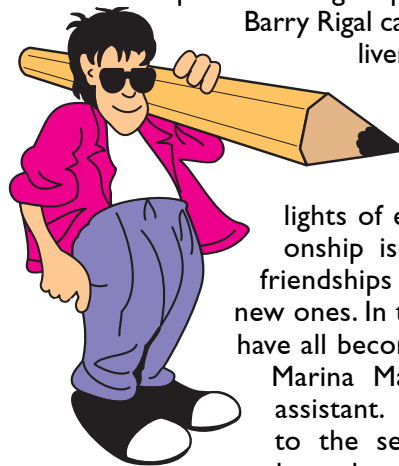
He cashed dummy's ace and king of spades and then entered his hand with the king of clubs. He cashed the diamond queen and put South on lead with a fourth round of diamonds, discarding clubs from dummy.

A heart return would now give him an extra heart trick, a club would be into his tenace and finally a spade would establish a spade trick in dummy however the spades were distributed.

Neatly done by Fredrik who has not only played well during this championship, especially considering the environment in which he was forced to play, but also has proven to be a first class team mate. Thus he has now finally taken the step into the front line of Swedish bridge stars. Well done Fredrik!

Championship Diary

To quote Tacchi, yesterday was a bad hair day, and we were in danger of committing a ghastly error in the proof reading department. Fortunately Barry Rigal came to the rescue, delivering his more accurately considered pages just in time.



One of the delights of every major Championship is the renewal of old friendships and the creation of new ones. In the Bulletin room we have all become especially fond of Marina Madia, the president's assistant. Unfortunately owing to the serious illness of her mother she has had to return home. If you are reading these lines Marina our thoughts are with you - you are both in our prayers.

The advent of Bridgebase and Swan is of inestimable benefit to major bridge events, but there is always a down side. So many players and journalists want to follow the matches that they are threatening to overrun the Press Room, thereby sometimes causing a problem for a journalist who wants to type up a story.

Perhaps future events will see an area dedicated solely for the purpose of watching online?

Dealer North. All Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Cruzeiro	Bjornlund	Matos
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead ♦6 (3rd/5th)

Fredrik played the 10 from dummy and North played the

NASZE PANIE W AKCJI – C.D.

Marek Wójcicki

Kolejnym udanym meczem naszej reprezentacji był mecz z Izraelem, wygrany 19:11 (72–53). Tutaj także nasze panie pokazały kilka skutecznych zagrań:

Już w pierwszym rozdaniu zanotowaliśmy 11 imp zysku dzięki lepszej ocenie karty:

Rozd. 1. Rozdawał N; obie przed partią.

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

Pokój otwarty

West <i>Meiri</i>	North <i>Harasimowicz</i>	East <i>Moran</i>	South <i>Pasternak</i>
	Pas	1♦	1♥
1♠	3♣ ¹	3♠ ?	4♥
4♠	pas	pas	5♥
pas	pas	ktr.	pas...

¹ trefle z fitem kierowym

Spokojna licytacja pozwoliła naszej parze sprawdzić nie najgorsze sfitowanie rąk NS. E uznała jeszcze, że ma na kontrę... W zaatakowała ♠K. Po lewie na asa, rozgrywająca zagrała dziesiątkę kier na impas, a po wzięciu na nią lewy, oddała pika. Para izraelska zagrał teraz dwa razy w karo. Małgosia Pasternak przebiła, przebiła w stole pika i zagrała w atu. Po zagraniu jeszcze dwóch kierów, zaimpasowała trefle damą, a gdy od E spadła dziewiątka, wróciła do ręki przebitką karo i zagrała waleta trefl – swoje i 650 dla Polski.

Pokój zamknięty

West <i>Szczepańska</i>	North <i>Dan</i>	East <i>Sobolewska</i>	South <i>Lazar</i>
	Pas	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	3BA	pas...

W pokoju zamkniętym nasza para szybko stanęła w końcówce bezatutowej na linii WE, odbierając chęć do wyższej licytacji przeciwniczkom. Po ataku damą kier ten kontrakt zakończył się wpadką bez dwóch.

Na marginesie tego rozdania – obrona może na kontrakt bezatutowy, grany na linii WE, ściągnąć 12 lew, kładąc go bez ośmiu. Czy taka sytuacja może być nazwana „nie licytowanym szlemikiem”?

W następnym rozdaniu dużym wyczuciem wykazała się Ewa Harasimowicz:

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

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

West <i>Meiri</i>	North <i>Harasimowicz</i>	East <i>Moran</i>	South <i>Pasternak</i>
		1♦	pas
pas	PAS!!!		



