#### 48th EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



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# THE SAME OLD SONG



The ultimate coffee experience

Italy shows no sign of slowing down as the *Open* series reaches the halfway mark. They are now more than match clear of second placed **Hungary**, who have a handy lead over third placed **Norway**. **Sweden**, **Ireland** and the **Netherlands** complete the top six.

With three emphatic victories **Germany** has cruised to the top of the *Women's* table ahead of the **Netherlands** and **England**. Thursday's overnight leaders **Denmark**, the first of **Germany's** victims yesterday now share fourth place with Ireland. The biggest surprise so far has been the wretched form of **Russia & Sweden**.

In the Seniors you can cover the first three teams, **Denmark**, **Turkey** and **Sweden** with a postage stamp.

Today's VuGraph Matches		Spain - Italy	14.15
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Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd	d Floor	Hungary - Turkey	14.15
Ireland - Hungary	10.30	France - Finland (Women)	14.15
Norway - Poland	14.15	Poland - Scotland	17.35
Italy - France	17.35	Germany - Netherlands	17.35
		Norway - Belgium	17.35
BBO OnLine Transmissio	ns	Ireland - France (Seniors)	17.35
Italy - Iceland	10.30	Swan Games OnLin	e
Poland - Russia	10.30	Germany - Norway	10.30
Croatia - France	10.30	Iceland - Finland	14.15
France - Israel (Seniors)	10.30	Denmark - Poland	17.35















## **OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**

		ROUND	17 10	0.30
Table	Home Tear	n	Visiting Team	
1	<b>SWEDEN</b>		ESTONIA	
2	ISRAEL		SWITZERLAND	
3	<b>FINLAND</b>		NETHERLANDS	
4	ITALY		ICELAND	
5	<b>GERMANY</b>		NORWAY	
6	WALES		ROMANIA	
7	LITHUANIA		SCOTLAND	
8	PORTUGAL		BELGIUM	
9	SERBIA		LATVIA	
10	ENGLAND		SPAIN	
- 11	DENMARK		SAN MARINO	
12	TURKEY		BELARUS	
13	POLAND		RUSSIA	
14	CROATIA		FRANCE	
15	LUXEMBUR	G	GREECE	
16	IRELAND		HUNGARY	
	BULGARIA		BYE	

	ROU	ND 18	14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Tea	ım
1	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	
2	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	
3	NORWAY	POLAND	
4	NETHERLANDS	LITHUANIA	
5	SPAIN	ITALY	
6	LATVIA	WALES	
7	SERBIA	LUXEMBUR	G
8	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	
9	ICELAND	FINLAND	
10	ROMANIA	DENMARK	
- 11	RUSSIA	BELGIUM	
12	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	
13	FRANCE	ENGLAND	
14	GREECE	ISRAEL	
15	BELARUS	PORTUGAL	
16	HUNGARY	TURKEY	
	BYE	IRELAND	

		ROUND 19	17.35
Table	Home Team	n Vi	siting Team
ı	IRELAND	ES.	TONIA
2	NORWAY	BE	LGIUM
3	WALES	SE	RBIA
4	FINLAND	SPA	AIN
5	ITALY	FR	ANCE
6	BELARUS	RL	JSSIA
7	LUXEMBURG	G ISF	RAEL
8	SWEDEN	RC	DMANIA
9	LITHUANIA	IC	ELAND
10	GERMANY	NE	ETHERLANDS
- 11	DENMARK	LA	TVIA
12	POLAND	SC	OTLAND
13	ENGLAND	SV	VITZERLAND
14	BULGARIA	SA	IN MARINO
15	CROATIA	GF	REECE
16	PORTUGAL	HU	JNGARY
	TURKEY	ВҮ	Έ

## **OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**

	ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	<b>VP</b> s	
- 1	SPAIN	GREECE	72 - 34	23 - 7	
2	NORWAY	ITALY	27 - 36	13 - 17	
3	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	33 - 84	5 - 25	
4	HUNGARY	DENMARK	49 - 36	18 - 12	
5	BELGIUM	BULGARIA	21 - 55	8 - 22	
6	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND	22 - 66	6 - 24	
7	BELARUS	SWEDEN	28 - 95	2 - 25	
8	ROMANIA	LUXEMBOURG	53 - 23	21 - 9	
9	ESTONIA	SERBIA	23 - 77	4 - 25	
10	SAN MARINO	LATVIA	38 - 28	17 - 13	
11	IRELAND	POLAND	22 - 33	13 - 17	
12	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	87 - 29	25 - 4	
13	RUSSIA	FINLAND	43 - 59	12 - 18	
14	LITHUANIA	PORTUGAL	45 - 36	17 - 13	
15	TURKEY	GERMANY	37 - 61	10 - 20	
16	ICELAND	ISRAEL	83 - 49	22 - 8	
	WALES			18 - 0	

	ROUND 15 - s	ubject to official	confirma	tion
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	<b>VP</b> s
1	PORTUGAL	GERMANY	34 - 42	14 - 16
2	CROATIA	ICELAND	17 - 77	3 - 25
3	GREECE	FRANCE	27 - 71	6 - 24
4	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	37 - 17	19 - 11
5	LATVIA	ROMANIA	48 - 18	21 - 9
6	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	49 - 63	12 - 18
7	IRELAND	BELGIUM	58 - 11	24 - 6
8	BULGARIA	BELARUS	18 - 57	7 - 23
9	ISRAEL	SPAIN	48 - 46	15 - 15
10	FINLAND	NORWAY	30 - 55	10 - 20
Ш	ITALY	SCOTLAND	72 - 30	24 - 6
12	SERBIA	SAN MARINO	48 - 18	21 - 9
13	LITHUANIA	RUSSIA	22 - 65	6 - 24
14	LUXEMBOURG	SWITZERLAND	52 - 58	14 - 16
15	POLAND	TURKEY	42 - 51	13 - 17
16	WALES	ESTONIA	54 - 41	18 - 12
	DENMARK			18 - 0

	ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation			
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	SERBIA	3 - 93	0 - 25
2	PORTUGAL	POLAND	19 - 56	7 - 23
3	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	52 - 69	11 - 19
4	FRANCE	ISRAEL	41 - 33	16 - 14
5	RUSSIA	GERMANY	43 - 48	14 - 16
6	NORWAY	LITHUANIA	60 - 34	20 - 10
7	ICELAND	ENGLAND	45 - 33	17 - 13
8	BELARUS	IRELAND	26 - 38	13 - 17
9	SPAIN	CROATIA	50 - 32	19 - 11
10	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	24 - 42	11 - 19
Ш	SWITZERLAND	GREECE	32 - 70	7 - 23
12	SAN MARINO	WALES	52 - 28	20 - 10
13	BELGIUM	TURKEY	49 - 37	17 - 13
14	LATVIA	LUXEMBOURG	53 - 58	14 - 16
15	ESTONIA	DENMARK	44 - 84	7 - 23
16	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	76 - 27	25 - 5
	SWEDEN			18 - 0

## WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

	<b>DO</b>	INID ( 10.30
	RO	JND 6 10.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
ı	ICELAND	SCOTLAND
2	TURKEY	NORWAY
3	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL
4	DENMARK	GREECE
5	CROATIA	IRELAND
6	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
7	SAN MARINO	ITALY
8	ENGLAND	FRANCE
9	FINLAND	POLAND
10	SPAIN	RUSSIA
11	SWEDEN	HUNGARY

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

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

### 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 6 10.30		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Tean	n
ı	ESTONIA	GERMANY	
2	SCOTLAND	DENMARK	
3	SWEDEN	TURKEY	
4	FRANCE	ISRAEL	
5	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	
6	IRELAND	FINLAND	
7	SWITZERLAND	WALES	
8	ENGLAND	ITALY	

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

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

**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 3 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team	Visiting Team	<b>IMP</b> s	<b>VP</b> s		
1	GERMANY	DENMARK	62 - 28	22 - 8		
2	FRANCE	ITALY	33 - 35	15 - 15		
3	NORWAY	SPAIN	37 - 34	16 - 14		
4	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	70 - 24	24 - 6		
5	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	15 - 43	9 - 21		
6	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	26 - 53	9 - 21		
7	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	67 - 57	17 - 13		
8	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	27 - 72	6 - 24		
9	POLAND	TURKEY	58 - 55	16 - 14		
10	IRELAND	RUSSIA	50 - 24	20 - 10		
Ш	GREECE	FINLAND	18 - 75	4 - 25		

	ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VP					
	TURKEY	FRANCE	36 - 43	14 - 16		
2	FINLAND	ISRAEL	46 - 28	19 - 11		
3	SWEDEN	GERMANY	22 - 57	8 - 22		
4	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	77 - <del>4</del> 2	22 - 8		
5	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	39 - 64	10 - 20		
6	DENMARK	HUNGARY	51 - 28	20 - 10		
7	CROATIA	POLAND	21 - 51	9 - 21		
8	ITALY	IRELAND	53 - 28	20 - 10		
9	SAN MARINO	SPAIN	28 - 55	9 - 21		
10	ICELAND	GREECE	43 - 36	16 - 14		
Ш	RUSSIA	NORWAY	48 - 27	19 - 11		

	ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	<b>IMP</b> s	<b>VP</b> s	
1	SPAIN	SWEDEN	52 - 51	15 - 15	
2	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	44 - 56	13 - 17	
3	IRELAND	TURKEY	46 - 27	19 - 11	
4	GREECE	AUSTRIA	39 - 36	16 - 14	
5	HUNGARY	GERMANY	28 - 59	9 - 21	
6	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	28 - 48	11 - 19	
7	FRANCE	CROATIA	41 - 24	19 - 11	
8	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	48 - 36	17 - 13	
9	NORWAY	ITALY	58 <i>-</i> 48	17 - 13	
10	ISRAEL	ICELAND	55 - 48	16 - 14	
Ш	POLAND	ENGLAND	27 - 40	12 - 18	

#### **CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS**

Wednesday, 23rd August: There will be a Journalist's meeting on at 09.15 in the VuGraph theatre. It will include the Announcement of the Annual Awards and the ratification of the Annual Accounts.

**Thursday, 24th August:** Members of the IBPA are invited to lunch at the Sofitel Victoria Hotel at 12 noon. Please register with Jan Swaan, Press Room manager.

## WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 5 rounds

subject to official confirmation

I GERMANY	99.00
2 NETHERLANDS	98.00
3 ENGLAND	91.00
4 DENMARK	88.00
IRELAND	88.00
6 FRANCE	86.00
7 POLAND	83.00
8 SPAIN	81.00
9 CROATIA	77.00
10 FINLAND	76.00
II ISRAEL	74.00
12 SCOTLAND	73.00
SAN MARINO	73.00
14 AUSTRIA	72.00
15 ITALY	71.00
16 NORWAY	70.00
17 HUNGARY	69.00
18 ICELAND	57.00
RUSSIA	57.00
20 GREECE	56.00
21 SWEDEN	52.00
TURKEY	52.00

## SENIORS TEAMS RANKING after 5 rounds

subject to official confirmation

I DENM	ARK	98.00
TURKE	ΕΥ	98.00
3 SWED	EN	97.00
4 GERMA	ANY	88.00
SCOTI	AND	88.00
6 FRANC	CE	84.00
7 ITALY		83.00
8 ISRAEI	L	79.00
9 IRELAI	ND	76.00
10 ENGLA	AND	68.00
II NETHI	ERLANDS	62.00
POLAN	ND	62.00
13 WALES	S	55.00
ESTON	NIA	55.00
15 FINLA	ND	50.00
16 SWITZ	ZERLAND	48.00

