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WOMEN & SENIORS JOIN POLONAISE

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Motion Trio, Masters of the accordion

Today the competitors in the Women's and Seniors series are in action for the first time, following last night's opening ceremony, which featured another delightful musical interlude, this one given by Motion Trio.

Meanwhile, despite losing their tag as the only undefeated team **Italy** are still on top of the table in the Open series. **Hungary** has moved into second place, and **Norway**, with a couple of maximums, is third. They are followed by **Sweden**, **Germany** and **Netherlands**. Meanwhile, **Poland** cheered their supporters with a pair of good wins to move in the right direction.

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Sweden - Poland	14.15	Italy - Russia	17.35
England - Norway	17.35	Luxemburg - France	17.35
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France - Ireland	10.30	Germany - Sweden	10.30
Poland - Denmark	10.30	Sweden - Denmark (Women)	14.15
Italy - Portugal	14.15	Sweden - Italy (Seniors)	17.35









Team

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM ROUND 11 10.30 Table Visiting Team Home Team TURKEY Т ITALY 2 LUXEMBURG **SPAIN** 3 **IRELAND FINLAND** LITHUANIA 4 **BULGARIA** 5 GREECE SCOTLAND 6 SAN MARINO **ESTONIA** 7 SERBIA BELARUS 8 GERMANY **SWEDEN** 9 LATVIA HUNGARY 10 SWITZERLAND NETHERLANDS FRANCE ICELAND 12 WALES BELGIUM 13 ISRAEL NORWAY POLAND 14 DENMARK 15 CROATIA RUSSIA PORTUGAL ENGLAND 16 ROMANIA BYE ROUND 12 14.15 Table Home Team Visiting Team ITALY PORTUGAL Т LUXEMBURG SAN MARINO 2 3 **ICELAND SWITZERLAND** 4 **ESTONIA** ROMANIA 5 **BELARUS** WALES 6 SCOTLAND **ISRAEL** 7 **FINLAND** TURKEY 8 LITHUANIA IRELAND 9 BELGIUM DENMARK 10 **BULGARIA** GERMANY 11 SPAIN FRANCE 12 RUSSIA ENGLAND 13 HUNGARY SERBIA 14 **SWEDEN** POLAND 15 NORWAY CROATIA 16 **NETHERLANDS** GREECE BYE LATVIA _____ ROUND 13 17.35 Table Home Team Visiting Team ROMANIA SAN MARINO I 2 ENGLAND NORWAY 3 POLAND **BULGARIA** 4 PORTUGAL FINLAND 5 WALES HUNGARY 6 TURKEY LITHUANIA 7 ITALY RUSSIA 8 CROATIA SCOTLAND **NETHERLANDS** 9 ISRAEL 10 GREECE **ICELAND** 11 DENMARK BELARUS LUXEMBURG FRANCE 12 **SWEDEN** 13 BELGIUM 14 **SWITZERLAND** SPAIN 15 LATVIA **ESTONIA** 16 GERMANY IRELAND

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 9 - si	ubject to official c	onfirmati	on
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Ι	LATVIA	BELGIUM	40 - 32	16 - 14
2	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	33 - 89	4 - 25
3	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	50 - 18	22 - 8
4	GREECE	RUSSIA	14 - 69	4 - 25
5	TURKEY	CROATIA	19 - 59	7 - 23
6	BULGARIA	ITALY	32 - 63	9 - 21
7	FINLAND	SWEDEN	46 - 45	15 - 15
8	SAN MARINO	HUNGARY	14 - 49	8 - 22
9	LUXEMBURG	ICELAND	25 - 57	8 - 22
10	ROMANIA	BELARUS	35 - 21	18 - 12
П	IRELAND	ENGLAND	43 - 22	9 -
12	LITHUANIA	DENMARK	54 - 39	18 - 12
13	POLAND	SERBIA	68 - 23	24 - 6
14	FRANCE	scotland	57 - 3	25 - 4
15	PORTUGAL	ISRAEL	15 - 66	5 - 25
16	GERMANY	WALES	67 - 37	21 - 9
	ESTONIA			18 - 0

ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I	estonia	LUXEMBURG	52 - 32	9 -
2	RUSSIA	ISRAEL	15 - 49	8 - 22
3	CROATIA	PORTUGAL	42 - 54	3 - 7
4	BELGIUM	SERBIA	55 - 63	4 - 6
5	ICELAND	SPAIN	38 - 69	9 - 21
6	SWEDEN	LITHUANIA	64 - 21	24 - 6
7	BELARUS	LATVIA	37 - 31	16 - 14
8	DENMARK	GERMANY	22 - 50	9 - 21
9	WALES	POLAND	18 - 45	9 - 21
10	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	54 - 18	22 - 8
11	scotland	SWITZERLAND	33 - 15	9 -
12	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	71 - 29	24 - 6
13	ENGLAND	TURKEY	20 - 59	7 - 23
14	BULGARIA	FINLAND	51 - 51	15 - 15
15	NORWAY	GREECE	63 - 11	25 - 5
16	ITALY	IRELAND	25 - 42	- 9
	SAN MARINO			18 - 0

Tasty, Not Expensive, Not Far!

