

Daily Bulletin

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EUROPE'S TRIO RAISING THE TEMPO



All systems go at the Line-Up Desk

With all three events under way the Championships are now gathering pace. In the Open series Italy has a commanding lead ahead of Hungary and Norway. Ireland had a terrific day to move into fourth place.

Less than a match covers the next 16 teams - still all to play for.

In the Women's event **Denmark** made an impressive start to top the table, ahead of **Scotland** and **Israel**.

In the Seniors, **Israel** lead the way, followed by **Germany** and **Sweden**.

Today's VuGraph Matches		Greece - France	14.15
		Italy - Scotland	14.15
Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd	d Floor	Poland - Turkey	14.15
Germany - Turkey	10.30	France - Poland (Seniors)	14.15
Sweden - Hungary	14.15	France - Israel	17.35
Netherlands - Italy	17.35	Portugal - Poland	17.35
		Hungary - Bulgaria	17.35
BBO OnLine Transmissio	BBO OnLine Transmissions		17.35
France - Switzerland	10.30	Swan Games OnLine	
Ireland - Poland	10.30	Hungary - Denmark	10.30
Norway - Italy	10.30	Finland - Norway	14.15
France - Italy (Women)	10.30	Iceland - England	17.35















OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

		ROUND	14 10.	30
Table	Home Team	า	Visiting Team	
1	SPAIN		GREECE	
2	NORWAY		ITALY	
3	SCOTLAND		ENGLAND	
4	HUNGARY		DENMARK	
5	BELGIUM		BULGARIA	
6	FRANCE		SWITZERLAND	
7	BELARUS		SWEDEN	
8	ROMANIA		LUXEMBURG	
9	ESTONIA		SERBIA	
10	SAN MARIN	0	LATVIA	
- 11	IRELAND		POLAND	
12	NETHERLAN	1DS	CROATIA	
13	RUSSIA		FINLAND	
14	LITHUANIA		PORTUGAL	
15	TURKEY		GERMANY	
16	ICELAND		ISRAEL	
	BYE		WALES	

		ROUND	15	14.15
Table	Home Tear	n	Visiting Team	1
1	PORTUGAL		GERMANY	
2	CROATIA		ICELAND	
3	GREECE		FRANCE	
4	SWEDEN		HUNGARY	
5	LATVIA		ROMANIA	
6	ENGLAND		NETHERLAND	OS
7	IRELAND		BELGIUM	
8	BULGARIA		BELARUS	
9	ISRAEL		SPAIN	
10	FINLAND		NORWAY	
- 11	ITALY		SCOTLAND	
12	SERBIA		SAN MARINO)
13	LITHUANIA	<u>.</u>	RUSSIA	
14	LUXEMBUR	G	SWITZERLAN	D
15	POLAND		TURKEY	
16	WALES		ESTONIA	
	DENMARK		BYE	

	RO	UND 16	17.35
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
1	ROMANIA	SERBIA	
2	PORTUGAL	POLAND	
3	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	
4	FRANCE	ISRAEL	
5	RUSSIA	GERMANY	
6	NORWAY	LITHUANIA	
7	ICELAND	ENGLAND	
8	BELARUS	IRELAND	
9	SPAIN	CROATIA	
10	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	
- 11	SWITZERLAND	GREECE	
12	SAN MARINO	WALES	
13	BELGIUM	TURKEY	
14	LATVIA	LUXEMBURG	
15	ESTONIA	DENMARK	
16	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	
	BYE	SWEDEN	

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 11 - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s	
- 1	TURKEY	ITALY	22 - 54	8 - 22	
2	LUXEMBOURG	SPAIN	46 - 30	18 - 12	
3	IRELAND	FINLAND	63 - 39	20 - 10	
4	LITHUANIA	BULGARIA	42 - 42	15 - 15	
5	GREECE	SCOTLAND	30 - 55	10 - 20	
6	SAN MARINO	ESTONIA	38 - 45	14 - 16	
7	SERBIA	BELARUS	24 - 40	12 - 18	
8	GERMANY	SWEDEN	47 - 54	14 - 16	
9	LATVIA	HUNGARY	26 - 47	11 - 19	
10	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	25 - 61	8 - 22	
П	FRANCE	ICELAND	55 - 29	20 - 10	
12	WALES	BELGIUM	25 - 63	7 - 23	
13	ISRAEL	NORWAY	29 - 45	12 - 18	
14	POLAND	DENMARK	37 - 59	10 - 20	
15	CROATIA	RUSSIA	31 - 45	12 - 18	
16	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND	18 - 71	5 - 25	
	ROMANIA			18 - 0	

	ROUND 12 - s	subject to official	confirma	tion
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	PORTUGAL	78 - 11	25 - 2
2	SAN MARINO	LUXEMBOURG	57 - 24	22 - 8
3	ICELAND	SWITZERLAND	40 - 54	12 - 18
4	ESTONIA	ROMANIA	36 - 46	13 - 17
5	BELARUS	WALES	32 - 41	13 - 17
6	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	29 - 38	13 - 17
7	FINLAND	TURKEY	31 - 23	16 - 14
8	IRELAND	LITHUANIA	44 - 22	20 - 10
9	BELGIUM	DENMARK	50 - 26	20 - 10
10	BULGARIA	GERMANY	27 - 41	12 - 18
Ш	SPAIN	FRANCE	23 - 38	12 - 18
12	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	30 - 21	17 - 13
13	HUNGARY	SERBIA	65 - 16	25 - 5
14	SWEDEN	POLAND	33 - 70	7 - 23
15	NORWAY	CROATIA	29 - 43	12 - 18
16	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	9 - 63	4 - 25
	LATVIA			18 - 0

	ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s	
- 1	ROMANIA	SAN MARINO	34 - 34	15 - 15	
2	ENGLAND	NORWAY	27 - 25	15 - 15	
3	POLAND	BULGARIA	23 - 39	12 - 18	
4	PORTUGAL	FINLAND	48 - 34	18 - 12	
5	WALES	HUNGARY	52 - 35	19 - 11	
6	TURKEY	LITHUANIA	84 - 31	25 - 5	
7	ITALY	RUSSIA	37 - 33	16 - 14	
8	CROATIA	SCOTLAND	49 - 40	17 - 13	
9	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	34 - 30	16 - 14	
10	GREECE	ICELAND	31 - 58	9 - 21	
П	DENMARK	BELARUS	20 - 34	12 - 18	
12	LUXEMBURG	FRANCE	14 - 43	9 - 21	
13	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	18 - 23	14 - 16	
14	SWITZERLAND	SPAIN	29 - 55	10 - 20	
15	LATVIA	ESTONIA	31 - 30	15 - 15	
16	GERMANY	IRELAND	22 - 63	7 - 23	
	SERBIA			18 - 0	

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUN	ND 3 10.30	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
ı	GERMANY	DENMARK	
2	FRANCE	ITALY	
3	NORWAY	SPAIN	
4	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	
5	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	
6	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	
7	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	
8	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	
9	POLAND	TURKEY	
10	IRELAND	RUSSIA	
Ш	GREECE	FINLAND	

	RC	UND 4 14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
ı	TURKEY	FRANCE
2	FINLAND	ISRAEL
3	SWEDEN	GERMANY
4	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND
5	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS
6	DENMARK	HUNGARY
7	CROATIA	POLAND
8	ITALY	IRELAND
9	SAN MARINO	SPAIN
10	ICELAND	GREECE
Ш	RUSSIA	NORWAY

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

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!