## **OPEN TEAMS RANKING**

#### after 16 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	319.00
2	HUNGARY	292.00
3	NORWAY	278.00
4	SWEDEN	277.50
5	IRELAND	277.00
6	NETHERLANDS	270.00
7	GERMANY	269.00
8	ICELAND	266.00
9	POLAND	259.00
10	ENGLAND	255.00
П	SPAIN	252.00
12	TURKEY	249.00
13	FINLAND	248.00
14	FRANCE	246.50
	ISRAEL	246.50
16	BELARUS	246.00
	BULGARIA	246.00
18	RUSSIA	244.00
19	DENMARK	242.50
20	SERBIA	234.00
21	BELGIUM	224.50
22	SAN MARINO	224.00
23	ESTONIA	222.00
24	SCOTLAND	221.00
25	CROATIA	220.00
26	WALES	215.00
	ROMANIA	215.00
28	LUXEMBURG	197.00
29	GREECE	196.50
30	LATVIA	193.00
31	LITHUANIA	192.00
32	PORTUGAL	190.00
33	SWITZERLAND	186.00

## **SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**

	ROUND 3 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VPs					
- 1	ISRAEL	WALES	41 - 46	14 - 16		
2	ITALY	FRANCE	39 - 36	16 - 14		
3	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	44 - 27	19 - 11		
4	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	32 - 44	12 - 18		
5	GERMANY	FINLAND	59 - 14	25 - 5		
6	DENMARK	ESTONIA	64 - 9	25 - 3		
7	POLAND	SWEDEN	26 - 20	16 - 14		
8	TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	36 - 24	18 - 12		

	ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VP					
ı	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND	59 - 25	23 - 7		
2	FINLAND	ISRAEL	37 - 56	11 - 19		
3	ESTONIA	ITALY	11 - 56	5 - 25		
4	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	51 - 31	20 - 10		
5	SWEDEN	GERMANY	50 - 15	23 - 7		
6	FRANCE	POLAND	53 - 26	21 - 9		
7	WALES	TURKEY	21 - 58	6 - 24		
8	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	12 - 58	5 - 25		

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation					
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	<b>VP</b> s	
I	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND	31 - 51	10 - 20	
2	WALES	IRELAND	20 - 32	12 - 18	
3	POLAND	ESTONIA	18 - 58	6 - 24	
4	TURKEY	FINLAND	80 - 18	25 - 2	
5	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	18 - 65	4 - 25	
6	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	37 - 27	17 - 13	
7	GERMANY	FRANCE	14 - 18	14 - 16	
8	DENMARK	ENGLAND	32 - 24	17 - 13	

Missed a European Teams Championships Daily Bulletin?

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#### www.eurobridge.org

and download them while the Championships are being held.

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#### **SENIORS TEAMS**

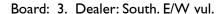
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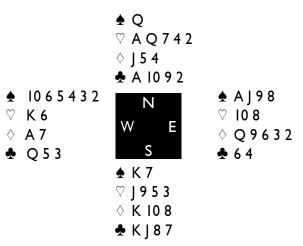
#### France v Denmark

by Jos Jacobs

The reigning Seniors Champions Denmark had begun these Championships by drawing with Sweden. As Sweden went on to beat Italy 20-10 they presented themselves as a team to be reckoned with. This will be kept in mind but first of all we are focussing on France, generally considered another serious contender for the title. As it happened, they hit upon Denmark at a very early stage of the Championship already.

Drury worked to French advantage on board 3:





#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moller	Ру	Lund	Piganeau
			Pass
Pass	I♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◊	Pass	3♡
Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass	

Usually, a 5-4-3-1 shape is enough on which to accept an invitation and this board proved no exception. On the lead of a diamond to the ace and a diamond back declarer played a trump to the ace to minimise the chance of an adverse ruff. As he thus had to lose a trump trick he had committed himself to locating the  $\PQ$  later — which apparently did not cause him any trouble at all. France +420.

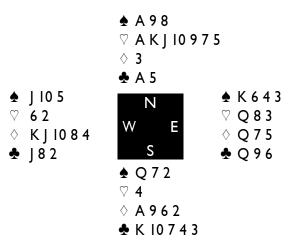
#### Closed Room

Closed Rooi	n		
West	North	East	South
Stretz	Dahl	Stoppa	Norris
			Pass
Pass	I♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

The more conservative Danish approach saw them stay out of game even when given a second chance. With the cards lying very well for declarer, Flemming Dahl even made II tricks but his team had lost 6 IMPs.

Two boards later, the more careful Danish approach brought them rich rewards and rightly so:

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



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moller	Ру	Lund	Piganeau
	2◊	Pass	3♦
Dble	3♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

The game-forcing 20 did not make it easy for the French to convey the hand values to the other side of the screen. As a result they ended up in a slam that stood no chance after a diamond lead, as the entry to dummy's clubs got removed prematurely. Denmark +100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Stretz	Dahl	Stoppa	Norris	
	2♡	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◊	
Dble	5♡	All Pass		

The old-fashioned Acol Strong Two did a good job for the Danish as they were able to stop at a less dangerous level. When the trump queen misbehaved but the  $\Phi$ K did not all was well for them, in spite of a marked diamond lead. The

score of +650 made it a 13-IMP swing to their favour to take the lead: 19-6.

On board 10, an unusual pre-empt followed by a cunning tactical action by Steen Moller made life very difficult for his opponents:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul. **★** AKQ84 ♡ | 96 ♦ A 7 5 **8** 8 6 5 **♦** 93 K 108432 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 10 4 3 ] 9 8 2 7 5 ♣ A K | 10 3 2 ♠ | 10 7 6 2 ♡ A 5 ♦ K O 6 ♣ Q 9 4

Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Moller	Ру	Lund	Piganeau	
		3♣	Pass	
4♣	All Pass			

Well, do you like it or not? Peter Lund, known world-wide for his reliable bidding (at least that's what they say about him in Denmark so it must be true), for once fell from



Peter Lund, Denmark

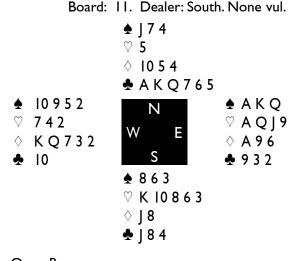
grace when he opened 3 no only a six-card suit. Next, his partner judged this was the ideal moment for a tactical raise, as he could see that the opponents had to be cold for a high contract in spades.