There is a cafe at the playing area in the Palace of Culture & Science located between the Open & Closed Rooms that has been opened especially for the Championships.

You can try some typical Polish specialities as well as European dishes. Prices are very moderate and given the short interval between matches it is the ideal spot to visit. There have already been numerous recommendations!

Captains Meeting Women & Seniors

Today's captains meetings will be held in the Palace of Culture (seniors 11.30, women 12.15). On entering the building you go to the left, cross the Closed Room (for once this is allowed) and walk through the main room to enter the meeting room at the end.

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OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 10 rounds

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I I	TALY	196.00
		198.00
	NORWAY	180.00
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	SWEDEN	178.50
		178.00
		176.00
		167.00
	SRAEL	164.50
		163.00
	URKEY	162.00
	POLAND	161.00
12 1	RELAND	160.00
13 1	CELAND	159.00
E	BELARUS	159.00
15 C	CROATIA	155.00
E	STONIA	155.00
17 S	COTLAND	153.00
18 E	NGLAND	152.00
19 S	PAIN	151.00
20 E	DENMARK	147.50
21 R	RUSSIA	145.00
22 F	RANCE	141.50
23 R	ROMANIA	135.00
24 E	BELGIUM	134.50
25 F	PORTUGAL	131.00
26 L	ITHUANIA	129.00
27 S	ERBIA	128.00
28 S	SAN MARINO	127.00
29 V	VALES	126.00
30 L	UXEMBURG	123.00
31 0	GREECE	116.50
32 S	WITZERLAND	103.00
	ATVIA	101.00

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WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

		ROUND		14.15
Table	Home Team		Visiting Team	
I	GREECE		CROATIA	
2	SCOTLAND		ITALY	
3	DENMARK		AUSTRIA	
4	GERMANY		ICELAND	
5	HUNGARY		FINLAND	
6	POLAND		RUSSIA	
7	IRELAND		SAN MARINO	
8	ISRAEL		TURKEY	
9	NETHERLAND	DS	ENGLAND	
10	NORWAY		SWEDEN	
11	FRANCE		SPAIN	

	ROUND) 2 17.35
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	SWEDEN	DENMARK
2	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS
3	ITALY	POLAND
4	RUSSIA	FRANCE
5	SPAIN	IRELAND
6	AUSTRIA	GERMANY
7	ENGLAND	GREECE
8	ICELAND	HUNGARY
9	SAN MARINO	NORWAY
10	TURKEY	scotland
11	CROATIA	ISRAEL

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUND I		14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
Ι	ISRAEL	IRELAND	
2	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	
3	GERMANY	SWITZERLANI	0
4	DENMARK	SWEDEN	
5	ITALY	FINLAND	
6	TURKEY	scotland	
7	ENGLAND	FRANCE	
8	POLAND	WALES	

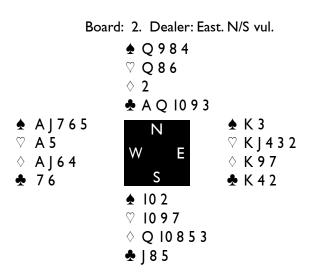
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Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	SWEDEN	ITALY
2	WALES	GERMANY
3	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL
4	ESTONIA	ENGLAND
5	scotland	NETHERLANDS
6	FRANCE	DENMARK
7	IRELAND	TURKEY
8	FINLAND	POLAND

OPEN TEAMS

Round 8

The last match on Tuesday would have been the clash between the current leaders if Sweden had maintained the runner-up position they held at the start of the day. As you see, I am already taking it for granted that Italy would still be leading at this stage; they were the only team with five wins when the day started and two matches later they had recorded seven wins. What is more: I have to admit that I would be very surprised if Italy were not going to win again, judging from what we have seen so far.

Well, after the second board I started regretting these initial lines a little. If one has to think of a team at all capable of catching up the Italians, Sweden are the first to be mentioned, as they were the worthy runners-up in Malmo two years ago. This is what I saw on board 2:



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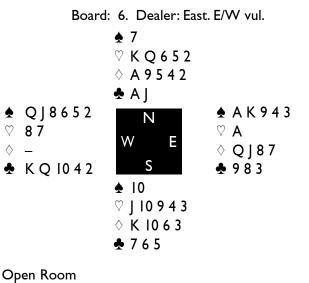
West	North	East	South
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom
		$ \heartsuit$	Pass
I ♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2 📥	Dble	2◇	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Once Bertheau took his chance to double the $2\clubsuit$ checkback the Italians were under pressure, as they had to make nine tricks now without losing the lead. Nystrom led the $\clubsuit 5$ on which Bertheau cleverly played the nine, which held. He continued the $\bigstar Q$, Lauria winning the king. With no clue whatsoever as to which finesse to take he exited in clubs, hoping no doubt to get more information from South's discards and North's forced return. As a consequence, he threw two small hearts from his hand, South discarding two diamonds and dummy a spade and a diamond. In the end he took no finesse at all but just played for some sort of squeeze to have developed. When this was not the case he had to accept one down, Sweden +50.