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUND 3 10.30		10.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting T	eam
ı	ISRAEL	WALES	
2	ITALY	FRANCE	
3	ENGLAND	NETHERL	ands
4	IRELAND	SCOTLAN	ID
5	GERMANY	FINLAND	
6	DENMARK	ESTONIA	
7	POLAND	SWEDEN	
8	TURKEY	SWITZERI	LAND

	RO	JND 4 14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND
2	FINLAND	ISRAEL
3	ESTONIA	ITALY
4	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND
5	SWEDEN	GERMANY
6	FRANCE	POLAND
7	WALES	TURKEY
8	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK

	ROL	JND 5 17.35
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
ı	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND
2	WALES	IRELAND
3	POLAND	ESTONIA
4	TURKEY	FINLAND
5	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
6	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
7	GERMANY	FRANCE
8	DENMARK	ENGLAND

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

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

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

You can enter by email to the following addresses: biuro@polbridge.pl kielbasinski@jbpb.pl

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

Polski Zwiazek, Brydza Sportowego ul. Zlota 9/4, PL-00-019 Warsaw, Poland

The closing date for entries is 30 November 2006.

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND I - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP s	VP s	
	GREECE	CROATIA	21 - 39	11 - 19	
2	SCOTLAND	ITALY	75 <i>-</i> 42	22 - 8	
3	DENMARK	AUSTRIA	51 - 18	22 - 8	
4	GERMANY	ICELAND	59 - 21	23 - 7	
5	HUNGARY	FINLAND	72 - 8	25 - 3	
6	POLAND	RUSSIA	52 - 32	19 - 11	
7	IRELAND	SAN MARINO	50 - 14	22 - 8	
8	ISRAEL	TURKEY	57 - 17	23 - 7	
9	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	68 - 51	19 - 11	
10	NORWAY	SWEDEN	40 - 34	16 - 14	
Ш	FRANCE	SPAIN	26 - 42	12 - 18	

	ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s	
1	SWEDEN	DENMARK	13 - 85	2 - 25	
2	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	42 - 57	12 - 18	
3	ITALY	POLAND	22 - 23	15 - 15	
4	RUSSIA	FRANCE	13 - 57	6 - 24	
5	SPAIN	IRELAND	33 - 45	13 - 17	
6	AUSTRIA	GERMANY	41 - 21	19 - 11	
7	ENGLAND	GREECE	32 - 15	19 - 11	
8	ICELAND	HUNGARY	25 - 32	14 - 16	
9	SAN MARINO	NORWAY	31 - 9	20 - 10	
10	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	8 - 54	6 - 24	
П	CROATIA	ISRAEL	31 - 38	14 - 16	

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND I - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VPs					
1	ISRAEL	IRELAND	43 - 12	22 - 8		
2	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	49 - 24	21 - 9		
3	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	37 - 12	21 - 9		
4	DENMARK	SWEDEN	39 - 40	15 - 15		
5	ITALY	FINLAND	22 - 20	15 - 15		
6	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	39 - 34	16 - 14		
7	ENGLAND	FRANCE	28 - 47	11 - 19		
8	POLAND	WALES	54 - 40	18 - 12		

	ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VPs					
	SWEDEN	ITALY	49 - 27	20 - 10		
2	WALES	GERMANY	27 - 54	9 - 21		
3	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	17 - 38	10 - 20		
4	ESTONIA	ENGLAND	19 - 19	15 - 15		
5	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	40 - 35	16 - 14		
6	FRANCE	DENMARK	27 - 34	14 - 16		
7	IRELAND	TURKEY	34 - 36	15 - 15		
8	FINLAND	POLAND	34 - 25	17 - 13		

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING after 2 rounds

subject to official confirmation

	DENIMARY	47.00
ı	DENMARK	47.00
2	SCOTLAND	46.00
3	HUNGARY	41.00
	IRELAND	39.00
5	ISRAEL	39.00
6	NETHERLANDS	37.00
7	FRANCE	36.00
8	POLAND	34.00
	GERMANY	34.00
10	CROATIA	33.00
- 11	SPAIN	31.00
12	ENGLAND	30.00
13	SANMARINO	28.00
14	AUSTRIA	27.00
15	NORWAY	26.00
16	ITALY	23.00
17	GREECE	22.00
18	ICELAND	21.00
19	RUSSIA	17.00
20	SWEDEN	16.00
21	FINLAND	15.00
22	TURKEY	13.00

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 2 rounds

subject to official confirmation

I	ISRAEL	42.00
	GERMANY	42.00
3	SWEDEN	35.00
	NETHERLANDS	35.00
5	FRANCE	33.00
6	FINLAND	32.00
7	TURKEY	31.00
	DENMARK	31.00
	POLAND	31.00
10	SCOTLAND	30.00
П	ENGLAND	26.00
12	ITALY	25.00
13	ESTONIA	24.00
14	IRELAND	23.00
15	WALES	21.00
16	SWITZERLAND	19.00

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 13 rounds

subject to official confirmation

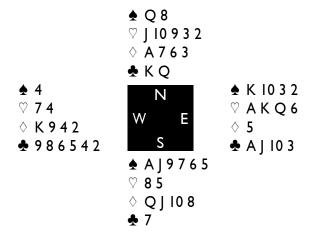
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The Appeal that wasn't

by Herman De Wael

Sometimes the players wish to appeal a ruling, only to find that they have already done enough to satisfactorily win the match. Yet those rulings can be of interest.

Round 4 Board 3. Dealer South. East/West Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
			2♠
Pass	3♠	3NT	4♠
4NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

4NT was explained by West to South as for the minors, while East explained it to North as being natural. North called the Director after the play, stating that he would have passed 4NT if he had known that it had been for the minors. He wanted his +200 changed into +400 from 4NT undoubled 4 down.

The Director ruled that there was in all probability no agreement between East and West and that the explanation "natural" had therefore been the correct one.

But just suppose there is some chance that the explanation that West has given (minors) is the correct one. Is there a reason to rule that North is damaged? Personally, I don't believe there is. Because in order for North to pass out 4NT, he would not only need to know the correct meaning of the bid (in that case, minors), but he would also need to be informed that East thinks it is natural, and that East will pass it. That second bit of knowledge, North will not have, nor is he entitled to it. Over 4NT for the minors, there is every chance that North will also double, in order to tell his partner not to compete to the five-level, but rather to double for penalties whichever minor is finally chosen. Of course for that, we need to know a little bit more about North/South's methods over two-suiters, but it is quite possible for the ruling to be "you would also double with the alternative explanation".