With the strength (and the spades too, for that matter) nicely divided between the North and South hands neither of them felt they could enter the auction with any sufficient amount of safety so 4 became the final contract. When the defence led trumps in time Peter Lund had to go down four but this still could well be a good result for his side. France +400.

Closed Roo	m		
West	North	East	South
Stretz	Dahl	Stoppa	Norris
		Pass	♠
Pass	2NT	3♣	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Once Stoppa did not preempt with the East hand the Danish had an easy time. South could open his hand after which North could not be kept away from showing his trump support and game-forcing values. Denmark had an easy enough +620 for a 6-IMP gain to lead 28-11 with 6 boards to go.

The French got their revenge on the next board:



Open Room	า			
West	North	East	South	
Moller	Ру	Lund	Piganeau	
			Pass	
Pass	l ♣	Dble	ΙΫ́	
I♠	2♣	3♣	Pass	
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Well, the Danish avoided two traps on this one: the easy trap of 3NT and the advanced trap of the 4-3 heart fit, though the 5-1 split might not prove an insuperable problem. In fact, if hearts break 3-3 or 4-2  $4 \mbox{\ensuremath{\heartsuit}}$  looks an excellent contract. When spades were 3-3 their final contract

also proved an easy make: Denmark +140.

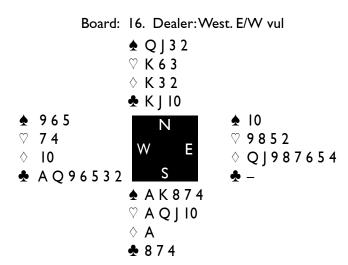
Once again, the Danish pre-empted on a six-card suit, but this time Stoppa had an easy double:

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Stretz	Dahl	Stoppa	Norris	
			Pass	
Pass	3♣	Dble	4♣	
4◊	Pass	5◊	All Pass	

What is more: after Norris' raise Stoppa could assume club shortness in partner's hand so he confidently enough raised to game which was made without any trouble once Stretz put up the  $\heartsuit A$  at trick two! France +400 and 6 IMPs back to trail 28-17 now.

The Danish lead had gone up to 34-17 due to a French game off four top tricks when the final board arrived. For the third time in the match, the question of whether or not to pre-empt in clubs decided the outcome of the hand.



Open Room

1				
West	North	East	South	
Moller	Ру	Lund	Piganeau	
Pass	♣	4♦	Dble	
Pass	4♠	5◊	Pass	
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

When Steen Moller passed the West hand, Py could make his normal opening bid. Peter Lund, quite rightly not both-



Steen Moller, Denmark

ering too much about being vulnerable, made an announcement or two, but the French were not interested. South's forcing pass over 50 enabled them to reach a fine slam which duly made when East did not have a singleton club to lead and defeat it. Who cares about a random 1400 flying by? France +980.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Stretz	Dahl	Stoppa	Norris	
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble	
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

Once again, the pre-empt caused trouble for the opponents. We will never know if the Danes would have reached their slam had Norris elected to bid  $3 \spadesuit$  over  $3 \diamondsuit$  but in that case, they would have played it from the wrong side of the table...

Denmark +490 here but a loss of 10 IMPs to give them a 16-14 VP win only: 34-27 in IMPs.



#### **WOMEN TEAMS**

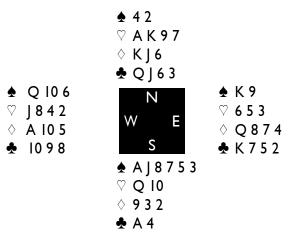
#### Round I

### France v Spain

by Mark Horton

France, the hottest of favourites, faced Spain in the first round of the Women's Championship.

Board: I. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hernandez	d'Ovidio	Mestres	Gaviard
	♣	Pass	♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◊*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the four of hearts and declarer won in hand with the ten and played ace of spades and a spade. She won East's heart return with the queen and played a third spade



Fabienne Pigeaud, France

to West's king. Now the hand turned on the diamond guess, but declarer got the suit wrong; one down, -50.

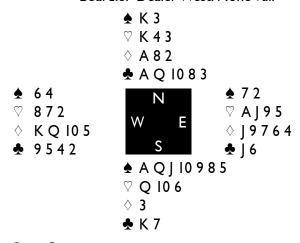
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Fishpool	Matut	Pigeaud	M_Santos	
	♣	Pass	♠	
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

East led the four of diamonds and West won with the ace and returned the suit, East winning with the queen. It is hard to spot the winning defence now, which is to switch to a club. When East played a third diamond, declarer could win and play a spade to the jack and queen. She won the heart return with dummy's ten and played ace of spades and a spade, claiming when the defenders could not cash the master diamond. A fast 10 IMPs for Spain.

Over the next12 boards there were only two swings, both to France, this one giving them the lead:

#### Board: 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



#### Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Hernandez	d'Ovidio	Mestres	Gaviard	
Pass	INT	Pass	3♡*	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*	
Pass	<b>4</b> ◊*	Pass	4♠	
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5◊*	
Pass	5♡*	Pass	6♣*	
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

South showed a good hand with spades and then cue bid in clubs. Subsequently she promised one ace, the queen of spades and the king of clubs — at least that is what I believe the convention card indicates.