S	Sweden v Italy by Jos Jacobs					
e-	Closed Room)				
ne	West	North	East	South		
u 	Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes		
ill			$ \heartsuit$	Pass		
ve ad	I ♠	Pass	INT	Pass		
	2 ◇	Pass	2NT	Pass		
:	3NT	All Pass				

When Nunes led a natural low diamond Bjornlund had ample time to take a heart finesse into the safe hand and end up with no less than 12 tricks for +490 and 11 IMPs to Sweden to lead 13-0.

Three pushes and then a judgement board:



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West	North	East	South	
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom	
		♠	Pass	
4🙅	Pass	40	Pass	
4♠	4NT	Dble	5♢	
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass	

4 was void-showing transfer and 4^{\heartsuit} was a cuebid. Quite understandably, Lauria doubled the save on his solid enough four trumps. He must have felt disappointed to collect only +300 with a slam possible on a correct but unlikely club view.

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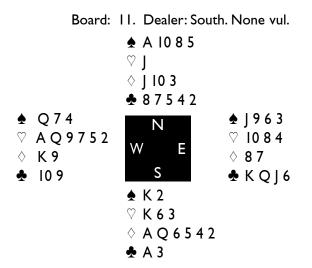
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes	
		♠	Pass	
4☆ 5♠	Dble All Pass	4♠	5◊	
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Fredin obviously had other ideas about the trick-taking potential of his hand when he decided to go on to $5 \pm$ in

front of his partner. Well done, +650 and another 8 IMPs to Sweden.

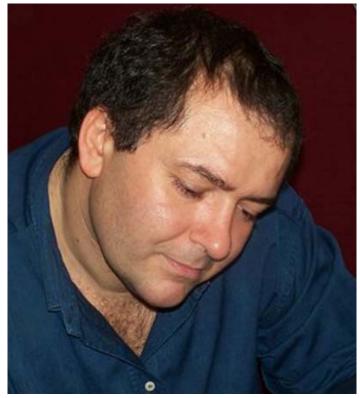
After two more pushes Italy finally got "unblocked" (as they say in Italian) on board 9, scoring their first IMPs of the match.

Board 11 and 12 however were interesting examples of the difference in partscore bidding between the two teams:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom
			♣
\square	Pass	2♡	3 ◇
3♡	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Claudio Nunes, Italy

Well, 3NT is a perfectly reasonable contract as it depends only on the diamond position. When the king was behind the ace, the outcome was down two instead of a likely overtrick. Italy +100 when Versace, knowing he held a sure diamond entry, decided to lead the $\heartsuit A$ and not a low heart.

Closed Roc	om			
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes	
			$ \diamond$	
\square	Dble	2♡	3♢	
3♡	4 \diamond	All Pass		

Fantoni did very well here to compete once more (influenced by the fact that Nunes' $|\diamond$ showed |5+) and he was rewarded when Nunes could not go down on any normal line of play. Italy +130 and 6 IMPs back.

And 6 more on the next board:

		Board:	12. Dealer:₩ ▲ 10 7 6 5 2	est. N/S vul.
			♡ K Q J 5 4	
			◇ 4	
			🛧 8 3	
	AQ9			≜ 8
\heartsuit	108			♡93
\diamond	J 10 6			A K 9 8 7 5 2
•	AQ7	65		📥 J 10 2
			🛦 K J 4 3	-
			♡ A 7 6 2	
			◊ Q 3	
			🛧 K 9 4	

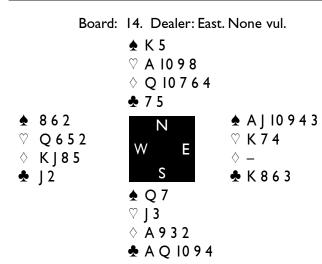
Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom	
🐣	$ \heartsuit$	2 ◇	3♢	
Pass	3♡	Dble	Pass	
5◇	All Pass			

Once Lauria showed extra values with his double, Versace had an easy jump to game with his outside aces. Just made when the clubs behaved. Italy +400.

Closed Roc	om			
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes	
♣	$ \diamond$	Dble	3♢	_
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4 \diamond	All Pass			

One overtrick, but only +150 to Sweden.

On the next board, Italy leveled the match at 21 all and then came a major disaster for Sweden:



Open Room

North	East	South
Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom
	♠	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass
	Bertheau	Bertheau Lauria I♠

If you look at this hand even superficially, you should immediately ask yourself how Lauria managed to conjure up even eight tricks here. Here is the solution.

Nystrom made an unlucky lead: the \clubsuit A. Now, had he simply continued the \oiint Q nothing would have gone wrong but he shifted to a low trump on which Bertheau also played low. When at trick 3 the \pounds A collected the two outstanding trumps another likely loser had disappeared. Next, a heart went to the queen and ace and North had to return a heart or club as a diamond would have given Lauria the two discards he needed.

On the heart return, however, Lauria won his king and, noting the fall of the jack, led a low club towards dummy's jack. When South ducked this, Lauria all of a sudden had made his contract...

Italy a most unlikely +420.

Nothing special happened in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes
		2♠	All Pass

On the lead of the \heartsuit J this contract went one down in peace. Italy +50 for a 10-IMP gain. They had gone into the lead once again...

On the penultimate board another partscore swing extended their lead to 21 and with the last board likely to be a routine 3NT all over the place another 19-11 VP Italian victory was odds-on.