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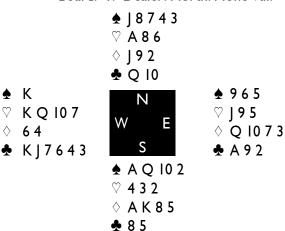
Round 9

Bulgaria v Italy by Jos Jacobs

For Wednesday morning another top match was scheduled as Italy, the perennial leaders as one might say, had to put their unbeaten record at stake against another of the well-placed teams. Bulgaria were to be their opponents. The latter were occupying third place before the match started after their excellent performance on Tuesday.

So far, Italy had been slow starters but somehow they had always been able to overcome any initial deficit and turn it into an eventual victory. This match proved to be an exception as for once they had a flying start, due to superior judgement in partscore situations:

Board: I. Dealer: North. None vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
	Pass	Pass	I♦
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Once Stefanov decided not to act over 24 the spades were lost forever, as Lauria's simple raise effectively shut out everybody. Italy +110.

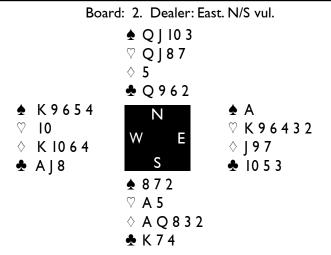
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes	
	Pass	Pass	INT	
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT	
3♣	3♡	Pass	3♠	
All Pass				

The weak NT worked well for N/S here as when West could not show his clubs immediately, and North put in a transfer to spades, enabling Nunes to locate the fit.

One overtrick and another +170 for Italy, 7 IMPs.

And the next board:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

By contrast, the weak NT worked badly for NS here as there simply was no clear fit. The final contract was not that bad, but the breaks were, so Aronov had to concede



down two when Versace led an obvious trump. Though it might even have been down three; Italy had scored +200 here.

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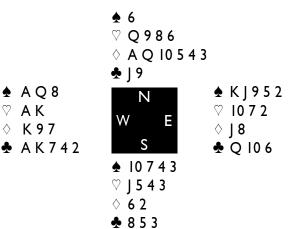
West	North	East	South
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes
		Pass	INT
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3◊	All Pass		

This time, Marashev could show his major-minor twosuiter over INT but it happened to be the wrong moment to do so. 2NT asked for the minor but at this table too, declarer could not handle the bad breaks and went down three, for another +150 to Italy and 8 IMPs more.

After two boards the score thus stood at 15-0 and the Italians began to feel very, very relaxed...

Not for long however, as Bulgaria almost completely closed the gap on the next board:

Board: 3. Dealer: South. E/Wvul.



Open Room

- p	•		
West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
			Pass
2♣	3♦	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Though 3° showed spades and at least some values, Versace could not conceive a way to both show his clubs and the spade fit. When he settled for what looked like the safest game contract, Italy had lost a great chance. On the normal diamond lead he made all the tricks, of course. Italy +720.

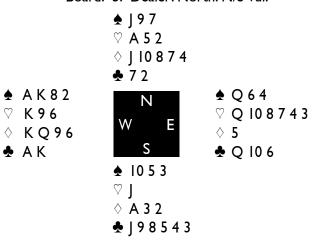
Closed Room

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	West	North	East	South	
	Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes	
				Pass	
	I♣	3♦	Dble	Pass	
	4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass	
	6NT	All Pass			

As East had shown some outside values as well with his double over 30 the jump to 6NT was a fair shot rather than a wild gamble. The appearance of the \$\display\$Q in dummy must have made West feel very happy. Bulgaria +1440 and 12 IMPs back.

On board 4, Bulgaria levelled the match but then they gave it away again on the next board:

Board: 5. Dealer: North. N/S vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

After his minimum weak two, Lauria showed no further interest in Versace's exploratory activities so the Italians settled for game and scored +480 when the defence did not cash their second red ace in time.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Obviously, Marashev read the jump to 50 as a void.

When Fantoni led a diamond nevertheless and dummy put down his singleton, the contract could no longer be made once Nunes won his ace. Italy +50 and 11 IMPs back.

An interesting board turned up next:



Julian Stefanov, Bulgaria

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♦ 4

♣ KQ|109862

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

♠ A J I 0 8 ♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ J 9 8 3

♠ 6542♡ A652

♦ AKI0
♦ 74

N W E S

★ K Q 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
		3NT	Pass
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

3NT showed a four-level opening in either minor.

When Stefanov showed spades and another with his reopening 4♦ Versace had a difficult decision to make over Aronov's 4♠. No doubt he expected to make 5♠ but dummy proved to be a little disappointing. Bulgaria +200.

Closed Room West North East South Nunes Marashev Fantoni Petkov 3♣ **Pass** Pass Dble 4◊ **Pass Pass** 5♣ **Pass** 5◊ Dble All Pass

Fantoni too most likely expected 50 to be a make but this time it was Nunes who must have been a little disappointed in seeing the dummy. Bulgaria +100 and 7 IMPs to trail by 4.

Some extra undertricks and a small partscore swing had seen the Bulgarians into the lead by 6 IMPs when this nice misfit arrived on board 13:

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

♠ A Q J 6 5 ♥ A K Q 7 5 ♦ 7 6

♣ Q

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

★ 4 3

♥ 106♦ 9432♠ A8532

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov
	♣	Pass	I♦
Pass	ΙΫ́	Pass	I♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

In the Bulgarian version of the Strong Club the I^{\heartsuit} rebid over the negative I^{\diamondsuit} is ambiguous, so the strong two suiter did not get revealed until the three-level. That was far beyond the safety limit already but they went on to a hopeless game which EW did not bother to double. On a diamond lead and continuation the result was down four, +400 to Italy.

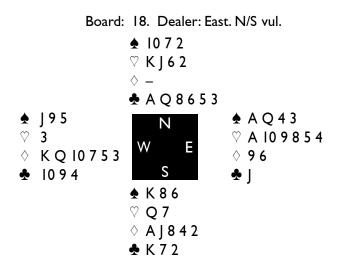
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes
	♠	Pass	INT
Dble	Redble	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Not that the Italians fared much better. On a diamond lead, overtaken by West who led his trump, Fantoni went up with the ♠A and played the ♡AK and a low one, ruffed in front of dummy by East. This way, he managed to go only one down for a loss of 100 points and a rather substantial gain of 7 IMPs to retake the lead by just 1 IMP.

The Italian lead had gone up to II as a result of two of those typical tiny partscore swings: the same contracts making in one room and going down in the other etc.

Then came board 18 to settle the issue:



Open Room	1			
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov	
		I♡	Dble	
2♦	3♣	All Pass		

Now this would have been an interesting hand if South had ventured 3NT, as happened in some other matches. To beat it, West has to lead a spade to East's ace and then East has to switch to the $\lozenge 9$. If declarer wins this, he will lose three diamond tricks once East takes his $\heartsuit A$. If he ducks, the defence will revert to spades and establish three tricks in that suit together with the two red-suit tricks.

A top diamond lead by West is not enough, as declarer will win this and go after the hearts, losing no more than two diamonds and two aces.

