



Daily Bulletin

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LE JOUR DE GLOIRE EST ARRIVÉ DAS LIED DER DEUTSCHEN



Allez les Bleus



Deutschland Deutschland



France have had to wait a long time, but after an interval of 11 years they have added an 11th title to their illustrious record in the 48th Prokom Software SA European Bridge Team Women's Championship. Congratulations to **Gérard Tissot NPC, Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine Fishpool, Catherine D'Ovidio, Fabienne Pigeaud & Sylvie Willard**. Remarkably, this was the only time that France topped the table during the Championship.

Netherlands, Ed Franken NPC, Hans Kelder Coach, Carla Arnolds, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Bep Vriend & Meike Wortel took silver and **England, Martin Jones NPC, Christine Duckworth Coach, Nicola Smith, Heather Dhondy, Michelle Brunner, Rhona Goldenfield, Catherine Jagger, Sarah Teshome** bronze.

Germany, represented by **Hans Humburg PC, Goran Mattsson, Bernhard Strater, Ulrich Kratz, Horst-Dieter Uhlmann & Werner Schneider** was a convincing winner of the 48th Prokom Software SA European Bridge Team Seniors Championship.



OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 33** 10.30

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

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 31 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PORTUGAL	TURKEY	39 - 78	7 - 23
2	POLAND	LITHUANIA	61 - 29	22 - 8
3	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	18 - 34	12 - 18
4	SERBIA	SPAIN	27 - 61	8 - 22
5	BULGARIA	NORWAY	41 - 44	14 - 16
6	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	39 - 29	17 - 13
7	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	26 - 45	11 - 19
8	ITALY	BELARUS	50 - 12	23 - 7
9	IRELAND	RUSSIA	53 - 22	21 - 9
10	SWITZERLAND	ROMANIA	39 - 33	16 - 14
11	GREECE	SAN MARINO	66 - 30	22 - 8
12	LUXEMBURG	GERMANY	17 - 67	5 - 25
13	ISRAEL	ESTONIA	16 - 52	8 - 22
14	WALES	ICELAND	38 - 32	16 - 14
15	LATVIA	FRANCE	38 - 37	15 - 15
16	FINLAND	BELGIUM	19 - 35	12 - 18
	CROATIA			18 - 0

ROUND 32 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ESTONIA	CROATIA	5 - 50	6 - 24
2	NORWAY	IRELAND	25 - 36	13 - 17
3	RUSSIA	TURKEY	19 - 57	7 - 23
4	ICELAND	DENMARK	33 - 29	16 - 14
5	BELGIUM	LITHUANIA	54 - 53	15 - 15
6	SCOTLAND	BULGARIA	10 - 42	8 - 22
7	SWITZERLAND	LATVIA	41 - 25	18 - 12
8	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	29 - 38	13 - 17
9	SPAIN	WALES	43 - 70	9 - 21
10	FRANCE	SERBIA	18 - 39	11 - 19
11	ROMANIA	GREECE	34 - 42	14 - 16
12	PORTUGAL	LUXEMBURG	48 - 66	11 - 19
13	HUNGARY	ITALY	12 - 8	16 - 14
14	GERMANY	POLAND	25 - 65	7 - 23
15	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL	40 - 40	15 - 15
16	BELARUS	FINLAND	84 - 37	24 - 6
	ENGLAND			18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 32 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	643.00
2	NORWAY	577.00
3	IRELAND	571.00
	NETHERLANDS	571.00
5	SWEDEN	567.00
6	POLAND	565.00
7	ICELAND	557.00
8	FRANCE	530.50
9	ENGLAND	523.00
10	GERMANY	516.00
11	HUNGARY	512.00
12	TURKEY	510.00
13	BULGARIA	507.00
14	SPAIN	494.00
15	DENMARK	489.00
16	ISRAEL	488.50
18	RUSSIA	477.00
19	FINLAND	455.00
20	CROATIA	449.00
21	BELARUS	440.00
22	BELGIUM	439.50
23	GREECE	437.50
24	SWITZERLAND	428.00
25	WALES	427.00
26	SERBIA	426.00
27	ESTONIA	424.00
28	PORTUGAL	412.00
29	LATVIA	402.00
30	ROMANIA	389.00
31	LUXEMBURG	374.00
32	LITHUANIA	360.00
33	SAN MARINO	354.00

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 20 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	GREECE	59 - 16	24 - 6
2	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	22 - 75	5 - 25
3	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	28 - 53	10 - 20
4	FINLAND	DENMARK	38 - 40	15 - 15
5	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	51 - 30	19 - 11
6	SWEDEN	IRELAND	44 - 24	19 - 11
7	SAN MARINO	POLAND	43 - 29	18 - 12
8	ENGLAND	GERMANY	36 - 21	18 - 12
9	CROATIA	HUNGARY	42 - 26	18 - 12
10	RUSSIA	ISRAEL	33 - 26	16 - 14
11	FRANCE	NORWAY	64 - 12	25 - 5

ROUND 21 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NORWAY	IRELAND	59 - 31	21 - 9
2	FRANCE	SAN MARINO	62 - 23	23 - 7
3	DENMARK	ICELAND	33 - 64	9 - 21
4	GERMANY	FINLAND	32 - 39	14 - 16
5	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	29 - 47	11 - 19
6	POLAND	SPAIN	58 - 16	24 - 6
7	ISRAEL	ITALY	17 - 79	3 - 25
8	GREECE	TURKEY	69 - 10	25 - 4
9	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA	50 - 34	18 - 12
10	HUNGARY	ENGLAND	35 - 44	13 - 17
11	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	60 - 32	21 - 9

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All passengers travelling to the United States of America, Canada, Israel and Great Britain from Terminal I and all passengers departing from the Etuda Terminal are supposed to pass through the manual search performed by Border Police Officers.

- No hand luggage is allowed to be taken on board.
- Only items mentioned below can be taken on board by the passengers:

- Wallets and personal documents
- Travel documents (passports and tickets)
- Keys (without any electronic elements)
- Medicines necessary for the flight time
- Glasses
- Plastic containers for contact lenses (no bottles with solutions allowed)

- Personal hygiene products (handkerchiefs, wet handkerchiefs, sanitary towels, tampons) without containers
- Food and milk for infants and babies (passenger responsible for the child is supposed to sample a small amount of the food in the presence of the Border Police Officer)

The items mentioned can be taken on board in transparent plastic bags only!