This was not to be, however, when for once the Italian machine hampered:

Board: 20. Dealer: West. All vul. ♠ | |0 0 | 108 ◊ Q 6 2 1 10 8 7 2 AK42 **A** 3 Ν 943 ♡ K 7 6 2 W F ♦ A 10 9 5 ◇ K | 8 4 3 O 3 \Lambda K 5 Q 9 8 7 6 5 ♡ A Q 5 ♦ 7 964

Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom	
$ \diamond$	Pass	2♠	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♡	Pass	
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4 \diamond	Pass	40	Pass	
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass	
5♡	Pass	6◇	Dble	
All Pass				

2 \bigstar showed diamond support, game forcing and 3 \heartsuit showed four of the suit with shortness in spades.

Nystrom's double suggested a heart lead so the contract was already down two before declarer got the lead. When Versace misguessed trumps as well, he suffered a threetrick set for -800 that brought Sweden a late 16 IMPs. This settled the result at 16-14 VP for Italy, 43-38 in IMPs.

Just for the record, here is the auction in the other room:

Closed Roc	om			
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Fantoni	Bjornlund	Nunes	
\diamond	Pass	l 🗘	♠	
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

No trouble after a spade lead from North and an avoidance finesse of the $\Diamond Q$. Sweden +630.



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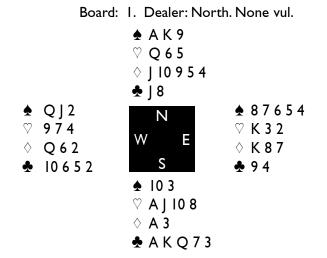
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OPEN TEAMS

Round 5

Netherlands v Norway

A comprehensive win for Netherlands, who seemed to outbid Norway and also to bring home all the contracts where an element of card-play was required.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Tundal	Westra	Ekren	Ramondt	
	I 🛇	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡	
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT	
All Pass				



Bauke Muller, Netherlands

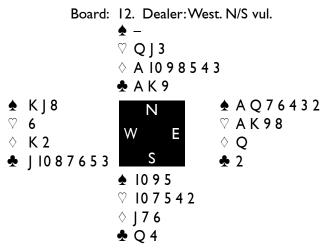
by Ba	rry Rigal		-
Closed Roo	m		
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
	Pass	Pass	♣
Pass All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT

3NT made a comfortable 13 tricks, but where the stakes were higher Westra had a quite a problem on the lead of a low spade to the ten jack and ace. The simple heart finesse (low to the ten then back to the club jack for another low heart up, on which West did not drop the nine) left declarer with no possibility of a further finesse in the heart suit. He ran the clubs and eventually played hearts from the top and also made 13 tricks when West unguarded his spade honour.

I wonder if there might have been some merit to declarer leading the diamond jack from hand at trick two? You give up on the doubleton heart king onside but do pick up quite a few positions in the diamond suit. As the cards lie, both lines work of course.

 ▲ J ♡ K 7 4 3 ◊ K Q J I0 ④ 9 7 	oard: 8. Deal	7 98 3 10 E ∞ 5 0 9 6 5 6	ne vul. Q 4 3 2 S 2 A 7 2 K 5 3 2	
Open Room	ı			
West	North	East	South	
Tundal	Westra	Ekren	Ramondt	
I 🛇	Pass	♠	Pass	-
2 ◇	Pass	Pass	2♠	
Pass	Pass	3♢	Pass	
Pass	3♠	All Pass		
Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo	
	Pass	♠	Pass	-
2 ♦	Pass	3♢	All Pass	

Muller really earned this swing I think. His bid of three diamonds was a two-way shot, aimed both at perhaps reaching game his way but more to keep the opponents out of the majors,. Of course he was probably more worried about hearts than spades, but as the other room demonstrated, he had the right idea — if for the wrong reason. Both part scores took ten rather than nine tricks for 7 IMPs to Netherlands.



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Closed Room

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West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
Pass	\diamond	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

Yet again the Dutch declared the contract at both tables, and yet again it was right to do so! Westra's bid of five diamonds looks a tad unilateral but he was perhaps worried that if he doubled partner would pass rather too often... spot on! In the other room one can hardly blame Helgemo for hoping his partner would produce a defensive trick or two but dummy was a huge disappointment to the Norwegians. Another 10 IMPs to Netherlands.

Boa	ard: 20. Dealer: ★ Q 5 4 3 ♡ 9 8 5 3 ◊ 9 5 ★ J 10 3	West/All
 ▲ A J 8 ♡ 10 6 ◊ Q J 8 7 4 3 ♣ K 2 	N W E S ▲ 10 ♡ A K J 7 4 ◇ A 6 2 ▲ A Q 9 6	 ▲ K 9 7 6 2 ♡ Q 2 ◊ K 10 ♣ 8 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Westra	Ekren	Ramondt
\diamond	Pass	♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♡
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	
osed Roc	m		
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
$ \diamond $	Pass	♠	Dble
Rdble	2♡	2♠	4 ♡

' 3card supp

The doctrine of TTASL (Teach Them A Sharp Lesson) has obviously permeated its way through from the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in Earls Court—where it is a doctrine they live or die by — to Amsterdam. The basic concept is that if the opponents balance against your part score, you must bid game or slam. If they sacrifice against your game, you must bid slam or double them. Here Westra employed the philosophy to its full. It may not have gained his side IMPs but I'm sure it really irritated his opponents — which was almost more important! The point was that when his opponents announced they had an eight-card fit he now knew that his hand would offer diamond ruffs to his partner. Well bid.