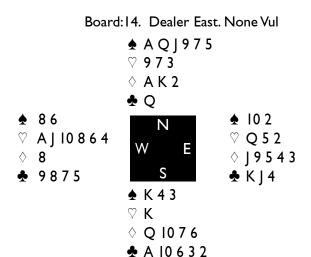
East led the jack of clubs, so declarer made all thirteen tricks, +1010.

Closed Roor	n			
West	North	East	South	
Fishpool	Matut	Pigeaud	M_Santos	
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♣*	Pass	<b>4</b> $\diamond$ *	
Pass	<b>4</b> ♡*	Dble	4NT*	
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠	
Pass	6NT	All Pass		

North obviously converted to no trumps to protect her king of hearts.

East led the four of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and cashed seven rounds of spades, West discarding the two and eight of hearts, the ten of diamonds, the two of clubs and the five of diamonds. Meanwhile East had discarded the seven of diamonds, the nine and five of hearts and the six and nine of diamonds. Declarer cashed the king of clubs and played a club to the....ten — two down as East won and cashed a heart and a diamond.

A massive 15 IMPs for France.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Hernandez	d'Ovidio	Mestres	Gaviard	
		Pass	♣	
2♡	2♠	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

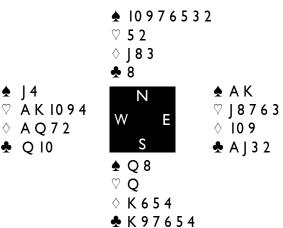
I cannot tell you why South did not bid Four Hearts over Four Clubs, but the good slam was missed. West cashed the ace of hearts and declarer took the rest, +480.

#### Closed Room

Closed Moon	•			
West	North	East	South	
Fishpool	Matut	Pigeaud	M_Santos	
		Pass	♣	
2♡	3♠	Pass	4♠	
Pass	5◊	Pass	5♡	
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

When North took a second bid it was routine for South to advertise a heart control. +980 and 11 IMPs for Spain, back in the lead — which they immediately extended.

Board: 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Hernandez	d'Ovidio	Mestres	Gaviard	
			Pass	
I♡	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass	
4♡	All Pass			

Would you have bid Four Diamonds, rather than Four Hearts? Clearly you want to be in a slam that is on one of two finesses. Still, several players went down in Six Hearts on the lead of the eight of clubs, so this might not be a bad result.



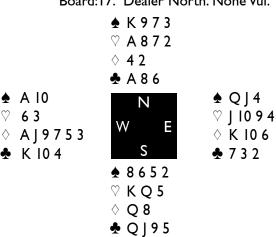
North did lead the eight of clubs and declarer won and took twelve tricks when the diamond king was onside.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fishpool	Matut	Pigeaud	M_Santos
			Pass
ΙŸ	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♡	Pass
<b>4</b> ◊*	Pass	4 <b>♠</b> *	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Well bid, but when North did lead the eight of clubs declarer decided to finesses and ran into a ruff, one down and another 11 IMPs for Spain.

Board: 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Hernandez	d'Ovidio	Mestres	Gaviard	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
I ♦	Dble	INT	2♠	
3◊	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Against this optimistic contract South led the queen of hearts and continued with the king and then the five. North won and switched to the three of spades. With diamonds coming in that was +400.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Fishpool	Matut	Pigeaud	M_Santos	
	Pass	Pass	I ♦	
Dble	Ι♡	Pass	I♠	
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♠	
All Pass				

Declarer had to lose two spades, two diamonds and a club, one down and 8 IMPs to Spain. Only nine swings in the match, but Spain had dented French pride with a win by 42-26 IMPs, 18-12 VP.

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#### **OPEN TEAMS**

## Norway v Italy & Hungary v Denmark by los lacobs

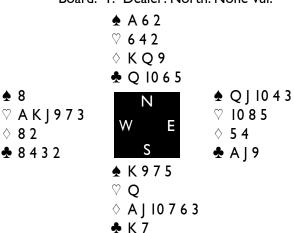
Round 14

Friday, August 18 on paper looked a difficult day for Italy in the Open. They were scheduled to play Norway in the morning and the Netherlands in the evening. So for the Bulletin staff it was an easy day: reports on these two matches certainly had to be written.

On Thursday, Hungary had consolidated their position very well, though they had to play a number of the not so well placed teams. Their Friday programme looked interesting enough too: Denmark in the morning, Sweden in the afternoon and Bulgaria in the evening. So the choice of further matches was even easier: an eye should be kept upon all three!

On the first board there was a swing on both our featured matches but for different reasons. The Italian NS got overactive whereas the Hungarian NS were too passive:

Board: I. Dealer: North. None vul.



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West	North	East	South	
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo	
	Pass	Pass	I♦	
2♡	Dble	3♡	3♠	
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	All Pass		

Optimum for NS duly reached. Norway +130.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Fantoni	Salensminde	Nunes
	Pass	Pass	I♦
ΙŸ	I♠	2♡	3♦
3♡	3♠	Dble	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	5◊	All Pass	

Well, had the  $\clubsuit 9$  been the  $\spadesuit 1$  game would have made but as it was, Nunes had to concede one off. Norway another +50 and the first 5 IMPs of the match.

The other match:

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Bjarnarson	Honti	Askgaard	Szilagyi	
	Pass	Pass	I♦	
3♡	All Pass			

Here, Bjarnarson's bold overcall shut out everybody though one feels Honti might have doubled with his diamond fit in spite of not having four spades. Denmark +140 which was a good score to start with.

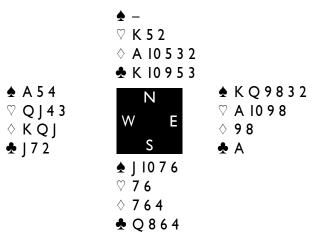
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Winkler	D. Schaltz	Dumbovich	P. Schaltz	
	Pass	Pass	I♦	
2♡	3♦	3♡	<b>4</b> ♦	
All Pass				

When Winkler made the more normal overcall of only  $2^{\circ}$  the Danish couple were never in trouble and could settle for  $4^{\circ}$  in comfort. Denmark another +130 to gain 7 IMPs.