Other goods can be transported in the registered baggage only!

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING FINAL*subject to official confirmation*

1	FRANCE	398.00
2	NETHERLANDS	391.00
3	ENGLAND	384.00
4	GERMANY	378.00
5	DENMARK	350.00
6	CROATIA	346.00
7	POLAND	345.00
8	AUSTRIA	335.00
9	ITALY	327.50
10	NORWAY	324.00
11	SPAIN	324.00
12	SWEDEN	312.00
13	SCOTLAND	296.00
14	FINLAND	294.00
15	ISRAEL	291.00
16	TURKEY	278.00
17	HUNGARY	275.50
18	RUSSIA	265.00
19	SANMARINO	258.00
20	IRELAND	251.00
21	GREECE	247.00
22	ICELAND	210.00

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

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SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS GROUP A

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	FRANCE	21 - 28	14 - 16
2	SWEDEN	GERMANY	27 - 30	14 - 16
3	POLAND	DENMARK	56 - 45	17 - 13
4	SCOTLAND	ITALY	41 - 33	17 - 13

ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SCOTLAND	TURKEY	48 - 11	24 - 6
2	ITALY	POLAND	17 - 35	11 - 19
3	DENMARK	SWEDEN	16 - 5	17 - 13
4	GERMANY	FRANCE	14 - 36	10 - 20

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	GERMANY	13 - 41	8 - 22
2	FRANCE	DENMARK	29 - 11	19 - 11
3	SWEDEN	ITALY	55 - 15	24 - 6
4	POLAND	SCOTLAND	56 - 6	25 - 4

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING GROUP A - Final

subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	351.75
2	SWEDEN	337.75
3	FRANCE	335.00
4	DENMARK	327.50
5	POLAND	317.50
6	ITALY	315.00
7	TURKEY	304.00
8	SCOTLAND	272.25

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS GROUP B

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	28 - 31	14 - 16
6	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	13 - 56	5 - 25
7	IRELAND	ISRAEL	24 - 59	7 - 23
8	ESTONIA	WALES	25 - 29	14 - 16

ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	27 - 14	18 - 12
6	WALES	IRELAND	23 - 13	17 - 13
7	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	37 - 34	16 - 14
8	ENGLAND	FINLAND	34 - 16	19 - 11

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	35 - 49	12 - 18
6	FINLAND	ISRAEL	28 - 27	15 - 15
7	SWITZERLAND	WALES	37 - 14	20 - 10
8	IRELAND	ESTONIA	18 - 36	11 - 19

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING GROUP B - Final

subject to official confirmation

1	ISRAEL	318.50
2	ENGLAND	307.75
3	NETHERLANDS	303.00
4	FINLAND	281.75
5	WALES	262.00
6	SWITZERLAND	250.50
7	IRELAND	248.75
8	ESTONIA	237.25

Today's VuGraph Matches

Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor

Sweden - Iceland 10.30

Swan Games OnLine

Norway - Turkey 10.30

BBO OnLine Transmissions

Luxemburg - Poland 10.30

Wales - France 10.30

Bulgaria - Netherlands 10.30

Ireland - Scotland 10.30

OPEN TEAMS

Round 28

England v Poland

by Mark Horton

No apologies for presenting England once again. They faced Poland in a match that was crucial for both teams.

Board:2. Dealer East. Vul: NS.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Price	Chmurski	Simpson
1♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

In theory the defence can take four tricks against a heart contact, but it's easy not to do so.

Declarer won the club lead, discarded his diamond on a second club drew trumps and played spades, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Gierulski	Gold	Skrzypczak
1♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

This time the failure to lead a pointed suit was more serious, +620 and 10 IMPs for Poland.

They immediately doubled their advantage:

Board:3. Dealer South. Vul: EW.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Price	Chmurski	Simpson
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

East led the ace of diamonds and the two was exactly the card you would like to see playing upside down signals. He continued with the king, gave his partner a ruff and West returned a heart, a fast one down, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Gierulski	Gold	Skrzypczak
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3NT

East led the king of diamonds and playing standard count the two was just the card West did not want to have to play. East switched to the ten of clubs and the contract



Tom Townsend, England

rolled home, +420 — another 10 IMPs. (Might West have contributed the ♠Q at trick one?)

Board:4. Dealer West. Vul: All

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

Open Room

West <i>Gawrys</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Chmurski</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

As you can see there is no defence and declarer was soon claiming +850.

West might have shown two places to play with 4NT, but it would still be difficult to find the save in Six Clubs.

Closed Room

West <i>Townsend</i>	North <i>Gierulski</i>	East <i>Gold</i>	South <i>Skrzypczak</i>
1♥	2♥	Pass	4♠
5♣	5♦	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

No double no trouble and England had 5 IMPs, reducing their deficit to 10-20 IMPs.

Board:5. Dealer North. Vul: NS

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

Open Room

West <i>Gawrys</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Chmurski</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
	All Pass		

I'll confess it is tempting to write a page or two about the modern style of opening bids and then try and explain this auction. Luckily for you, dear readers, I thought better of it.

Closed Room

West <i>Townsend</i>	North <i>Gierulski</i>	East <i>Gold</i>	South <i>Skrzypczak</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠*	Pass	INT	All Pass

One Diamond was a transfer to hearts.

As you can see there was no defence to INT. On the lead of the jack of spades, North won with the king and switched to the six of hearts. The defenders took four tricks in that suit, but thereafter could only take the ace of diamonds, -90 and 3 IMPs for England.

Board:7. Dealer South. Vul: All.

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

Open Room

West <i>Gawrys</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Chmurski</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the jack of diamonds and West took the ace and switched to a club, won by East who returned the suit. Declarer won in hand, crossed to the ace of spades and ran the queen of hearts, East discarding a diamond. Declarer crossed to the king of diamonds, cashed the king of spades and ruffed a spade with the jack of hearts. It would not help West to overruff, so he discarded a club, but declarer simply cashed the queen of diamonds and claimed. He can for

At this point if declarer plays the ten of spades, discarding a diamond if South ruffs, he can come to nine tricks however North/South defend. South had followed in spades with the eight, five and seven, so this was not necessarily impossible to find. When declarer played a heart to the king he could not avoid one down, North winning the diamond exit, playing the jack of hearts and exiting with a club. Still, it was 5 IMPs to England.