Vincent Ramondt , Netherlands

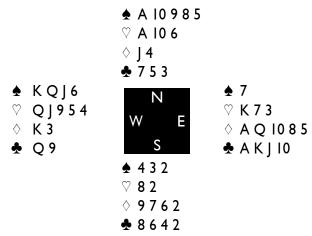
OPEN TEAMS Norway v Iceland by los lacobs

Round 6

On Tuesday morning, one of the big Scandinavian clashes was scheduled: Norway v. Iceland. Both sides have been regular BB qualifiers in recent years and sometimes even more than that: I certainly remember the 1993 final in Santiago, Chile when Norway narrowly lost to the Netherlands. And who does not remember the 1991 Bermuda Bowl, won by Iceland. In these Championships, Norway had made a flying start until their heavy defeat at the hands of the Netherlands (again !?) on Monday evening, whereas Iceland had made steady progress throughout. It turned out that the promise of a good match came more than true, though nothing very much happened on the first five boards.

This was board 6:

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





Erik Salensminde, Norway

<i>Dy</i>	Jucobs		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo
		♣	Pass
♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	4 \diamond	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♡	All Pass

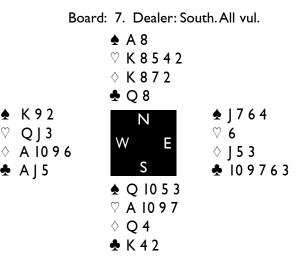
The Iceland relays were in operation here: I & was strong and 1 showed 5+ hearts. INT was relay and 2 showed four spades. 2NT was relay again and 3th confirmed 2-2 in the minors. Now, 3 \diamond was a control asking and 3 \heartsuit just showed two. Next, 4 \diamond was suggesting a slam and 4 \bigstar was accepting it, but also denying a heart control. Now 6° was a little gamble, hoping for the $\bigstar A$ with partner instead of the two kings.

Now imagine Helness' problem. He could not believe his respected opponents would bid a slam missing two aces so he assumed East had to be void of spades. That's why he decided to underlead his A, presenting declarer with his contract...lceland an incredible +1430.

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Brogeland	Thorvaldsson	Salensminde	Magnusson	
		$ \diamond$	Pass	
$\square \heartsuit$	♠	Dble	Pass	
2♠	Pass	3 📥	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass	

More decent bidding in the Closed Room. Brogeland just lost his two aces and 13 IMPs in the process. Iceland led 17-2 at this stage.

On the next board, the Norwegians were unlucky in the other room:



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo
			l 🖓
Dble All Pass	3NT	Pass	4 ♡

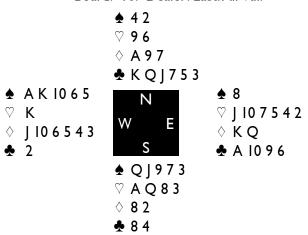
This is a perfectly normal contract, but now look at the West hand. What would you like to lead? Even the $\Diamond A$ and another only seem to postpone the endplay. As it happened, Baldursson led the $\heartsuit Q$, giving Helgemo a problem. When he decided to win in dummy and play East for the jack, he was doomed once Baldursson found the next defensive move of exiting with a low club away from his ace. One down, lceland +100.

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Brogeland	Thorvaldsson	Salensminde	Magnusson	
			♣	
Dble	\square	Pass	2♡	
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass		

With North declaring East had a few safe leads available. When he elected to lead a spade declarer was able to insert dummy's ten and thus get rid of his loser in that suit. End of the defence. Iceland +620 and 12 more IMPs.

Norway picked up a few IMPs on the next two boards and them came something more substantial:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo
		$ \heartsuit$	♠
Pass	2 뢒	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Once Jonsson opened at the one-level NS were out of trouble, it seemed. Helness could introduce his suit after

partner's overcall without having to worry about the combined strength of the NS hands. As it happened EW had a different view on the hand with penalty passes hidden at both sides of the table...

The $\Diamond K$ was led and a heart went to the queen and king. The diamond continuation was taken by declarer's ace and Helness' next move was to try and ruff his last diamond. However, East ruffed in front of dummy and the heart continuation gave West the chance to ruff out dummy's $\heartsuit A$. This way, Helness made only 5 tricks for +800 to Iceland.

An the other table, the weak two put more pressure on NS:

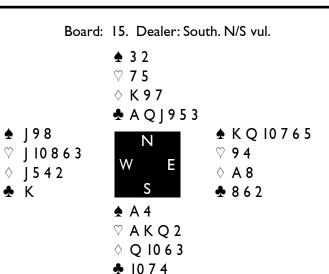
Closed Room West North East South Thorvaldsson Salensminde Brogeland Magnusson 20 Pass 3 🗭 Pass 3NT Pass Dble All Pass

South had to make a further move as North's strength was still unclear. East led a spade and West switched to diamonds. Once the heart finesse lost to the blank king, the scene was set for an 1100 penalty and a surprise 7-IMP gain to Norway to trail 14-29 now.