In the more peaceful $3\frac{4}{3}$ an overtrick was made for +130 to Bulgaria.

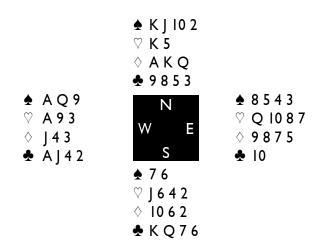
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West	North	East	South		
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes		
		ΙŸ	Pass		
I♠	2♣	3♣	3NT		
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass		
Pass	Dble	All Pass			

As one could expect from Fantunes, they quickly reached 3NT and Petkov decided to go for the save. On the actual layout this proved too expensive anyway...ltaly +800 and 12 IMPs to lead by 23 now. Another victory looked secure.

The difference between the two teams in their partscore approach came to light again on the next board:

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



Open Room	า			
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Stefanov	Lauria	Aronov	
			Pass	
INT	All Pass			

On the lead of a top diamond and a club switch, this quiet contract quietly went one off when North tried a spade after being given his heart trick. Bulgaria +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marashev	Fantoni	Petkov	Nunes
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♡	All Pass		

In the other room, Petkov did his best to find a fit but his partner was not quite on the same wavelength. With the spades in particular breaking badly declarer could not handle the contract, and went three off for +300 and another 5 IMPs to Italy.

On the last board, another typical tiny partscore swing brought the margin to 31 IMPs, good for yet another Italian victory, the ninth in a row, this time by 21-9 VP.

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Round 10

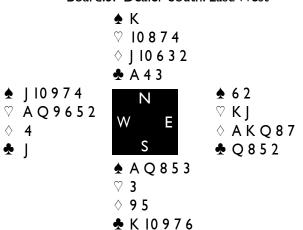
Italy v Ireland

by Mark Horton

With almost a third of the event completed Italy had made it clear that they were intent on recording their seventh straight Championship victory, having reeled off nine wins in a row.

Could Ireland be the first team to lower their colours? (You could get about the same odds on Andy Murray beating Roger Federer.)

Board:3. Dealer South. East/West



Open	Room

West	North	East	South	
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes	
Pass	2NT*	3◊	2 ♠ 4 ♣	
All Pass	2. 11	5 v	1.2	

Two Spades was limited to 10-13 and 2NT was a relay, South showing his clubs despite East's intervention. That was enough to keep West quiet, but had South passed West would surely have bid Three Hearts (cold) and East might have gone on to game (probably one down).

West led the jack of clubs and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the king of spades and played a heart. East put up the king and played a club, declarer finessing, cashing the ace of spades and ruffing a spade. East could overruff, but declarer had eight tricks, -100.

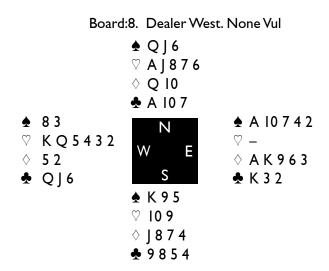
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West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll
			♠
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

North cashed the king of spades and switched to the ace of clubs, followed by the three, South playing the nine as declarer ruffed. He played the jack of spades and North discarded a club. South won with the queen and played a club, declarer discarding a spade as North ruffed; one down, -100 and 5 IMPs for Ireland.

Once North plays a second club there is a way for declarer to make the contract. After ruffing the club he unblocks the trump suit, ruffs a club and plays off all his trumps. Then he cashes two top diamonds and exits with the eight of diamonds to endplay North.

Is that a plausible line of play? Perhaps, as playing to ruff a spade in dummy requires some very favourable breaks, not least in the trump suit.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes	
2◊*	2♡	Dble	Pass	
Pass	2NT	Dble	All Pass	

A spade lead works best for the defence, but naturally East led a low diamond. Declarer won in hand with the queen, played a spade to the king and ran the nine of hearts. When that held he ran the ten. West ducked again and declarer knocked out the ace of spades. He was up to seven tricks, but there was no way to manufacture an eighth, so he was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll	
2♡	All Pass			

North led the jack of spade and when that held he switched to the ten of diamonds. Declarer took the ace and played a club to the queen and ace. North played the queen of diamonds and declarer won and cashed his club winners, followed by the ace of spade and a spade ruff. He exited with a low heart, and ruffed South's diamond return with the king of hearts. When North could overruff he was one down, -50 and Ireland had another small swing, this time of 4 IMPs, putting them ahead II-I IMPs.

Then came a board where something unusual happened:

Board: 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 10 9 3 2 ♡ 4 ◇ 7 6 4 ♣ Q 9 3

♠ 65♡ K 10 9 7 3 2◇ 8 5♠ 8 7 4

N W E S ♠ K 7

♡ Q J 8 5

◇ K 3 2

♣ A K 6 5

♠ Q 8 4 ♡ A 6 ◊ A Q J 10 9 ♣ J 10 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South	
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes	
		INT	Pass	
2◊*	Pass	2NT*	Pass	
3◊*	Pass	3♡	All Pass	

When West transferred East showed his four-card support via 2NT, but West had no interest in game and made a second transfer request.

Declarer had to lose a spade, a heart, two diamond and a club, one down, -100.



Tom Hanlon, Ireland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll
		INT	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3◊*	Pass	3♡	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

It is not often you see an Italian pair out-bid, but North protected and South had more than enough to go on to game.

East cashed the king of clubs and switched to the queen of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played ace of spades and a spade, soon claiming +620 and 11IMPs.

That was quickly followed by a board where Italy was caught speeding:

Board: 12. Dealer West. North/South Vul.

♣ Q J
♡ A J 6
◇ K 7 6 4
♣ K J 9 2

♣ A 10 8 6 5
♡ 7 5 4
◇ A Q
♣ Q 10 5

■ X
○ Q 9 3
◇ J 10 2
♣ 7 3

♣ 3
○ K 10 8 2
◇ 9 8 5 3

♣ A 8 6 4

Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes	
I♠	Dble	2◊*	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2♠*	Dble	
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣	
3♡	Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Two Diamonds was a transfer to hearts — a psychic effort from East. When West subsequently supported hearts he beat a hasty retreat to spades

There was nothing to the play, declarer losing the six obvious tricks for two down, -100.

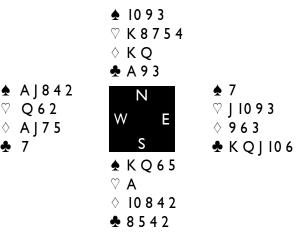
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West	North	East	South	
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll	
	Dble	4♠	Dble	_
All Pass				

That was a straightforward three down, +500, stretching Ireland's lead to 31-6 IMPs.

Italy hit back immediately:





Open Room

Q 6 2

West	North	East	South
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes
	INT	Pass	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♡	$Dble^*$
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Two Diamonds promised spades and another suit. It led to a perilous contract, but mercifully no-one could quite muster a double. That was just as well as the defence was 100% accurate.