Board: 17. Dealer North. Vul: None.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Redble	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

The defence started with three rounds of clubs and then West switched to the two of hearts. Declarer took the ace, drew trumps and relied on the diamond finesse for a heart discard, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

As before, West cashed three clubs, East discarding two diamonds, and then switched to the nine of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps, played a heart to the ace, overtook the ten of spades and cashed the last trump. When he played a diamond to the ace he was one down, -50 and 5 IMPs more for England who won 36-23.

It was not enough for them, but it was a blow to Poland's hopes — we will have to wait and see if it proves to be fatal.

More stories

I thought I had covered the bases with the stories from this deal, but I have two more incidents to report. First, I said that I had only encountered one declarer as East unlucky enough to receive a club lead. Catherine d'Ovidio also played 6♥ as East and misguessed (naturally enough) on the lead of the club jack.

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

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

Tommy Garvey and John Carroll reached 6♥ from the West seat, avoiding this problem altogether. Carroll won the opening lead of the ♠9(!) in hand and drew trumps. Now he passed the ♠K to North, (pitching a diamond from hand) and North continued his plan of disinformation by shifting to the ♦J. Carroll naturally took the ♦K, expecting to be able to claim, and advanced the ♠Q to pitch a club.

When the bad split came to light he ran the last spade to pitch another diamond and had arrived at this ending:

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

Carroll had to decide who had the club king. If it was North, he could ruff a spade to hand and catch him in a trump squeeze. If North pitches a club, declarer plays the club ace and ruffs a club to bring down the king, and his hand is high. If North pitches a diamond, declarer cashes the minor-suit aces and dummy is high.

Of course we all know a true expert would rather play for a squeeze rather than take a finesse. But after much thought Carroll simply took the club finesse and claimed 12 tricks when it succeeded. The reason? North's opening lead. With all those minor suit potential winners he would just have led a passive trump or cashed the spade ace. His actual sequence of plays argued that he did not have the club king.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 30

Norway v Sweden

by Jos Jacobs

On Thursday evening, four rounds before the end of the championships, the great Scandinavian derby finally took place. This match happened to be the first match in a series of top matches for both the Scandinavian countries in contention, as Norway still had to play Ireland and Sweden would meet Netherlands and Iceland in their last two matches. Thus with the five main contenders for a Shanghai berth so close together, really everything still could happen.

This Norway-Sweden match for once did not bring the usual fireworks so we will have to be content with a short review of the most interesting hands.

Sweden had taken the lead on an extra doubled under-trick when Norway hit back:

A few boards later a slam looked to be there:

Board: 8. Dealer: West. None vul.

♠ 10 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K 9 7 5		♥ J 8 4									
♦ A K 10 9 7	♦ Q J 6 3 2										
♣ 7 3	♣ K 10 8										
♠ 8 7 6 5 3		♠ A K Q 4									
♥ 3 2		♥ A Q 10 6									
♦ -		♦ 8 5 4									
♣ Q J 6 5 4 2		♣ A 9									

Board: 4. Dealer: West. All vul.

♠ A	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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		♠ 9 8 7 6 2
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K 2		♥ A 9 8 5									
♦ A K Q J 7 6 4 2	♦ 10 8 3										
♣ Q 9	♣ J										
♠ K J 10		♠ Q 5 4 3									
♥ J 7		♥ Q 10 6 4 3									
♦ 5		♦ 9									
♣ A K 10 8 6 3 2		♣ 7 5 4									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

On the actual layout 11 tricks are the maximum, though



Anders Morath, Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♥
3♣	3♦	All Pass	

Careful bidding for a good result. Norway +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
2♣	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Once Efrainsson cuebid instead of jumping to 3♦ his side was in trouble. One down, Norway +100 and 6 IMPs back.

the slam could easily have been cold if you look at the NS cards only. If trumps are 3-2 and diamonds behave you are home, even on a club lead. Even with the bad slit, Bertheau had to be careful to defend accurately to avoid being end-played in diamonds. A surprisingly large number of Easts failed to pass the test!

One down, Sweden +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

More cautious bidding saw the Swedes land on their feet in 4♥, a very good place to be, today.

Sweden +450 and 11 IMPs. The score now: 21-7 to Sweden.

Two boards later, the difference in major suit approaches between the teams caused a precious little partscore swing:

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Just made. Norway +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			



Geir Helgemo, Norway

Just one down, Norway +100 and 5 IMPs back without any effort...

But then:

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
3♦	3♥	2♦	Pass
All Pass		5♦	Dble

Theoretically, taking the save was wrong as game does not

make. This, however, was the exception as we shall see. Anyway: Sweden -100 at this table.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
INT	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	2NT	3♥
Pass		All Pass	

West led the ♣10 to East's ace and the ♠10 came back. West overtook with the jack and went on to cash the ♠A. When his next move was to lead a diamond rather than a spade, declarer suddenly had the rest. Sweden an unexpected +420 and an equally unexpected gain of 8 IMPs to lead 36-12 now.

Different lines of declarer play brought another swing, this time to Norway:

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

On a diamond lead by East, declarer never was in trouble. When East discarded a heart on a top trump the suit could be ruffed out for an overtrick. Norway +450.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

At this table too, North was declarer but East led an ag-

gressive ♥J which was won by the ace. Declarer ruffed a heart in dummy and cashed two top trumps, getting the bad news. Instead of going for the double diamond hook he led a club to his hand, ruffed a heart, crossed again in clubs and threw his club loser on the 4th round of hearts. East continued the ♣Q ruffed with the nine and overruffed with the jack. Now, a diamond came back, ducked to East's queen. One more club now promoted the ♠8 into the setting trick. Norway +50 and 11 IMPs. Very unlucky or something.

On the next board, half this gain went overboard again when Norway missed a game:

Board: 17. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	3♣
Pass	3♦ ¹	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

3♦ showed a fair hand, worth about 3.5 ♥ but Helgemo judged he had already done enough. Norway +200 when everything was well-placed for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Morath</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The Bergen style worked well for the Swedes here and they registered an easy +450.