Anna Szczepańska, Poland

Ewa celnie oceniła, że partnerka nie ma wielkiego trąpinga na karach i odpuściła licytację. W świetle wydarzeń na drugim stole była to bardzo trafna decyzja, gdyż nasze zawodniczki na linii WE doszły do końcówki błyskawicznie:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Dan	Sobolewska	Lazar
		1♦	1♥
2♦	pas	5♦	pas...

S zdecydowała się na dyskusyjny wist waletem trefl po którym rozgrywka była bezproblemowa i nasza drużyna zarobiła 6 imp.

W kolejnym rozdaniu wystąpił klasyczny problem – czym wznowić na pozycji re-open?

Rozd. 12. Rozdawał W; strona NS po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Meiri	Harasimowicz	Moran	Pasternak
1♦	1♠	pas	pas
ktr.	pas	pas	rktr.
pas	2♥	pas	pas
3♦	pas	3♥	ktr.
3BA	pas...		

W pokoju otwartym zawodniczka izraelska na pozycji W wznowiła kontrę pomimo niewielkiej siły i w zasadzie jednostronnej ręki na karach. Pozwoliło to naszej parze znaleźć kiery. W efekcie tego na 3BA nastąpił atak kierowy, po którym, przy aktualnym podziale kar, kontrakt był nie do wygrania.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Dan	Sobolewska	Lazar
		pas	pas
2♦	pas	3BA	pas...

Tutaj Ania Szczepańska wznowiła odzywką 2♦, z którą absolutnie się solidaryzuję. S wyszła prostolinijnie w pika i bezproblemowe 10 lew. 10 imp dla Polski.

W kolejnym rozdaniu Ewa Harasimowicz wykazała się ładną rozgrywką:

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

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Meiri	Harasimowicz	Moran	Pasternak
1♥	3♠	1♦	pas
		ktr.	pas...

Po ataku dwa razy w kiera Ewa przebiła i zagrała damę karo – teraz obrona nie mogła już dostać lewy treflowej i było tylko za 500. Na drugim stole N nie weszła do licytacji i nasza para została wypuszczona na 4♥.



Malgorzata Pasternak, Poland

JAK ZA DAWNYCH LAT?

Marek Wójcicki

Nasza reprezentacja w kategorii open w środę zdobyła 49 VP, przesuając się na siódme miejsce w tabeli. Zaświtała szansa włączenia się do walki o miejsca, premiowane prawem startu w Bermuda Bowl. Coś więcej będzie można powiedzieć po czwartku – tego dnia czekają naszych reprezentantów dwa ciężkie mecze – z Anglią i Włochami. W momencie, gdy ten biuletyn dotrze do czytelników, sprawa będzie już bardziej klarowna.

49 VP w meczach z drużynami Chorwacji i Izraela to wynik jak z dawnych lat, kiedy nasza drużyna nadawał ton mistrzostwom. Popatrzmy na kilka rozdań z tych meczów:

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Rozd. 7. Rozdawał S; obie po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Birman	Chmurski	Fohrer
			3♠
4♦ !	pas	5♦	pas
pas	ktr.	pas...	

Gawryś śmiało wkroczył do licytacji, co doprowadziło do końcówki, którą N, czemu trudno się dziwić, skontrował. Birman zaatakował asem, a następnie blotką kier. Gawryś zabił królem, przeszedł do ręki asem trefl i zagrał karo – N podłożył damę... 550 dla Polski.

Na drugim stole Kowalski uznał, że ośmiokart przychodzi za rzadko, aby otworzyć z nim tylko na wysokości trzech:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Liran	Tuszynski	Levinger	Kowalski
			4♠
			pas...

Tutaj para izraelska zachowała się pasywnie. W wyszedł w kiery i bez dwóch. 11 imp dla Polski.

W rozdaniu ósmym Gawryś trafnie otworzył IBA na 14 PC:



Bartosz Chmurski, Poland

Rozd. 8. Rozdawał W; obie przed partią.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Birman	Chmurski	Fohrer
IBA	pas	4♥	pas
4♠	pas...		

Po otwarciu Gawryśa IBA kontrakt pikowy został ustawiony z ręki W i N miał poważny problem wistowy. Birman zdecydował się na atak ♥7 i kontrakt został zrealizowany z nadrobką.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Liran	Tuszynski	Levinger	Kowalski
1♦	ktr.	1♠??	3♥
pas	4♥	4♠	pas
pas	ktr.	pas...	

Tutaj W otworzył 1♦ i kontrakt pikowy był grany z przeciwnej ręki, w dodatku z kontrą. Kowalski nie miał problemu – zawistował ♣K i po kontynuacji trefli nasza para obłożyła kontrakt bez jednej. Kolejne 11 imp dla Polski.