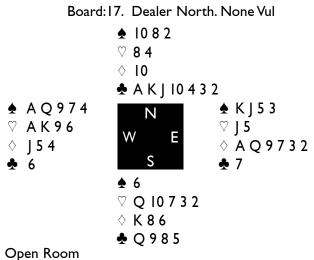
North led the king of diamonds and when that held he continued with the queen. Declarer won and played the queen of hearts. South won, and switched to the eight of clubs, North winning with the ace, cashing the king of hearts and giving South a heart ruff. The trump exit left declarer with no way to avoid four down, -400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll	
	10	Pass	I♠	
Pass	INT	All Pass		

East led the king of clubs and continued with the queen when declarer ducked, West discarding the two of spades. A spade went to the king and ace and a heart came back to dummy's ace. With nothing useful to do declarer played a club to the nine and East's ten. He cashed his club tricks, declarer pitching two hearts, West two diamonds and a spade. He exited with the ten of hearts for the queen and declarer's ace. When declarer tried the ten of spades he had set up another winner for the defenders and was three down, -300, giving Italy 12 IMPs.

With boards running out both side had a chance to score heavily:



West North **East** South McGann Fantoni Hanlon Nunes 3♣ 3♦ 5♣ All Pass 6◊

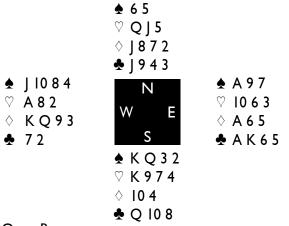
The preemption made life far too difficult for East/West, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll	
	3♣	3◊	5♣	
6◊	All Pass			

An identical sequence — indeed it could easily have been repeated at every table — no swing.

Board: 18. Dealer East. North/South Vul

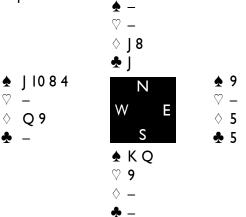


Open Room

West	North	East	South	
McGann	Fantoni	Hanlon	Nunes	
		INT	Pass	
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

South led the two of spades and declarer won with dummy's jack and played another spade to the nine and queen. Can you blame South for playing a third spade? Now declarer could win and duck a club, setting up a minor suit squeeze against North. North won that club and took the next two tricks with the queen and jack of hearts. Declarer won the club exit and played a heart to the ace, squeezing North.

Suppose declarer simply ducks a club at trick two? Let's say South wins and finds the heart switch. Declarer ducks two rounds, wins the third, takes two diamonds, one in each hand, the ace of spades and two top clubs to reach this position:



Now declarer can exit with a club to endplay North.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Bocchi	Garvey	Duboin	Carroll	
		♣	Pass	
♡*	Pass	I♠	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

After the transfer response South led the four of hearts and declarer won the third round of the suit and ran the jack of spades. South won with the king, cashed the long heart and the defenders had to score another trick, one down, -50 and the 10 IMPs that ensured Italy's unbeaten record would fall, Ireland recording a famous victory, 42-25 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

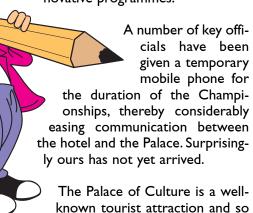
They'll be dancing in the streets of Dublin!



Dr. Hugh Mcgann, Ireland

Championship Diary

We are very fortunate to have the services of Karol Pazola, a real computer wizard, who is making our job easier every day with his innovative programmes.



far the most popular question for the staff at the line up desk, which is located just inside the main entrance, has been 'Where may I buy a post-card?'

Essential maintenance being carried out to the colour printer meant yesterday's Bulletin was monochrome. Enjoying breakfast with Philippe Cronier he noticed I was reading a copy of an English newspaper, The Times, which was also in black & white. 'Ah,' he said, 'Now that's a much more interesting read.'

On Tuesday evening we met two charming young ladies from Ireland. We asked them if they were members of the team and when they replied in the affirmative we enquired as to how they had been selected. 'We live there.'

Our latest gastronomic recommendation comes via our Italian connections - try Restauracja Meksykansk (Mexican food) - Senatorska 27.

Yesterday we suffered a total loss of power for an hour and had to reroute several machines. That meant disconnecting our printer and the coffee machine. When power was restored the printer made some very strange noises and our Web Editor, Akis Kanaris, said 'Maybe it's confused and is making coffee.'



Presidential Evening





On Wednesday evening the a dinner to celebrate the 48th

Prokom Software SA European Team Championships and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Polish Bridge Union was celebrated at a dinner hosted by its President, Radoslaw Kielbasinski.

The organisation and presentation of a major Championship is a massive undertaking, requiring a huge commitment of time and resources. It would be impossible without the support and sponsorship of a vast array of companies and the president was delighted to be able to honour those who had contributed towards the creation of the Championships.

The support provided to the host

country by the EBL is essential to the staging of the Cham-

pionships and this was recognised by some special presentations.

The President of the EBL, Gianarrigo Rona, honoured the man who has worked so hard towards the growth of bridge in Poland and the staging of the Championships, by the presentation of the Gold Medal of the EBL.

As everyone has discovered, music is always to the fore in Poland and the presentation by the MoCart Group was a big hit with the audience. Their dazzling repertoire included, amongst others, extracts from works by Mozart, Bizet, The Rolling Stones, Simon & Garfunkel & Rossini, each

infused with inventive humour.







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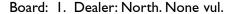
Round 11

Germany v Sweden

by Jos Jacobs

With four days of these Championships gone it is becoming a little clearer which teams are in the hunt for the Shanghai berths. On Thursday morning there was even a sort of gap between the nos. 6 and 7. Two teams from the first six had to meet in the morning round, so it was not difficult to decide which match to follow.

Right on the first board of the morning you could win many IMPs by trusting your opponents.



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♦ 10 6

★ 5♡ 1097643◇ 74

♣ K632

N W E S

≜ 7 ♡ J ◇ A Q 5 3 **♣** A Q J I0 9 8 4

♠ A J I0♡ K 8 2♦ K J 9 8 2♠ 7 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard	
	♠	2♣	3♣	
5♣	5♠	6♣	Dble	
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

Once North removes partner's double he will probably be void in clubs, so one of your aces won't survive. As the bidding had not revealed anything East could not be at all sure of the diamond position, so his decision not to take the save seems quite reasonable. Germany +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom	
	♠	2♣	2NT	
5♣	5♡	Pass	5♠	
Pass	6♠	7♣	Dble	
All Pass				

Here Bertheau had shown a heart control and thus implicitly denied a diamond control. Wladow thus was in a good position to judge what to do. Taking the save proved correct and the loss of only 500 gave his team their first 10 IMPs.