They thus extended their lead to 42-23. Two more IMPs on the last board brought the final score of the match up to 44-23 or 19-11 VP to Sweden. The fight for the two remaining medals thus was completely reopened.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 29

Poland v Italy

by Jos Jacobs

On Thursday morning, Poland were in 7th spot, a mere 6 VP behind both Sweden and Iceland, with The Netherlands only 3 more VP away. This meant they would have to score good wins in all three matches to catch at least one of them up. In the morning match, however, they suffered a serious setback when England beat them 18-12. This meant that even more would depend on the outcome of their afternoon match against Italy.

For their opponents the situation was far less tense as they only had the luxury problem of whether they would become European champions with two days to go or not. If Italy could manage to be 58 VP up at the end of Thursday's play that would be enough for them to clinch the title, as their last-round match is a bye.

On board I the Polish immediately took the lead never to lose it again. However, it was not a slam you would be very proud of:

Board: 1. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Tuszynski	Duboin	Kowalski
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Once Duboin showed four hearts in his 12-14 NT Bocchi did not investigate any further. On a normal heart lead, the defenders took the first five tricks. After that, the ♣A meant down two. Poland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Fantoni	Chmurski	Nunes
	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

One might say North's jump overcall drove the Poles to slam. When both minors behaved 12 tricks were easy

enough. Poland +920 and a tremendous start for them: 14 IMPs.

After a few quiet boards it was bingo again on board 6:

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

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

A remarkable hand: both South and West might open 2♣ Precision style and what is more: they both actually did!

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Tuszynski	Duboin	Kowalski
		Pass	2♣ ¹
Pass	2♦ ²	Pass	3♣ ³
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠ ⁴
Pass	4♦ ⁵	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

¹ Clubs

² Relay

³ No major

⁴ Short spades

⁵ End Signal

Three Spades showed shortness in the suit. Even with the hearts 5-0 the play presented no problem as the pointed suits behaved very nicely. Poland +420.

When Nunes passed, Gawrys quickly seized his chance to open 2♣ as well. This was not the right moment, however, as you will see from the auction below.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Fantoni	Chmurski	Nunes
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

Nothing special to the play, down three. Italy +800 and 9 IMPs back.

On board 10 the Polish declarer in 3NT drew the right conclusion from the lead:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
2♠ ¹	Pass	1♣	1♠
3NT	All Pass	3♣	Pass

2♠ showed a diamond suit. As Tuszynski could not lead his partner's suit he chose the ♥4, which ran to Bocchi's ♥7. A club to the king was won perforce by the ace and Kowalski returned a heart to the ten, jack and ace. The ♣K brought the bad news, so Bocchi cashed one more top club and led a spade to the queen. He now exited with the ♥Q so North could win two tricks in the suit but would then have to play a minor. In the meantime, Bocchi had discarded a diamond on the ♣Q but his low spade on the last heart. Tuszynski did return a diamond, of course, to the king and ace but after Bocchi cashed the ♦Q on which South played the nine, he had to guess which diamond to lead next. When he continued the ♦10 Kowalski won the jack and returned a spade but North's ♦8 made the last trick. Both keeping his low spade and playing a low diamond instead of the ♦10 would have send declarer home...Poland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
3♦	Pass	2♣	2♠
3NT	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Fantoni led the ♣4 and Gawrys put on dummy's ♣8 to bring down the ace from South. Nunes continued the ♥6 covered by the ten and jack and ducked in dummy. Fantoni now led the ♥K won by dummy's ace. Declarer now simply cashed out, making two hearts, three clubs, two spades and a diamond for +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

What would you do against a 15-17 NT in front of you, holding a balanced 19-count?

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

One can easily sympathise with South's pass over INT but it was not the winning action this time as North held much more than his fair share of the missing hcp. Down three in peace, Italy +150.

In the Open Room, the defence against 1♣ was much easier:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

A spade lead makes the play a little bit more interesting as declarer has to overtake a diamond to lead clubs from dummy twice. On the actual club lead the contract was never in danger. Poland +600 and 10 more IMPs to them to lead by 40-9.

A much better slam than the one bid before was on the cards a few boards from the end:

Board: 17. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The combined holding of the ♣J109 between the two hands makes this an excellent slam as it needs either of two minor-suit finesses to roll home. Poland +510. Somewhere in a women's match, we even spotted a score of +1510...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Once Fantoni rejected the transfer the Italians were committed to a slam. Italy +1010 and 11 IMPs back to make the score 45-26 now.

On the penultimate board, it looked as if the Italians were ready to do it again:

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The Poles found the good save and Italy scored just +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			Pass
2♣	2♠	Dble	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

North led a club and won the ♥A at trick 2 to lead a diamond to partner's ace for a club ruff. That meant a quick one down and another +100 to Italy. The swing of 9 IMPs brought Italy once again to within striking distance of their opponents with one board to play.

On the last board, the choice of which side suit to establish decided the match:

Board: 20. Dealer: West. All vul.

♠ K 5 3 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A K Q 9 3 ♣ A K	♠ Q J 8 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 9 4 3 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div>	♠ 10 7 6 4 ♥ K J 9 4 3 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 8 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

INT showed the 17-19 range.

On a club lead, Bocchi immediately went after the diamonds, playing the ♦A and ruffing a low diamond in hand. Next came a spade to the king and another diamond but now North ruffed in front of dummy and led a heart. Bocchi had to put up the king, his only chance, and thus was down two when South took the ace and played another diamond. Poland +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

On the lead of the ♦10 Gawrys assumed diamonds would break badly and thus went after the hearts. When the jack was won by the ace and a spade to the king also held, three tricks later, he lost two trumps and a heart for a fine score of +620.

These final 13 IMPs to Poland made it a victory to them by 58-35 or 20-10 VP. They had reduced the gap to 6th place to 11 VP. It also looked that the Italians would have to postpone their celebrations for one more day but this did not come true...

The New Belladonna?

When Lorenzo Lauria lifts the trophy on Saturday (and I'm surely not tempting fate in writing this so early) it will be his seventh European team title. That will bring him in to sole second place on the all-time leaderboard, behind that giant, Giorgio Belladonna, who won this same title ten times.

But should we not rate his performance even higher than Giorgio's?

Let's make some comparisons:

- In the 28 years between Italy's first title (1951) and Belladonna's last (1979), there were 23 European championships. Italy won 12 of those (52%). Belladonna was not yet in the team in 1951, nor was he in 1975. In the 27 years between 1979 and now, there were only 14 championships, and Italy won 8 of them (57%). Lauria was not on the winning team in 1999.