Three pushes and one more IMP to Iceland on boards 14 had made it 30-14 to them when the grand finale of the match began:



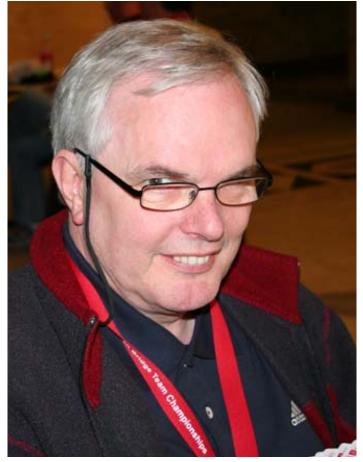
Boye Brogeland, Norway



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo
			INT
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	4 \diamond
Pass	5 秦	All Pass	

We will never know if the redouble showed doubt or if Helgemo simply expressed his doubts. Anyway, $5 \clubsuit$ was a



Jon Baldursson, Iceland

better game contract than 3NT would have been, as you still have the diamond guess up your sleeve if the $\clubsuit K$ is wrong. Norway +620.

Closed Room				
	West	North	East	South
	Brogeland	Thorvaldsson	Salensminde	Magnusson
				INT
	Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
	Pass	Redble	All Pass	

For Iceland, there was no doubt about the meaning of the redouble or at least: if there was any doubt, we will never know. With the \clubsuit K behaving it was not so difficult to score ten tricks for the more exotic species of the 1,400 number. Iceland also gained 13 IMPs for their efforts.

Exploiting the defensive chances brought Norway a double-figure swing on partscore defence, just one board later:

Boar	rd: 16. De ♠ A K ♡ 96 ◊ K 10 ♣ 98	082	∕V vul.
 ▲ J 6 3 2 ♡ 10 ◇ J 9 7 3 ◆ A 10 4 3 	 N W S ₹ 7 5 ♥ Q 7 ◊ A Q ₹ 6 	E ♡ /	10 9 8 A K J 8 5 2 - < Q J 7
Open Room	North	East	South

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo
Pass	$ \diamond$	\bigcirc	2♡
Pass	30	3♡	All Pass

It all looked so innocuous. Helgemo led the $\Diamond A$ and Jonsson ruffed. He next crossed in clubs to run the $\heartsuit 10$ but when Helgemo won his queen the roof fell in. Spade to the queen, club ruff, spade to the king, club ruff, spade to the ace and club ruff made it down three within seconds. Norway +300.

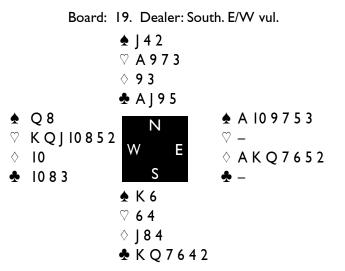
Closed Roc	om		
West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Thorvaldsson	Salensminde	Magnusson
Pass	INT	2 ◇	Pass
20	All Pass		

When South led a spade, North cashing three tricks in the suit, the defensive possibilities were gone. Nine tricks,

+140 to Norway and a well-deserved 10 IMPs back.

After Norway gained 6 more IMPs on board 17 they were only 13 IMPs down but on 18 their NS pair bid to a hopeless slam to double the deficit.

The Icelanders drove the final nail into the Norwegian coffin on board 19 where a 7-6-0-0 caused havoc all over the room:



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Baldursson	Helness	Jonsson	Helgemo	
			Pass	
3♡	Pass	6◇	All Pass	

Well, the advantage of opening 3^{\bigcirc} was that East had absolutely no way left to conduct a scientific inquiry about partner's support for his suits. So he bid what he thought he could make and was rewarded by the actual layout. As it happens, 6° is not a bad contract at all and with the trumps and the spades behaving it made easily. Iceland +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Thorvaldsson	Salensminde	Magnusson
			3♣
Pass	5 秦	5NT	Pass
6♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Preempts over preempts are generally considered a bad idea so Magnusson's 3th temporarily shut out Baldursson. Thorvaldsson's jump to 5th gave Salensminde a nasty problem. His rather unusual "unusual NT" backfired when Brogeland showed a strong preference for hearts but 6th was not a hopeless contract at all. The problem of it rather was to find the best line. It seems OK to ruff a diamond, catering for a 4-1 break, and then hope for the **t**K to be onside or possibly the **t**Jx. Playing this way, a number of declarers went down, among them Salensminde.

This final blow of 16 more IMPs gave Iceland a fine 69-33 victory, 22-8 in VP and saw them rise to joint 6th in the table with the Netherlands.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE EBL PRESIDENT TO THE WOMEN AND SENIOR TEAMS

Dear friends,

Good evening and welcome to Warsaw to participate in the 48th-Prokom Software SA European Bridge Teams Championships.

As you know, this year, 2006, the Polish Bridge Union celebrates its 50th Anniversary, the Golden Jubilee and as President of the EBL and also as a lover of bridge I am proud that the Polish bridge players can enjoy it together with their friends from everywhere in Europe.