On the next board, the Swedes were perhaps a little lucky:



Josef Piekarek, Germany

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

♠ A K 8 3
♡ A 7 4
◇ 10 9 4

♣ 8 5 3

♠ 10 7♡ Q J 3◇ A K 7 6 3

A K 2

W S S 4 J 9 5 4

♠ Q 6 2 ♡ K 9 8 6 ◊ 2

♣ | 10 9 7 6

♠ J 9 5 4
♡ 10 5 2
◇ Q J 8 5
♣ O 4

Open Room

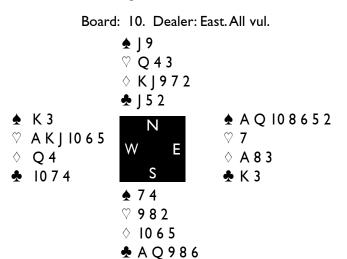
	=			
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard	
		Pass	Pass	
I♦	Pass	ΙŸ	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A nice example of "the wrong bid at the right moment." 3NT is definitely not the best contract in the world, but why argue with success? Sweden +400.

Closed Roo	om		
West	North	East	South
Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom
		Pass	Pass
۱ 🗫	Pass	I ♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	All Pass

A well-controlled checkback auction led to an excellent contract and a loss of 7 IMPs when Elinescu made 10 tricks. Sweden had struck back immediately.

Sweden were leading 24-19 when board 10 arrived:



Open	Room

Open Reem				
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard	
		I♠	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass	
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4 ♦	Dble	Redble	Pass	
4♠	All Pass			

A sensible auction to a sensible contract. Sweden +650.

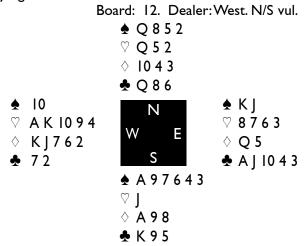
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom	
		l ♠	Pass	
2♡	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass	
6♠	All Pass			

Once Wladow had rebid 3♠ Elinescu had enough to drive towards slam. The interesting problem is of course how to play the hand. Most declarers in slam went down, probably because they played for the ♥Q being well-placed rather than trumps 2-2 and hearts behaving. On the lead of the ♣A Wladow was one of the only two successful declarers, the other one being a Dutchman: Huub Bertens.

Anyway, 13 IMPs for Germany and a new leader in the match.

Not for long, however, as two boards later Elinescu misjudged:



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard	
IΦ	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♣	Pass	4♡	All Pass	

It can easily be understood why Gotard refrained from overcalling: N/S were vulnerable against not. Sweden thus were allowed to score a quiet +420.

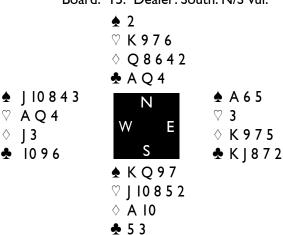
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom	
IΫ́	Pass	4♡	4♠	
5♡	All Pass			

As they say: "The cards do not know they are vulnerable..." Fredrik Nystrom's daring 4\(\Delta\) interference paid rich dividends when Elinescu immediately took what he must have thought was a save. This way, a possible +800 for Germany became a sad -50 and 10 IMPs to Sweden. They had regained the lead: 34-33.

A few boards later, they increased their lead in curious fashion:

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



Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard	
			Pass	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

This auction really speaks for itself.

Closed Room

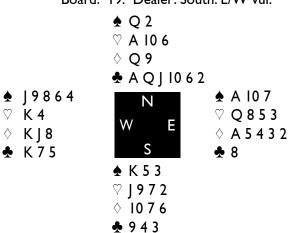
West	North	East	South	
Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom	
			I♡	
I♠	2NT	3♣	Pass	
Pass	4♡	All Pass		

Contrary to what had happened in the Open Room, every single player found a bid once Nystrom had opened his nice little major two-suiter. Though a possible save in spades was there for EW, they wisely let their opponents play their game. The nasty 4-1 break in spades would certainly have given West a rough time...

So Sweden scored +620 here and gained 12 IMPs more.

With two boards to go, Germany were 18 down but as we all remember from their football teams, Germans never give up. On the last two boards they pulled 11 IMPs back. This was the first of these two:

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



Open	Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Piekarek	Bjornlund	Gotard
			Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	

When Fredin could not find an opening bid on the West hand, in 2^{nd} position, Piekarek's "tactical" INT bid opened and closed the auction. The blocked diamond position made it difficult for the defence to defeat this though, double dummy, there is a way: ∇K after the first three rounds of diamonds. At the table North made just 7 tricks for +90 to Germany.



Fredrik Bjornlund, Sweden

Closed Room

	West	North	East	South	
	Elinescu	Bertheau	Wladow	Nystrom	
				Pass	
	I♠	2♣	2♠	Pass	
	Pass	3♣	3♠	All Pass	

Elinescu's choice to open this rubbish West hand immediately located the fit so Wladow had no trouble at all in competing once more. On the lead of the A West even made an overtrick for a score of +170 to Germany and 6 IMPs.

Germany scored 5 more IMPs on the last board so the final score read: 54-47 or 16-14 in VP to Sweden. Both teams had consolidated their good position in the standings.

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Danger Deep Finesse at Work

♦ A 9 8 2

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The commentators are a lazy lot; show them a tough deal and they immediately call up Deep Finesse, to try to crack the problem. Sometimes even that is not enough.

On the above deal, 12 declarers played and made four spades. A number were in five without success, but let's look at what should happen to the game - given that DF tells us that nine tricks are the limit.

On a diamond lead declarer can play to ruff two diamonds in dummy and a club lead opens channels of communication for declarer. The heart lead (found at the only

table where four spades went down) has to be ducked by North, and East wins with an honour. Now declarer plays a diamond, or else the defence get a ruff. Whichever defender wins this has the choice of going passive or leading trumps. A trump play by South runs to the ten and queen and a top heart back leaves North on play. If he returns a diamond, declarer ruffs high and finesses in trumps to make II tricks! If he returns anything else declarer can draw trumps.

The winning play is to lead a trump to trick one. Declarer takes the ten with the queen and returns a top heart, ducked by North. Now the defence are threatening a heart ruff, so the diamond ten travels round to North, who plays back a trump, won by declarer in hand. What is declarer to do now? If he plays a top heart, North wins and returns a diamond, locking declarer in dummy to lose a club and a diamond. If he plays a club, North wins and plays a third trump, leaving declarer with losing diamonds.

Incidentally Fantoni/Nunes defended to five spades, on a club lead to the jack and queen. Fantoni immediately found the single-dummy defence to trouble declarer the most, a low spade. Declarer not unnaturally put up the ace, and now was two down. Fantoni ducked the heart king, won the first diamond, and returned a diamond. When declarer ruffed and played a heart, a third diamond by Fantoni promoted a trump for himself.