- In the 17 years of Blue team dominance (1956-1973) Italy, with Belladonna, failed to win the championships 5 times (in 1961, 1963 to Great Britain, 1962, 1966, 1970 to France). In the recent 11 years of dominance (1995-2006) Italy, with Lauria, did not falter or even come close.

- Giorgio Belladonna earned silver medals in the Europeans in 1962, 1977 and 1983. Italy also won the silver in 1963 and 1974, Lorenzo Lauria participated in the silver of 1983.

- Between 1957 and 1969, Giorgio helped Italy to 10 consecutive Bermuda Bowl victories. He added 3 golds and 3 silvers between 1973 and 1983. Lorenzo joined Giorgio on the silver platform in 1979, 1983, and he "earned" a third silver in 2003, finally managing a Bermuda Bowl in 2005.

- Belladonna also won the Olympiad in 1964, 1968, 1972, with a silver in 1976. That makes a total of 16 world titles and 20 medals. Lauria played on 7 Italian Olympiad teams, winning that title twice. Lauria further played in the Rosenblum 4 times, winning that title in 1998 and 2002. That makes 5 World Championships and a total of 8 medals.

So, while Belladonna's record is impressive, it is probably more a reflection upon the relative dominance of the Europeans on the World scene in the 1960's, and of Italy's dominance within Europe around the turn of the millennium.

And it certainly also shows that the current stars of the game need not be regarded any less than the stars of the golden age.

(Warning to journalists - do not try to type Belladonna into Google. Not surprisingly, the first entry is a porn star - and only after several pages of poisonous plants do we reach Giorgio)

PROFILES OF THE DUTCH LADIES TEAM

BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend has the best record of any Dutch woman player. Her international career stretches back more than 30 years, to the 1974 European Women's Teams Championships in Israel. She has been virtually ever-present in the Dutch team since. She is a bridge teacher and she lives in Amstelveen with her husband Anton Maas, coach of the Dutch Open Team. With Carla Arnolds she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. From 1994 until the Venice Cup in Monte Carlo (2003) she partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep Vriend is a honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April, 1998 received a Royal decoration in recognition of her great contribution to bridge. At the beginning of 2004 she renewed her partnership with Carla Arnolds. Bep has played in six Olympiads (bronze in 1984), six Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989, gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and fifteen European Championships (silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmo 2004, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002).

CARLA ARNOLDS

Carla Arnolds is a bridge teacher and journalist from Tilburg and is married to Jan Kolen, a former Dutch champion. They have four children, Martijn (13) Sandra (11) Astrid (10) and Ingrid (9). Carla learned to play bridge in 1981. With partner Bep Vriend she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. Then she switched from bridge to raising kids. At the beginning of 2004 she renewed her partnership with Bep Vriend. Carla has played in two Olympiads, three Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and four European Championships (silver in 2004). In Warsaw she will play her fifth EC.

JET PASMAN

Jet Pasma comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village North of Amsterdam. She started playing bridge in 1974. Since 1979 she has been partnering Anneke Simons. Jet is a sports teacher and is married to the coach of the Dutch Senior team Chris Niemeijer, a former player in the Dutch Open team. Apart from bridge, golf is her great hobby. Jet has played in four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003), four Olympiads and eight European Championships (silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmo 2004, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002).

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens, a former player in the Dutch open team, now a bridge journalist and trainer of the Dutch juniors. Their son Bas is a player of the Dutch junior team.

She learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979 she has been playing with Jet Pasma. Anneke played in four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003), four

Olympiads and eight European Championships (silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmo 2004, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002).

MARION MICHIELSEN

Marion Michielsen is a first year law student and lives in Rotterdam. Marion started playing bridge in 1998, at the age of 13. The World Championships in Verona was her first appearance in the Dutch women's team but she already represented the Netherlands in the schools, and with Meike Wortel, in the junior girls team in 2004 and 2005. The gold medal in 2005 in Riccione (Italy) with the girls team was their best result. Marion also played in the Open European Championships in Tenerife 2005, where she was the youngest player ever to win a medal at a European Championship when she won bronze in the mixed teams.

Marion will also play in the Dutch students team in the World University Bridge Championships in China in October this year. In Warsaw Marion is making her first appearance in the European Championships.



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MEIKE WORTEL

Meike Wortel is a biology student in Amsterdam. Meike started playing bridge when she started studying in 2000. The World Championships in Verona was her first appearance in the Dutch women's team but she already represented the Netherlands in the students team and, with Marion Michielsen, in the junior girls team in 2004 and 2005. The gold medal in 2005 in Riccione (Italy) with the girls team was their best result. In New York 2004 she became third in the World Junior Individual Championship. With Marion Michielsen she will play in the Dutch students team in the World University Bridge Championships in China in October this year. In Warsaw Meike is making her first appearance in the European Championships.

ED FRANKEN

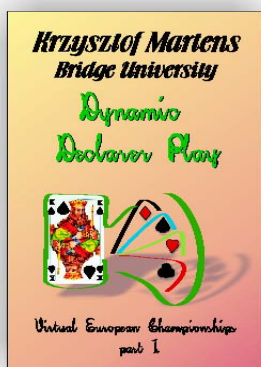
Ed lives in Haarlem (West of Amsterdam). He has been the teammanager and NPC of the Dutch women's team since early 1995. He captained the team during three Olympiads and four Venice Cups. Under his leadership the Dutch women won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000, bronze in Monte Carlo 2003 and bronze in Estoril 2005. After silver in Tenerife 2001, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002 and bronze in Malmo 2004, Warsaw will be his seventh European Championships.

HANS KELDER

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Brown stickers used in the open series

by Daniel Auby - Sweden

Background

Being the coach of the Swedish team I made a check of the systems deposited to find out what brown sticker conventions (BS) were used in the Open Series. As you all know one can make a written defense to such conventions and bring it to the table. Thus you need to know in advance who plays them. To have a compilation of your opponent's BS is therefore generally helpful. Further more you cannot rely on what the players claim to be BS. Experience tells us that not all pairs declare correctly when they play BS, either because they misunderstand the rules or merely because they are lazy, they do not check it properly.