On the next board there was an accident in the Hungary-Denmark match:

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



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Bjarnarson	Honti	Askgaard	Szilagyi	
		l <b>♠</b>	Pass	
INT	Dble	Redble	Pass	
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All Pass			

INT was forcing of course but EW apparently disagreed on the meaning of the ensuing double. The final contract,

however, could not be beaten so Hungary scored a surprise +180.

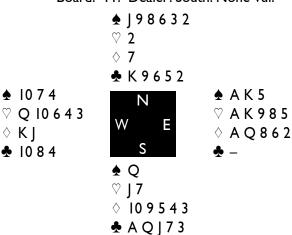
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Winkler	D. Schaltz	Dumbovich	P. Schaltz	
		♠	Pass	
INT	Pass	2♡	Pass	
4♡	All Pass			

With the opposition not producing any noises here Hungary had no trouble in reaching an easy enough game and scored another 420, thus earning themselves a 12 IMP swing.

We had to wait until board II for the next substantial swing. Apart from that, it also was a remarkable one as for once, Lauria-Versace were completely outbid in the slam department.

Board: II. Dealer: South. None vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
			Pass
Pass	Pass	Ι♡	INT
3♦	5♣	5◊	Pass
5♡	All Pass		

Maybe, the explanation for all this is that after the INT overcall, showing minors, the meaning of 5 was no longer 100% clear. Anyway, Italy registered a rather disappointing +510.

#### Closed Room

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West	North	East	South	
Brogeland	Fantoni	Salensminde	Nunes	
			Pass	
Pass	2♠	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	
4♠	Dble	Redble	Pass	
5♡	Pass	6♣	Pass	
6≎	Pass	7♡	All Pass	



Tor Helness, Norway

When Salensminde could show his red twosuiter over 2\underset Brogeland was in a position to suggest useful values straight away. Some nice cuebidding at the six-level did the rest.

Well done, Norway a fully deserved +1510 to lead by 16 now.

In the other match, there also was a swing on this board:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bjarnarson	Honti	Askgaard	Szilagyi
			Pass
Pass	3♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5◊	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Maybe, Askgaard could have bid one more for the road as Bjarnarson's jump to slam certainly showed something useful outside hearts too. As it was, the Danish had to be content with +1010.

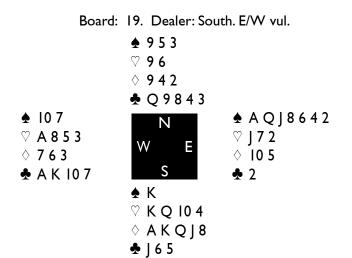
They actually were in good company as the grand was bid by only 10 pairs in all, including women (4) and seniors (1), not to mention those who went off in  $7 \diamondsuit$ .

Another of those five pairs to reach the grand in the Open series was the Hungarian pair Dumbovich-Winkler:

Closed Ro	Closed Room					
West	North	East	South			
Winkler	D. Schaltz	Dumbovich	P. Schaltz			
			Pass			
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass			
3♡	Pass	4♠	Pass			
4NT	Pass	5♣	Dble			
5◊	Pass	7♡	All Pass			

4♠ was the overture to a nice little series of cuebids at the five-level and that was all Dumbovich needed. Well done by them too, though it earned them only 11 IMPs. At this point, the Hungarians led by 39-16.

Many more quiet boards were to follow but near the end, Lauria rose to the occasion once more:



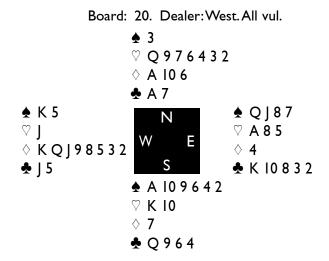
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo	
			I♦	
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♠	All Pass			

This is a perfectly normal spade game in EW and it's perfectly normal to go one down in it, as happened at many tables. Five declarers made 10 tricks by dropping the blank ♠K behind the ace and it's no surprise that one of them was Italian. As his team was still 12 IMPs down at this point, Lauria's moment of magic could not have come at a better time. Italy +620.

#### Closed Room

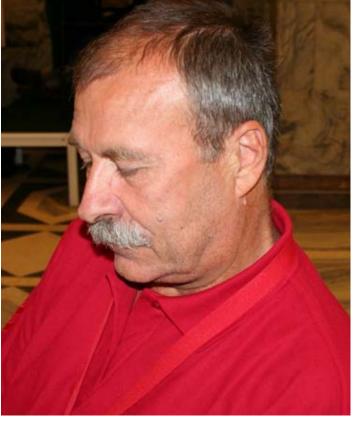
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West	North	East	South	
Brogeland	Fantoni	Salensminde	Nunes	
			I♦	
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass	
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass	

When the Norwegians did not bid game, the play did not matter any more. Nine tricks were duly made but 10 IMPs had gone to Italy, only 2 down now with just the last board to play. An honourable draw was in the air...but this was the last board:



Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo	
I♦	ΙŸ	Dble	♠	_
4♢	All Pass			

Versace's rebid of  $4\Diamond$  made it virtually impossible for the Norwegians to get to  $4\heartsuit$ . Helness could not reasonably rebid a suit of this quality and Helgemo of course could not



Miklos Dumbowich, Hungary

support his partner on  $\heartsuit$ K10 bare. So they allowed Versace to play 4 $\diamondsuit$  which was one off on the spade ruff. Norway +100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Brogeland	Fantoni	Salensminde	Nunes	
I♦	I♡	I♠	Pass	
2♦	2♡	Pass	3♡	
<b>4</b> ♦	4♡	Dble	All Pass	

Brogeland's slower approach made it possible for Fantoni to rebid his suit and now, Nunes could support his partner so the Italians reached game. Understandably, East doubled this, only to find out that the contract could not be beaten.