Bermuda Bowl - Venice Cup - Seniors Bowl Zonal Representation

Zonal representation for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be the same as in Estoril in 2005 which was:

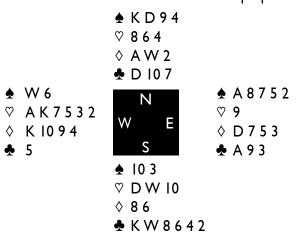
Zone	Bermuda Bowl	Venice Cup	Seniors Bowl
I	6	6	6
2	3	3	3
3	2	2	2
4	2	2	2
5	l	I	l
6	4 (3 + host country)	4 (3 + host country)	4 (3 + host country)
7	2	2	2
8	2	2	2
Total	22	22	22

TRUDNA SZTUKA OBRONY

Marek Wójcicki

Nie bez kozery twierdzi się, że obrona jest najtrudniejszym elementem gry w brydża. Dobra gra na wiście wymaga dużej dozy wyobraźni, starannego omówienia alfabetu sygnałów z partnerem, koncentracji i pracy w trakcie rozdania. Dlatego właśnie na wiście zdarza się wiele drastycznych błędów. Nawet najlepszym od czasu do czasu zdarza się zbłądzić. Ale po tym, jak w poniższym rozdaniu, pochodzącym z pierwszej rundy mistrzostw byłem świadkiem obrony kontraktu 3BA, którą opiszę dalej, myślałem, że już nic nie będzie w stanie mnie zadziwić.

Rozdanie 13. Rozdawał N/Obie po partii



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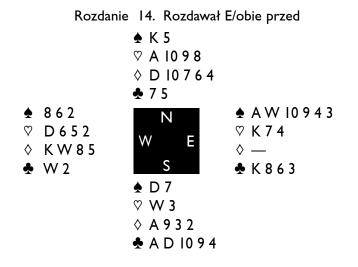
West	North	East	South
	♣¹	I♠	3♣
3 ♡²	pas	3BA	pas

¹ naturalne, 3⁺♣ (system "lepszy młodszy"); ² forsujące

S na kartę pierwszego wistu wybrał damę kier... Co prawda w szkole podstawowej uczyli, że na bez atu wychodzi się w najdłuższy kolor, albo w kolor partnera, albo w kolor uzgodniony, ale co tam... Ktoś tam też mówił, że wist z sekwensu jest najbezpieczniejszy. Dama została zabita w stole królem. Teraz rozgrywający zadysponował \$10, która wzięła lewę. Ponownie karo, tym razem blotka. N wskoczył asem i zagrał siódemkę trefl. Z ręki as, S zachęcił. Teraz dama karo przejęta królem – od N walet... Sytuacja staje się powoli jasna. Rozgrywający wyrobił teraz kiery grając asa i blotkę w tym kolorze. S doszedł do ręki i dojrzał szansę... zagrał w pika. Zaskoczony rozgrywający wziął tą lewę na asa, przeszedł do stołu karem i ściągnął pozostałe kiery. 10 lew. Uff...

Jak napisałem we wstępie, myślałem, że ta obrona nie będzie miała konkurencji w konkursie na najgorszą obronę mistrzostw. Ale nie jest tak łatwo... Jest wiele rzeczy na tym świecie, moi drodzy Czytelnicy, o jakich nam się nawet

Następne rozdanie pochodzi z meczu VIII rundy. Nie byle jakiego – potykali się w nim aktualny lider z wiceliderem – Włochy ze Szwecją, a przy stole spotkały się pary zaliczane do topu światowej czołówki:



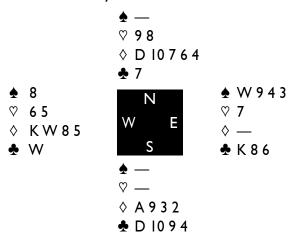
Рокој otwa	rty			
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom	
		I♠	pas	
2♠	pas	4♠	pas	

Lauria - Versace doszli do wyraźnie przeostrzonej końcówki i S stanął przed trudnym problemem wistowym. Zdecydował się "szarpnąć" – trudno to zagranie inaczej nazwać – asa trefl. To na razie kosztowało jedną lewą na



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

szybko, ale wyglądało, że nadal do realizacji kontraktu jest daleko. Wistujący ze zrzutki partnera wywnioskował, że rozgrywający ma kilka trefli i będzie próbował przebijać je w dziadku. Aby to utrudnić, zdecydował się zagrać w atu. Ale zagranie damą byłoby prostackie – przecież partner może mieć singlowego króla bądź drugiego waleta w pikach. S wyszedł więc siódemką pik. Teraz z kolei swoją dozę pracy myślowej wykonał N – "muszę mieć czym nadbić, jeżeli rozgrywający będzie próbował przebijać trefle" – nie zastosował się więc do starej maksymy "trzecia ręka bije i płacze", tylko dołożył piatkę. Zaskoczony Lauria wział lewę na dziesiątkę i ściągnął asa atu. Nadal jednak do realizacji kontraktu było daleko. Najlepszą szansą wydawało się wzięcie trzech lew w kierach. Rozgrywający zagrał więc kiera do damy w dziadku. N zabił damę asem i odwrócił dziesiątką kier. Lauria wziął lewę na króla – od S spadł walet. W aktualnej końcówce:



perspektywy rozgrywającego nadal nie wyglądały różowo... Lauria z właściwą dla siebie intuicją ocenił że



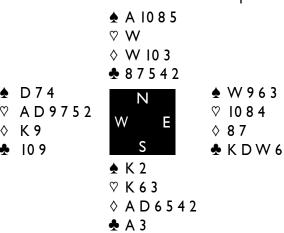
Peter Bertheau, Sweden

kiery nie dzielą się 3-3 i zrezygnował z tej szansy. Jaką znalazł? Nie było żadnej. Zagrał z ręki blotkę trefl. S nie wskoczył damą, wieńcząc cały trud włożony w to rozdanie i kontrakt został zrealizowany.

Gwoli ścisłości historycznej dodam, że na drugim stole 2♠ zostały przegrane bez jednej.

Myślę, że po tych dwóch rozdaniach każdy mógł się wyzbyć kompleksów co do swojego poziomu obrony. Należy jednak pamiętać, że były to "perełki", który znalezienie wymagało prześledzenia kilkudziesięciu rozdań, z których każde było rozgrywane na kilkudziesięciu stołach. Abyśmy jednak nie nabrali przekonania, że w tych mistrzostwach grają sami "klienci", i my, nawet w parze z ciocią pokazalibyśmy tym gościom, na czym ta gra naprawdę polega, pokażę też kawałek dobrego wistu:

Rozdanie II. Rozdawał S/Obie przed



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bertheau	Lauria	Nystrom
			♣¹
IΦ	pas	2♡	3◊
3♡	ktr.	Pas	3BA
pas			

1 17⁺PC, układ dowolny

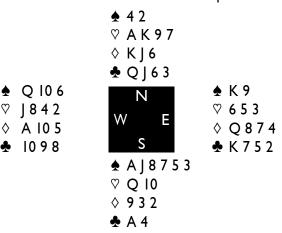
Licytacja miała prawdopodobnie zbliżony przebieg na większości stołów, gdzie kontraktem finalnym stało się 3BA. Miało to miejsce dziesięciokrotnie. W co należy wyjść z ręką W? Że w kiera nie ulega wątpliwości. Oczywiście, można próbować dojść do partnera pikiem bądź treflem, ale są to próby "trafienia w okienko". Na dziewięciu stołach nastąpiło sztampowe wyjście z czwartej najlepszej i kontrakt został zrealizowany. Natomiast Alfredo Versace przed pierwszym wistem chwilę się zastanowił – wiedząc, że partner ma trzy kiery, a król karo jest prawie pewnym dojściem, wyszedł asem kier – walet, ósemka, szóstka... Teraz nastąpiła kontynuacja blotką kier do dziesiątki u partnera i króla od rozgrywającego. Dojście do stołu asem pik i impas karo – bez dwóch!