Having made this compilation of BS I came to think that perhaps more nations than ourselves could benefit from having access to it and thus I wrote this article.

The quest for BS

The compilation consists of a table with all BS I could find. I do not claim I have found them all. Probably all opening bids that are BS have been found but BS overcalls are more easily missed.

Concerning some openings, it was a bit difficult to decide whether they were BS or not. That was the case for a convention popular in foremost eastern Europe, an opening called Wilkosz and being a weak opening in 2m that shows 55 in two suits (one of which apparently is always a major). The question was if it would fall under the rule that exempts a "standard" Multi 2m opening from being a BS. I asked Grattan Endicott (responsible for the convention card desk) about it and he considered it to be a BS. A correct decision in my opinion.

For one pair, de Roos - De Roos it was not possible to decide whether they play a BS or not because the hcp requirements for their 2NT-3H openings were not printed on their CC. Thus I have left them aside.

One opening that is a BS although few understand it (in fact noone who uses it) is the 3S opening showing a solid suit (most often a minor). Well, according to the definition of a BS it is a BS if it does not promise at least 10 hcp, so a stray jack added to the AKQxxx is enough to get rid of the BS stamp. Several pairs use this convention, one even use a 2S opening as such, but I decided to leave them aside from this presentation.

Obligations for a pair with BS

When you play a BS you have several obligations. Regarding your Convention cards there are three.

1. You must say something about it on what we call page I of the CC, i.e. where you put your name. The explicit rule can be found at the end of the EBL Systems policy 2.4. It says "Additional to ..., any pair using one or more

'Brown Sticker'conventions must indicate this alongside its system classification". The "system classification" is either the colored sticker (e.g. a green dot for a green system) or the name of the system or a check mark next to the appropriate color. Those pairs who do try to adhere to this rule (in fact very few) usually writes the words "Brown Sticker" on the same line where they write the color of their system (i.e. green, red, blue etc).

2. Also on "page one" of the CC there is a section for "Special bids that may require defense". Although, as far as I know, there exists no specific regulation saying you must enter a note about your BS here, I strongly believe that if it were put up to an AC they would interpret the current rules in such a way as making it mandatory. The point is that it is here that all players look for strange things, like BS. Players should not need to wade through supplementary sheets to find out if their opponents use a BS or not and lastly these BS bids certainly "may require" a defense.

3. A thorough description of a BS convention, follow-ups etc, must also be written on the CC. In the previous championship the rule was that you had to do that on a special form; one form existed for opening bids and one for overcalls. In this tournament, for some reason, this rule was skipped, although the forms still are appendices to the rules. The current rule can be found in the System Regulation 2.3. which states "BS conventions must be listed on a separate sheet, with continuations". In my opinion the older rule was better, as the forms contained useful headers that makes it more easy for the people filling them out to understand what it is he or she is expected to write. Anyhow this means that in this tournament a pair can either use the form or a write it on a plain supplementary sheet.

What obligations are included in the compilation

Regarding item 1 above few pairs do as they should. I myself consider this a minor problem and in my opinion the important thing is they enumerate their BS under the "Special bids that may require defense", i.e. item 2. Therefore I skipped item 1 in my tabular compilation below.

I have split item 3 in two columns, one for those using a BS form and one for them using a standard Supplementary sheet comment. Do keep in mind that it is enough if one of them is OK.

What happens when a BS is incorrectly documented, by which I mean a pair has not declared their BS according to the rules. Well, unfortunately the rules are not very clear on this point. The organizers have reserved extensive rights for themselves such as forbidding the convention, fining the pair, deduction of VP, doing nothing etc. Thus the spectrum is very wide. They have in fact even referred to a section 0 - sic! - of the Systems regulation, a section that does not exist : I. However, as always when

the penalty scale is broad it means the people who are governed by the rules cannot easily deduce the penalty in advance and that is generally considered bad within jurisprudence.

I In the systems regulation it says "3. Any team... has failed to comply with the time requirements of section 1.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 0)..."

It is also had to tell what will happen to the opponents. I asked Max Bavin about it. He is the chief tournament director for the open series. He said that if you knew beforehand your opponent plays a BS that is what counts. If so you will probably not be able to claim any redress from damage if your opponents gets a good result due to an incorrectly declared BS. Thus, if you continue to read this article your innocence will have vanished... However, if you stop reading now you will probably get redress.

And now, for the brave ones who have decided to have a look at the compilation, it is finally time to present it. In the table below you can find a column for item 2 (Special bids that may require defense) and item 3 (the detailed presentation in either the BS form or on a suppl. sheet) and I have added a third column which I have called "All OK?". For me all is OK if both items 2 and 3 are OK.

I have listed all pairs in national alphabetical order.

And do note that this presentation is not official in any way. It is private effort by me to get a complete overview of what BS exists and whether they are correctly presented on the CC or not. I can make no guarantees that the compilation is complete and whether my deductions about the legality are correct. I advise anyone who wants to check something to look into the documents himself and consult the TDs and/or the systems desk.

These are the footnotes for the table below:

¹ If you wonder what BH means you are in good company. This is not an approved abbreviation. My guess is that it means "balanced hand" but if so the strength is not specified.

² Says "BS notes" but such cannot be found

³ The presentation is very short, perhaps too short to fulfill the requirements of adequate disclosure

Some last words

If someone believes I am on a crusade against BS you are entirely wrong. I am one of the firmest supporters of liberty in the use of conventions. However, I am also a thoroughly convinced supporter of adequate disclosure. And lastly I am of the firm belief that rules are rules and thus should be adhered to, and if they are bad they should be changed, not disregarded. In this the players as well as the administrators share the responsibility.