So Italy had once again managed to conjure up a win, 36-27 or 17-13 VP out of what had looked like another defeat just two boards earlier. Anyway, Norway too had managed to consolidate its position reasonably well.

In the other match, there also was a swing on this last board. It went to Denmark who badly needed it:

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Bjarnarson	Honti	Askgaard	Szilagyi	
I♦	ΙŸ	Pass	♠	
2♦	2♡	Pass	Pass	
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♡	
All Pass				

Bjarnarson'a approach was even slower than Brogeland, but Honti did not bother to bid game, so Hungary had to be content with +170 only.

#### Closed Room

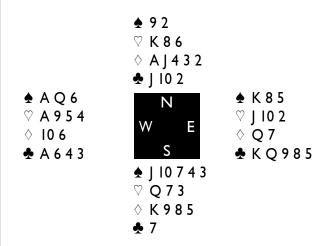
West	North	East	South
Winkler	D. Schaltz	Dumbovich	P. Schaltz
<b>4</b> ♦	4♡	All Pass	

Here, Dorthe Schaltz took the bull by the horns when she overcalled a brave  $4^{\circ}$  over Winjkler's nasty  $4^{\circ}$  opening pre-empt. She was rewarded with a suitable dummy and thus managed to make her contract easily enough. Denmark +620 to recoup 10 IMPs, making their final score 49-36 or a win by 18-12 VP to Hungary who therefore had started well on their difficult day.



## Weighed in the balance...and found wanting

Board: 8. Dlr: West/None



The field did not distinguish itself here. A sizeable percentage bid to 3NT by West after a strongish notrump. North of course led a low diamond - the two or three according to choice or system. Declarer of course put up the queen from the board, covered by the king and declarer's six (the ten would have been an interesting diversion --see below).

Now too many of the South player in the field took their eye off the ball, and failed to focus on the size of the minor spot-cards, the six that they had already seen, and dummy's seven. That being the case, if partner had four diamonds your play does not matter, and if your partner has a five-card suit to either the jack-ten or ace-jack-ten your play is equally immaterial. The key is that if declarer has either 106 (or less likely the 16) the suit will potentially be blocked. If you return the diamond nine to unblock the suit, you actually artificially create a blockage -note partner's irritating 4 3 2 of diamonds. At an absurdly large number of tables 3NT was allowed to make on a diamond lead; (to be precise 3NT was declared 31 times on a diamond lead and made eight times out of 14 in the open series, six times out of eight in the women, and seven times out of nine in the seniors!).

Note the distraction I mentioned earlier; if declarer drops the ten on the first round of the suit he might have J10 doubleton and partner five to the A6. To avoid blocking the suit you must play back the nine, and when declarer follows with the six partner will not need to overtake. The position now becomes clear on the third round of diamonds.

#### **WOMEN TEAMS**

#### Round 2

#### Sweden v Denmark

by Mark Horton

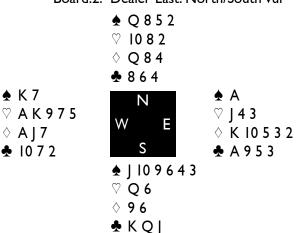
Do you believe in conspiracy theories? Having decided to report on this match between the powerful Scandinavian countries I went in search of the hand records. Only one set was missing from the documents in the Press Room—you guessed it—those from this match. Muttering darkly I went in search of an official and in the finest traditions of Monty Python announced 'I wish to register a complaint.'

My knowledgeable friend suggested that on this occasion a swan might be more useful than a parrot — and right he was, as the records can be found on their excellent web site, www.swangames.com.

Anyway, as it happened I had picked a set of deals that could give you a few grey hairs — luckily the teams are far too young to be any danger of suffering such a fate!

The Danes signalled their intentions by some very aggressive bidding early in the match.

Board: 2. Dealer East. North/South Vul



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ
		I♦	I <b>♠</b>
2♡	2♠	4♡	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5◊*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

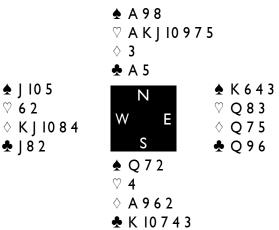
On a club lead declarer would have had to negotiate both red suits, but notwithstanding the implications of the auction North tried the five of spades. Declarer won in dummy and cashed the top hearts. When the queen appeared she could give up a diamond and claim +980.

#### Closed Room

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West	North	East	South	
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt	
		I ♦	2♠	
2NT*	3♠	4♣	Pass	
4♡	All Pass			

The same twelve tricks were made, but Denmark had II IMPs.

Board:5. Dealer North. North/South Vul



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ	
	♣*	Pass	<b>I</b> ♡*	
Pass	2♡*	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡	
All Pass				

One Heart promised 8+, and denied a five card major or six clubs.

West led the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and took the losing heart finesse. She ruffed the diamond return, drew trumps and played three rounds of clubs. When East ducked a low spade declarer had twelve tricks, +680.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt	
	2♣*	Pass	2◊*	
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠*	
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4♡	Pass	5♡	
Pass	6♡	All Pass		

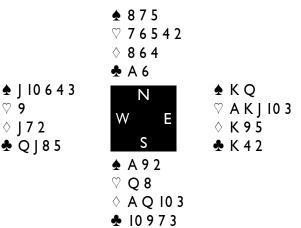
Over South's relay of Two Diamonds, Two Hearts was either natural or 24-27 balanced.

I can't be sure what Two Spades meant — you won't find it on the convention card — so its not clear what information East had to go on when she selected her opening lead. It proved to be the four of spades and declarer must have been pleased when dummy's queen held.

She finessed in hearts and when that lost it was up to East to find the diamond switch that would defeat the contract.