Let me repeat what I said at the Championship Opening Ceremony, last Saturday: "A great event for a great bridge Federation, which has

achieved a tremendous success both in developing bridge, thanks to a remarkable schools bridge-teaching project, and in competing at the highest level in the World and European championships".

I am sure that you, representing 22 countries, will contribute to the success of this great bridge event, which has been possible to be organized thanks to the Polish Bridge Union and the Organising Committee, who have worked

with dedication and enthusiasm to achieve this result.

To all of them, to the Authorities, to the main sponsor Prokom Software and to all the other our sponsor friends, and moreover to my colleague and dear friend Radek Kielbasinski, President of the Polish Bridge Union, go our most sincere thanks.

I do not want to bore you longer and I do not want to repeat what I have already said, but I want only to say that I am sure that together with Open Teams players you will show, once again, the real values of

bridge and will contribute to reinforce our message of friendship, solidarity and peace.

Enjoy the Championship and good luck to you all. Un abbraccio to you all.

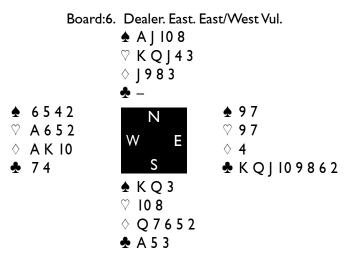
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OPEN TEAMS

Round 9

Handily placed Scotland against a French team in need of a change of fortune — who would enjoy their lunch more?



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
		4 🙅	Pass
5 📥	Dble	All Pass	

East was probably pleased he was not employing Four Clubs as a conventional bid. I will leave you to decide if West was unlucky when he raised — as you can see North South have no making game - and when North doubled South had a relatively easy decision.

The defenders took two spades and a club, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Sime	Mouiel	Sanders
		4♣	Pass
5 😓	Dble	Pass	5♢
Dble	All Pass		

South was unwilling to play for a penalty — but he had to pay one. He lost three red suit tricks, -100 and France had 7 IMPs.

Board	1:8. Dealer.West	None Vul
	🛧 A 9 7	
	♡] 7 3	
	♦ 10 9 4 2	
	🕭 K J 10	
♠ J62	Ν	≜ 84
♡ KQ9654		🗘 A 8 2
◊ K 3	W E	A Q 7 5
♣ 85	S	📥 Q 7 6 4
	🛦 K Q 10 5 3	
	♡ 10	
	◊ J 8 6	
	📥 A 9 3 2	

France	V	Scotland
by M	ark	Horton

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
2◊*	Pass	2♡*	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West led the king of hearts and East played the eight, upside down count. (It may have been better to overtake and switch to a diamond, as if the defenders play four rounds of the suit declarer has to guess both black suits.) He continued with a second heart and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played East for the queen of clubs, +140.

A few spectators suggested that East should have bid Two Spades over the multi. The problem is that West is usually allowed to jump to Four Hearts with a maximum, and you do have quite a lot of defence.

I will confess to a sneaking admiration for South's overcall.

Closed	Room
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West	North	East	South
Levy	Sime	Mouiel	Sanders
2♡	Pass	3♡	All Pass

This was a simple affair, +140 and another 7 IMP pickup for France.

Board:9.	Dealer North. E ▲ A K Q J 6 3 2 ♡ 9 ◇ K 6 ♣ Q 7 4	
 ▲ 10 4 ♡ A 10 8 7 5 4 ◊ 8 ♣ J 10 6 5 	N W E S ▲ 85 ♡ K Q J 6 3 ◇ Q J 7 4 ★ K 8	 ♣ 9 7 ♡ 2 ◇ A 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ A 9 3 2
Open Room		

Open Room West	North	East	South
Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
	3NT*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The opening bid promised a a good four level bid in either major.

West led his diamond and East won and returned the two, declarer following with the queen as West ruffed. Rather than cash the ace of hearts he returned the jack of clubs, covered by the queen and ace. When East returned a club declarer could win, draw one round of trumps, ruff a club and discard dummy's heart on the jack of diamonds for a miraculous +420.

Closed Roor	m		
West	North	East	South
Levy	Sime	Mouiel	Sanders
	♠	Pass	2 ♡
Pass All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

East led his heart and West won and switched to his diamond. East cashed the ace of clubs and when West played the five he switched back to diamonds, one down, +50 and 10 IMPs for France.

Board:		2 3 2 E ↓ 10 6 2 10 2	/South Vul 5 3 9 8 7 5 J 8 4 Q 10 7 3
Open Room	♣ j 4 2	2	
•	NI /I	- /	
West	North	East	South
Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
Pass	♠	Pass	2NT*

Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
Pass	♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 �*
Pass	4 \%	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5◇*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			



Marc Bompis, France

West found the best lead of a club, but declarer could draw trumps and take a discard on the third round of hearts, a well bid +1430.

Closed Roc	m		
West	North	East	South
Levy	Sime	Mouiel	Sanders
Pass	♠	Pass	4 �*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The problem with the splinter was that North was unlikely to be able to do much looking at poor trumps, especially if he held wasted values in diamonds. Maybe South should make another move with such terrific spades, despite the slight risk involved.

That was another 13 IMPs to France, who were in control, ahead by 42-3 IMPs.