Nation	Pair	Bid	Means	Item 2 BS Form	Item 3 Supp Sheet	Item 3	All OK?
Belarus	All 3 pairs	2NT	PRE any suit	No	OK		OK
Denmark	Bjarnarsson-Askgaard	2D	Weak in H or both m	OK	OK		OK
Denmark	Bjarnarsson-Askgaard	2NT	PRE in a m	OK	OK		OK
England	Townsend-Gold	2S	PRE any suit.	OK	OK		OK
Estonia	Tihane-Dalberg	2D	Weak 5M+5m	No	No	No	No
Estonia	Kaski-Oja	2D	Weak 5M+5m	No	No	No	No
Iceland	Baldursson-Jonsson	2D	Weak M+m	No	No	No	No
Iceland	Einarsson-Haraldsson	2C	Strong, weak D, weak both Ms	No	No	No	No
Latvia	Romanowska-Rubinis	2NT	6-12 any 55	No	OK		OK
Lithuania	Lukinskas-Michailovic	2D	Weak 5M+5x	OK	No	Yes ³	? ³
Lithuania	Babuckas-Tyla	2D	Weak 5M+5x	No	No	No ²	No
Netherl.	De Wuijs-Muller	(1m) overcall	(1m) IM = a) nat+om b) OM	OK	No	OK	OK
			2H overcall = weak in a M	OK	No	OK	OK
			3H overcall = weak in a M	OK	No	OK	OK
Norway	Tundal-Ekren	2NT	PRE any	OK	OK		OK
Norway	Brogeland/Saelesminde	(1m) 2H	Weak in one M	OK	OK		OK
Norway	Helgemo-Helness	(1m) 2H	Weak in one M	OK	OK		OK
Romania	Biciu-Ghigheci	1NT overc.	a) BHI b) 6m4M weak	No	No	No	No

EBL Press Conference

Yesterday's conference gave members of the press the opportunity to pose questions to the illustrious panel, **Gi-anarrigo Rona**, President of the EBL, **José Damiani**, President of the WBF and **Radoslaw Kielbasinski**, President of the Polish Bridge Union.

Before question time, each of them addressed the meeting.

The EBL President outlined recent developments, including the proposed change to the date of the General Assembly so as to follow the pattern of the WBF.

With regard to forthcoming events mention was made of the Champions Cup in Rome in October, the European Open in Antalya 2007, the European Championships in Pau 2008 and the 50th anniversary event in 2010, provisionally to be staged in Amsterdam.

In 2008 the three events will all finish on the third Saturday.

The WBF President expressed the appreciation of the WBF and the EBL for the efforts and achievements of the Polish Bridge Union, not only at the Championships, but also in recent years.

Outlining proposed venues for forthcoming events, the president mentioned Sao Paulo 2009, and tentative plans for Vancouver 2010 and Australia 2011. He also acknowledged the candidacy of Poland as a future venue.

The Polish president spoke about the experience of staging a major Championship and the constant struggle to overcome inevitable difficulties. He expressed the hope that everyone would leave with happy memories of their experiences in Warsaw.

With **Patrick Jourdain**, President of the IBPA acting as co-ordinator, the floor was opened for questions.

Jean-Paul Meyer - *Le Bridgeur* asked about the provision of an Internet room for the players, the long gap between the Championships and the associated World Championship events and the uniformity of the playing cards.

It would be difficult to provide a room that could cater for the demands of so many players and modern technology provides

many ways of connecting to the Internet.

The cost to Federations of sending teams to two major events in one year was significant factor.

The playing cards were supplied with the assistance of the Danish Federation.

Max Rebattu - *De Telegraaf* asked about the qualification of Senior teams for Shanghai, the problems of telephone communication from the Press room and an enquiry into the results of the World Pairs Championships in Verona.

In the event of a qualified team withdrawing the opportunity to compete will be offered to the team winning Round Robin B.

Telephone calls using the 'Skype' system should resolve any future difficulties.

The WBF president indicated that it whilst it was impossible to prepare a movement that covered all eventualities greater care would be exercised at future events. Following an investigation the results stand.



onships.

With up to forty teams the Round Robin format will be preserved. With more than forty teams there will be two groups.

Christer Andersson enquired about future plans for Junior events.

The next EBL Youth Championships will be held in either the Netherlands or Italy and the venue will be announced in October.

Patrick Jourdain - *Daily Telegraph* asked about Duplicate Poker in relation to the Intellympiad.

The WBF President has discussed the possibility of sponsorship with Bill Gates. He wants television coverage and the introduction of a duplicate element to Poker, thereby eliminating luck may be the solution, as the popularity of the game on TV is well known.

There followed an audio-visual presentation on **Pau**, the Championship venue in 2008, which was warmly received. The French delegation answered questions, in particular highlighting the ease of reaching Pau by road, rail and air.

JAK ZA DAWNYCH LAT...

Marek Wójcicki

W XXIX rundzie nasza reprezentacja, próbująca cały czas dogonić zajmującą szóste miejsce Islandię grała z liderami... Jak za dawnych lat, nasi wygrali – 20–10. Można wybrzydząć, że Włosi, mając praktycznie zapewniony tytuł mistrzowski, przystąpili do meczu rozluźnieni, ale skalp takiej drużyny jest rzeczą nie do pogardzenia.

Już w pierwszym rozdaniu nasi wykazali się zdecydowanie lepszą licytacją:

Rozd. 1. Rozdawał N; obie przed partią.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Tuszynski	Duboin	Kowalski
	pas	1BA ¹	pas
2♣ ²	pas	2♥	pas
3♣ ³	pas	3BA	pas...

¹ 12–14 PC² Stayman³ relay

Apek Kowalski niezrażony tym, że E wskazał czwórkę kierów, wyszedł ósemką w tym kolorze i nasi ściągnęli pięć kierów oraz asa trefl – bez dwóch, 100 dla Polski. Na drugim stole blokująca licytacja Włochów trochę pomogła naszej parze:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Fantoni	Chmurski	Nunes
	pas	1♣	1♥
1♠ ¹	3♥	pas	pas
4♥	pas	5♥	pas
5BA	pas	6♣	pas...

¹ brak czterech pików, brak zatrzymania kierowego (odpowiednik kontrę negatywnej)

Szlemik był dość ostry, ale na pewno miał większe szanse realizacji niż 3BA. Poza tym wychodził... 920 i 14 imp dla Polski.

Rozdanie to przypomniało metody szkoleniowe stosowane przez nieodżałowanego Zbigniewa Szurga w dawnej drużynie Warszawianki, gdzie za przegranie 3BA w rozdaniu, w którym wychodził szlemik w młodszym kolorze płaciło się srogą karę pieniężną.

Dość zabawny przebieg miało rozdanie 6, w którym dwaj nasi zawodnicy otworzyli 2♣ Precision:

Rozd. 6. Rozdawał E; strona WE po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Tuszynski	Duboin	Kowalski
			2♣ ¹
pas	2♦ ²	pas	3♣ ³
pas	3♦ ²	pas	3♠ ⁴
pas	4♦ ⁵	pas	4♥ ⁶
pas...			