POLSKA — SZWECJA

Marek Wójcicki

W meczu ze Szwecją w końcu zobaczyliśmy polską drużynę taką, jaką chcielibyśmy oglądać zawsze – grającą dobrze, agresywnie i z pewną dozą fartu. Oto kilka rozdań, które walnie przyczyniły się do wysokiego zwycięstwa – 23-7.

Rozd. I. Rozd. N/Obie przed



Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South	
Nystrom	Chmurski	Bertheau	Gawryś	
	♣	pas	♠	
pas	IBA	pas	2♣¹	
pas	2 ◊²	pas	3♠³	
pas	3BA	pas		

- ¹ double checkback sign off na karach lub ręce inwitujące do końcówki
- ² automat
- ³ inwit z szóstką pików, sugerujący słaby kolor i rozrzucone honory

3BA po wiście karowym zostało zrealizowane bez problemu. 10 imp dla Polski.

W pokoju otwartym para szwedzka stanęła w 4♠ z ręki N. Tuszyński zawistował w karo, rozwiązując rozgrywającemu palcówkę w tym kolorze. Kowalski zabił asem i odwrócił w karo. N wziął na króla i zagrał trzy razy w kiery, zrzucając ze stołu karo. Gdyby teraz wykonał impas trefl, kontrakt byłby nie zagrożony. Ale nastąpiło zagranie dziewiątką kier, które byłoby skuteczne, gdyby trzy piki były razem z trzema kierami. Szczęśliwie dla nas było inaczej – Tuszyński wskoczył królem pik i po nadbiciu asem nasza para musiała jeszcze dostać dwie lewe pikowe i treflową. Bez jednej.



Rozd. 3. Rozd. S/EW po partii ♠ Q83 ♥ K 10 8 5 4 2 ♦ A K **♣** 10 6 K J 6 5 2 ♠ A 10 7 ♥ 97 ♥ A | 6 ♦ 94 ♦ 8653 ♣ KQ4 ♣ A | 9 2 ♠ 9 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ Q J 10 7 2 8753

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West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Efraimsson	Tuszyński	Morath
			Pas
I♠	2♡	2BA'!	pas
4♠			

inwit z fitem pikowym

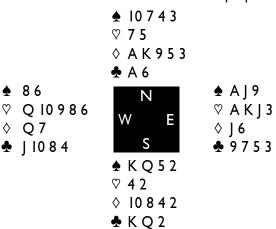
Kowalski trafił położenie damy atu i wygrał kontrakt. Na drugim stole Szwed z ręką Tuszyńskiego zalicytował tylko 2♠ i licytacja na tym wygasła. Kolejne 10 imp dla Polski.



Anders Morath, Sweden

Szwedzi nie oddawali pola bez walki. Oto rozdanie, w którym w pokoju otwartym doszli do ostrej końcówki:

Rozd. 10. Rozdawał E/Obie po partii



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	Efraimsson	Tuszyński	Morath	
		♣	pas	
1\$	pas	IΔ	pas	
2♡	ktr.	pas	3♠!	
Pas	4♠	pas		

Kontrakt, dzięki dobremu położeniu i podziałowi atutów został zrealizowany, a na drugim stole otwarcie IBA (14-16) praktycznie uniemożliwiło naszej parze znalezienie pików:

Pokój zamkniety

•	• /			
West	North	East	South	
Nystrom	Chmurski	Bertheau	Gawryś	
		IBA ¹	pas	
2 ◊²	ktr.	2BA ³	3◊	
3♡	pas			

- 14-16 PC
- ² transfer na kiery
- ³ ładna ręka z czterokartowym fitem kierowym

Bez dwóch i 9 imp dla Szwedów.

Board: 15. Dlr: South/NS ♠ 10976532 ♡ 52 ♦ | 8 3 **4** 8 **A** A K **♠** | 4 ♥ AK 1094 ♡ | 8763 ♦ AQ72 ♦ 10 9 Q 10 ♣ A J 3 2 **♠** Q8 γQ ♦ K 6 5 4 ♣ K97654

West Kowalski	North Efraimsson	East Tuszyński	South Morath
			pas
IBA?	pas	2◊¹	pas
3♡	pas	3♠ ²	pas
4 ◊²	pas	4 ♠²	pas
4BA	pas	5♡³	pas
5♠⁴	pas	6♣⁵	ktr.
6♡	pas		

- transfer na kiery
- ² cue bidy
- ³ 2 wartości z 5 bez damy atu
- ^⁴ pytanie o króle
- ⁵ l król

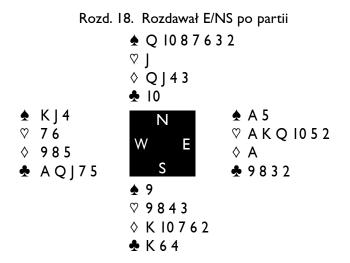
N zaatakował ♣8, ale Kowalski, uprzedzony kontrą o złym położeniu króla trefl, zabił asem, ściągnął atu i wygrał szlemika na impasie króla karo.

Na wielu stołach szlemik został przegrany po wiście treflowym, gdyż rozgrywający nie decydowali się na rezygnację z tego impasu. Wydaje się, że S mógł darować sobie kontrę, gdyż sekwencja cue bidów naszej pary i tak sugerowała partnerowi wist treflowy

Szwedzi w pokoju zamkniętym zatrzymali się w 5♡ i zanotowaliśmy kolejny zysk – 11 imp.



Piotr Gawrys, Poland



West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	Efraimsson	Tuszyński	Morath	
		♣	pas	
l ♠ !	pas	2♡	pas	
3♣	pas	3♡	pas	
4♡	pas	6♣	pas	
7♣	pas			

Apek po otwarciu partnera znalazł się w trudnym położeniu – 2♣ forsowałoby do dogranej, na IBA ręka była za

Y I S T U L A

silna, a 2BA ze względu na jakość czerwonych kolorów najczęściej byłoby zajęciem BA ze złej ręki. Wybrał więc I♠. Dzięki temu N nie zablokował licytacji... Dalej było już szybko. Może Tuszyński powinien zamiast 4♥ powiedzieć 4♣ – wtedy licytacja zakończyłaby się pewnie na 6♣. Ale w tym rozdaniu szczęście sprzyjało odważnym – król trefl był pod impasem i zanotowaliśmy I4 imp zysku, gdyż na drugim stole licytacja potoczyła się następująco:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South	
Nystrom	Chmurski	Bertheau	Gawryś	
		♣¹	pas	
IΦ	3♠	4♡	pas	

- ¹ 16⁺PC
- ² 8⁺PC, dowolny kolor pięciokartowy

Blok Chmurskiego odebrał Szwedom przestrzeń i doprowadził do przewartościowania ręki W, który uznał, że jego honory pikowe są bezwartościowe.



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