Board	:16. Dealer Wes	st. East/West
	▲ J 10 8 6 ♡ 6 ◊ K J 9 7 6 3 ▲ 2	2
 ▲ A 3 2 ♡ K 9 8 2 ◇ A 4 ♣ 10 9 7 6 	N W E S ▲ 754 ♡ A Q J 73 ◇ Q ♣ K Q J 8	 ▲ K Q 9 ♡ 10 5 4 ◊ 10 8 5 ♣ A 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
Matheson	Bompis	Short	Sainte Marie
Pass	Pass	Pass	$ \heartsuit$
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2 ◇	All Pass	

Declarer lost three spades, a diamond and a club, +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Sime	Mouiel	Sanders
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♢
All Pass			

That is not my idea of a weak two bid, and I am not sure you would find too many supporters of North's second positive contribution to the auction.

East led the four of hearts and in an attempt to make the contract declarer finessed. That meant he was two down, - 100 and another 5 IMPs for France.

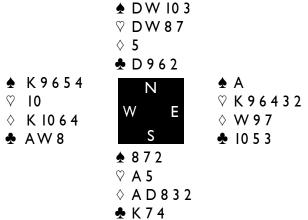
Scotland could make no impression over the final four boards and lost 57-3 IMPs, 25-4 VP.

POLSKA – SERBIA

Marek Wójcicki

Nasza drużyna w końcu zaczęła wygrywać. Miejmy nadzieje, że jest to początek szybkiego marszu naprzód. Oto kilka rozdań z meczu z Serbią, które walnie przyczyniły się do zwycięstwa 24:6.

Rozd. 2. Rozdawał E/NS po partii.



Pokój zamknięty

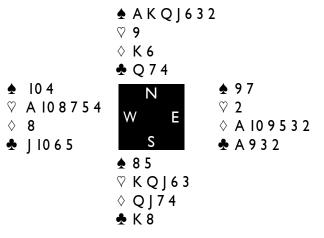
West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Radisic	Skrzypczak	Zipovski
		2 ◊'	ktr.
rktr.	pas	2♡	pas
pas	ktr.	pas	3◇
pas	3♠	pas	3BA
ktr.	pas		

' multi

Para serbska wyraźnie pogubiła się w licytacji i została za to boleśnie skarcona. Gierulski wyszedł ♡10. Rozgrywający położył ze stołu damę, która wzięła lewą i zagrał damę pik. Skrzypczak po lewie na asa zagrał ◊9 – dama, król. Gierulski Zagrał teraz w pika, a rozgrywający po wzięciu lewy na ósemkę w ręce zagrał blotkę karo. Gierulski wskoczył dziesiątką i wyrobił sobie pika. Rozgrywający przeszedł do ręki asem kier, odegrał dwa kara i zagrał w trefla. Gierulski wziął na asa i odegrał fortę pik. Bez dwóch, 500 dla Polski. Na drugim stole nasi przegrali IBA bez jednej. 9 imp dla

Polski.

Rozdanie 9. Rozdawał N/EW po partii



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West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Radisic	Skrzypczak	Zipovski
	🐣	$ \diamond$	I♡
pas	I ♠	pas	2◊
pas	4♠	pas	

Skrzypczak wyszedł $\Diamond A$, który wziął lewę (rozgrywający dodał z ręki szóstkę). Pozycja karowa była niejasna, więc Skrzypczak pociągnął jeszcze asa trefl, do którego Gierulski dołożył lavinthala – \clubsuit 5. Skrzypczak zagrał więc karo do przebitki i kontrakt został obłożony bez jednej.

Na drugim stole obrońca przeciwko kontraktowi 4 także ściągnął dwa asy w takiej samej kolejności jak Skrzypczak, ale teraz pomknął w kiera do przebitki. W zabił asem i odwrócił w kiery, ale Chmurski przebił figurą i zrealizował kontrakt.

Rozdanie 18. Rozdawał E/NS po partii.				
 ▲ J95 ♡ 3 ◊ KQ10753 ♣ 1094 	N W E S ▲ K 8 6 ♡ Q 7 ◇ A J 8 4 2 ♣ K 7 2	 ▲ A Q 4 3 ♡ A 10 9 8 5 4 ◊ 9 6 ♣ J 		
Open Room				

West	North	East	South
Parezanin	Chmurski	Duricic	Gawryś
		\bigtriangledown	ktr.
2◊	3♢	pas	3BA
ktr.	pas		

Gawryś dał trafną kontrę wywoławczą z ręką, z którą nie każdy by się na to zdecydował i nasza para wylądowała w ostrym kontrakcie 3BA, skontrowanym przez W. W nie trafił jednak kładącego wistu w pika (kto by go dał?), tylko wyszedł królem karo. Gawryś zabił od razu asem (ze stołu kier), ściągnął króla trefl, aby sprawdzić, czy przypadkiem kolor ten nie dzieli się 4-0 i zagrał kiera do waleta. E pobił asem i wyszedł \diamond 9. Piotrek dołożył ósemkę, a W przejął dziesiątką i wyszedł piątką, dając nadróbkę. 950 dla Polski i 13 imp, jako że na drugim stole Serbowie wygrali 3 z nadróbką.

Obyśmy dalej oglądali równie skuteczne poczynania Polaków!