¹ Precision, raczej lekko naciągnięty...² relay³ 6♠ z krótkością⁴ krótkość pik⁵ wywołanie końcowe⁶ automat

Tuszynski rozegrał starannie i pomimo złego podziału kierów zrealizował kontrakt. 420 dla Polski.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Fantoni	Chmurski	Nunes
		pas	pas
2♣ ¹	ktr.	pas...	

¹ Precision

Bez trzech, 800 i 9 imp dla Włochów

Patrząc na ręce N i E, można stwierdzić, że także tamte ręce nadawały się od biedy do otwarć 2♣ – N –

trójkolorówka (Rzymski Trefl), a E – słaba dwukolorówka na starszych – mocno nowoczesne, także naciągnięte...

W rozdaniu 10 Gawryś rozegrał bardzo dokładnie kontrakt, z którym nie poradził sobie Bocchi na drugim stole:

Rozd. 10. Rozdawał E; obie po partii.

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

Po licytacji:

Pokój zamknięty

West <i>Gawryś</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Chmurski</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
3♦ 3BA	pas pas...	2♣ 3♥	2♠ pas

Fantoni zaatakował ♣4. Gawryś położył ze stołu dziewiątkę (!), a S, po lewie na asa zagrał szóstką kier – z ręki dziesiątkę, od N walet, a rozgrywający przepuścił. N odszedł teraz królem kier. Z dziadka as i trzy lewe treflowe. Do trefli S zrzucił trzy piki, a rozgrywający trzy kara. W końcówce:

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

Gawryś zaimpasował pika i odegrał damę kier, na którą S wyrzucił pika. Teraz as pik i pik, a S po wzięciu lewy musiał wyjść spod króla karo, dając rozgrywającemu dziewiątkę lewą. 12 imp dla Polski.

W rozdaniu 12 trafne otwarcie Chmurskiego wybiło przeciwników z końcówki:



Piotr Gawryś, Poland

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

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

Pokój zamknięty

West <i>Gawryś</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Chmurski</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
pas	pas	1BA!	pas...

Bartek otworzył na III ręce 1BA na 14 PC i NS praktycznie zostali wyłączeni z licytacji. S zawistował w kiery i kontrakt został obłożony bez trzech, za 150. Na drugim stole Duoin tworzył 1♣ i nasza para doszła do 3BA bez problemu:

Pokój otwarty

West <i>Bocchi</i>	North <i>Tuszynski</i>	East <i>Duboin</i>	South <i>Kowalski</i>
pas	pas	1♣	ktr.
pas	1♦ ¹	pas	1BA ²
pas	3BA	pas...	

¹ negat

² 18–20 PC

W zaatakował w trefle i dziewięć lew było bezproblemowe. 10 imp dla Polski.

W miarę upływu rozdań, Włochom chyba zaczęło brakować koncentracji, czego przykładem może być rozgrywka z ostatniego rozdania meczu:

Rozd. 20. Rozdawał W; obie po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Tuszynski	Duboin	Kowalski
1♦	pas	1♥	pas
1BA ¹	pas	2♥	pas
2♠	pas	3♠	pas
4♠	pas...		

¹ 11-15 PC, kara i trefle lub od 16 PC na dowolnym

Tuszynski zaatakował ♣3. W wziął na króla, po czym zagrał asa karo i przebił blotkę w tym kolorze. Teraz zagrał w atu i król w ręce wziął. Na zagrane teraz kolejne karo (?) Piotrek wskoczył waletem atu i zagrał w kiera. Rozgrywający podjął rozpaczliwą próbę ratowania kontraktu, stawiając króla, ale asa miał Apek... Ponownie karo, „przedbite” damą atu i bez dwóch.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Gawryś	Fantoni	Chmurski	Nunes
1♣	pas	1♦	pas
1BA	pas	2♣	pas
2♠	pas	4♠	pas...

Tutaj N zaatakował ♦10, a rozgrywający zagrał od razu w kiery, kładąc ze stołu waleta. S zagrał teraz trefla, a Gawryś przeszedł do stołu kierem i zagrał w atu. S puścił, a z ręki król. Rozgrywający odwrócił teraz w atu i swoje. 13 imp i 58-35 dla naszych!

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JAK ZA DAWNYCH LAT... (nie tylko reprezentacja)

Marek Wójcicki

Tytuł jest taki sam, jak drugiego artykułu z tego numeru biuletynu, ale umieściłem to osobno, gdyż dotyczy całkowicie innej osoby. W Turnieju Przyjaciół Brydża, który został rozegrany jako jedna z imprez towarzyszących mistrzostwom, obok wielu znakomitości wystąpił także Janusz Korwin Mikre, który przed kilkunastu laty zdradził brydża na rzecz polityki... Być może polityka na tym zyskała, ale brydż (a najwięcej chyba „Brydż”) na pewno stracił...

W jednym z rozdań tego turnieju Janusz Korwin Mikre błysnął rozgrywką jak za dawnych lat:

Rozd. 19. Rozdawał N; WE po partii.

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

West	North	East	South
	G. Brewiak		Mikke
	pas	pas	1♣
pas	1♠	pas	1BA
pas	2♣ ¹	pas	2♠
pas	2BA	pas	3BA
pas...			

¹ magister

W zwiastował ♥W. Mikke wziął na damę i zagrał dwa razy w piki (W do drugiego pika zrzucił trefla). Podział pików 3-1 postawił rozgrywającego w bardzo trudnej sytuacji, gdyż piki były zablokowane i nie było jak odebrać pięciu lew w tym kolorze. Zagrał więc teraz w trefla do waleta w ręce. E wskoczył królem i zagrał w kiera. As z ręki i trefl do dziewiątki w stole. E nie wiedząc dokładnie, jaka jest konfiguracja trefli przepuścił. To wystarczyło... Mikke zgrał teraz damę pik i pikiem przeszedł do ręki (W wyrzucił niepotrzebne, jak mu się wydawało, trefla i karo), po czym wpuścił karo kierem, W który w końcu musiał zagrać spod króla do asa z damą w ręce! Swoje i pełny maks dla pary NS!

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