Rozdanie 12 dobrze ilustruje przewagę kamuflażu w licytacji strefy dogranej:

Rozd. 12. Rozdawał W; strona NS po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Birman	Chmurski	Fohrer
pas	1♦	pas	1♥
pas	1♠	pas	2♣ ¹
pas	2♥	pas	3♥
pas	4♥	pas...	

¹ checkback

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Liran	Tuszynski	Levinger	Kowalski
pas	1♣	pas	1♥
pas	1♠	pas	2♣ ¹
pas	2♥	pas	4♥
pas...			

¹ checkback

Z ręki W na kontrakt 4♥ w rachubę wchodzi dwa wisty – karowy i kierowy. Para izraelska zgłosiła kara w licytacji i Gawryś wybrał kładący wist w atu. Natomiast zawodnik izraelski nie miał informacji o karach – otwarcie 1♣ było enigmatyczne – wyszedł w karo, wypuszczając kontrakt. 12 imp dla Polski.

Rozdanie 16 pokazywało różnice w podejściu do licytacji:

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

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Birman	Chmurski	Fohrer
pas	pas	1♥	2♦?
3♦	5♦	ktr.	pas...

Bez jednej, 100 dla Polski.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Liran	Tuszynski	Levinger	Kowalski
pas	pas	1♥	pas
2♥	ktr.	pas	4♦
pas...			

Po ataku damą kier swoje. 6 imp dla Polski.

Wejście 2♦ jest lekko naciągnięte, nawet w korzystnych założeniach. Trudno winić gracza N za skok na 5♦. Kowalski słusznie powstrzymał się przed wejściem i nasza para zatrzymała się w jeszcze idącym kontrakcie.

POLSKA – CHORWACJA

Już w trzecim rozdaniu tego meczu mogliśmy podziwiać ładną licytację Gierulskiego ze Skrzypczakiem:

Rozd. 3. Rozdawał S; strona WE po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Brguljan	Chmurski	Rase	Gawryś
1♠	pas	1BA ¹	pas
3♦	3♥	4♥	2♥
5♣	pas	5♦	pas
			pas...

¹ forsujące

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Borekovic	Skrzypczak	Zoric
2♠	pas	3♥	2♥!
4♦	pas	4♥	pas
4♠	pas	4BA	pas
5♣	pas	6♦	pas...

Chorwat otworzył licytację nietypowym blokiem na piątce, a mimo to nasza para doszła do szlemika, do którego nie znaleźli drogi przeciwnicy na drugim stole.

W rozdaniu 13 rozkłady były nieco kąśliwe:

Rozd. 13. Rozdawał N; obie po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Brguljan	Chmurski	Rase	Gawryś
1♥	pas	1♣	1♦
pas	pas	3BA	pas
	ktr.!	pas...	

Chorwaci wyraźnie przesadzili w licytacji, ale po wejściu Gawryśa Bartek zdecydował się na kontrę, która dała nadspodziewanie dobry wynik – S wyszedł w kiery, a rozgry-

wający po lewie na asa zagrał dziesiątką karo... W efekcie leżał bez czterech, za 1100. Na drugim stole nasi też dojechali do 3BA, ale po licytacji, po której zaden z graczy NS nie miał klarownej sytuacji:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Borekovic	Skrzypczak	Zoric
1♥	pas	1♦	pas
3♥	pas	3♦	pas
	pas	3BA	pas...

Ten kontrakt zakończył się wpadką bez trzech. 14 imp dla Polski.

W rozdaniu 19, ostrzeżeni przez dwukolorową interwencję obrońcy, Gierulski – Skrzypczak ominęli rafę kontraktu kolorowego:

Rozd. 19. Rozdawał S; strona WE po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Brguljan	Chmurski	Rase	Gawryś
1♣	pas	1♠	pas
1BA	pas	2BA	pas
3♣	pas	3♦	pas
4♠	pas...		

Gawryś wyszedł waletem trefl – król, as... Teraz dama trefl i przebitka, a S odwrócił w kiery i bez jednej!

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Borekovic	Skrzypczak	Zoric
1♥	2BA ¹	ktr.	pas
3BA	pas...		3♦

¹ młodsze

Po ataku trójką trefl rozgrywający wziął 12 lew. 690 i 13 imp dla Polski.



48th Prokom Software SA European Bridge Team Championships



Awards & Prizes



In celebration of its 50th anniversary the **Polish Bridge Union** commissioned the most famous jewellery company in Poland, **W.Kruk** to design unique trophies and medals to commemorate the event. During the Championships these limited editions have been presented to civic dignitaries, EBL officials and friends of the Polish Bridge Union.

In addition to the trophies, the Polish bridge Union also commissioned gold pens designed by Sheaffer for presentation to the **Prokom Software SA** European Bridge Open Team Champions.

At Saturday's closing ceremony there will be cups, medals and prizes for the teams.