Alas she returned a trump and declarer could set up the clubs, +1430, another slam swing for Denmark.

Board: 14. Dealer East. None Vul



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West	North	East	South	
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ	
		I 🕾	Pass	
I♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

South led the ten of clubs and North took the ace and switched to the six of diamonds, South winning with the queen, cashing the ace and exiting with a diamond. Declarer played a spade and South won and cashed her diamond for one down, +50.



Maria Rahelt, Denmark

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt
		♣*	Pass
♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Here South led the seven of clubs and North took the ace. However she switched to the four of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played the king of spades, followed by the queen, South ducking both. She cashed her three club winners, and exited with a spade. South got off play with the queen of hearts and declarer won and played a diamond. South could win and cash the ace of diamonds, but had to surrender the last two tricks to declarer, +400 and 10 badly needed IMPs for Sweden, who trailed 12-38 IMPs.

Unfortunately their troubles were only just beginning, as they conceded 45 IMPs over the next four deals.

Board: 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul.

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<b>★</b> 874	
♡ A 1087	
<b>♣</b> 10 6	
N	♠ A K 10 9 2
	∇ K Q 9 4 2
VV E	♦ 3
S	<b>♣</b> 9 5
<b>♠</b> Q 6 3	
♡ J 6	
♣ K 7 4 3	
	<ul> <li>♣ 8 7 4</li> <li>♡ A 10 8 7</li> <li>◇ K Q 8 2</li> <li>♣ 10 6</li> <li>N</li> <li>W E</li> <li>S</li> <li>♠ Q 6 3</li> <li>♡ J 6</li> <li>◇ J 10 9 4</li> </ul>

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ
			Pass
♣	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With everything save the queen of spades well-placed declarer was in no danger and when South led the three of spades declarer hardly went flat out when she recorded +420.

**Closed Room** 

West	North	East	South	
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt	
			Pass	
♦*	Pass	I♠	Pass	
2♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South led the jack of diamond and declarer took the third round of the suit with dummy's ace and ran the jack of spades, South winning and playing a heart to North's ace for a fast one down, +50 and 10 IMPs.

Board: 16. Dealer West. East/West Vul **♠** Q J 3 2 ♡ K 6 3 ♦ K 3 2 **♣** K J 10 ♠ 965 **♠** 10 Ν ♡ 74 ♥ 9852 W ♦ Q | 987654 ♦ 10 S ♣ A Q 9 6 5 3 2 ♠ AK874 ♥ A Q | 10  $\Diamond$  A **♣** 8 7 4

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ
Pass	♦*	Pass	I <b>♠</b>
2♣	2♠	Pass	3◊*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

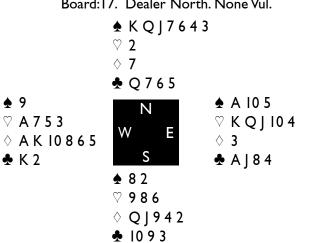
West led the ace of clubs and was not hard pressed to give her partner a ruff at trick two - +50.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt	
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

It was a simple affair to record +490 — and discover it was worth 11 IMPs.

Board: 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ
	3♠	4♡	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

That was easy enough — we'll return to the problem of how to play Seven Hearts in due course. +980.

Closed Ro	oom		
West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt
	4♠	Dble	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The preempt did its work when West — not unreasonably — jumped to slam. (Its becoming popular to play 4NT in this situation as showing two places to play — another possibility is to bid Five Spades with the West hand, although some might consider that should promise first round control. Plenty of scope for partnership discussion here!)

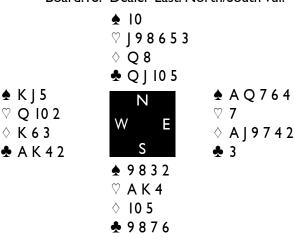
North led the two of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond. If she puts in the eight or the ten the contract should be made. You cash a top diamond, spade to the ace, ruff a spade, club ace, club to the king, ruff a club, cash two hearts ending in dummy and play a black card to neutralise South's QJ9.

Alas, declarer played the king of diamonds and now there was no way home, -100, 14 IMPs to Denmark.

Back to Seven Hearts, a contract that was reached at more than one table. The question you are all asking is doubtless 'What's the best line?' I have David Burn busy calculating, but you are probably impatient, so, subject to confirmation, probably you should win the spade lead, ruff a spade, cross to the king of hearts, ruff a spade and play the ace and king of diamonds. If they live you simply play to ruff a club high with the ace of hearts. If North can ruff the diamond you are far from dead as you have every chance of squeezing South in the minors.

There will doubtless be more to say on this later.

Board: 18. Dealer East. North/South Vul.



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Bekkouche	RymanM	Binderkrantz	RymanJ	
		I ♦	Pass	
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass	
6◊	All Pass			

South cashed the	king of hearts, but when diamonds be	:-
haved declarer had	the rest, +920.	

Closed Ro	om		
West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Farholt	Groenkvist	Rahelt
		♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Of course declare made twelve tricks for +480, but Denmark's fourth slam swing of the set saw them win the match 84-13 IMPs,

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#### WIELKIE KATASTROFY

Marek Wójcicki

Przeglądając kolejno rozdanie po rozdaniu, zapis po zapisie rzuciła mi się w oczy spora ilość zapisów czterocyfrowych, niejednokrotnie pojawiających się w najbardziej nieoczekiwanych momentach. Myślę, że w miarę upływu czasu i narastającego znużenia graczy, z takimi zapisami będziemy mieli do czynienia coraz częściej. Aby właściwie uhonorować największych "walczaków" postanowiłem sporządzić ranking katastrof, bazujący na wysokości oddanych zapisów. Ponieważ wymowa tych cyfr będzie wystarczająca, ograniczę się do podania samego przebiegu wydarzeń, bez komentarza.

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Runda VII. Mecz	Bułgaria – Chorwacja
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Rozd. II. Rozdawał S/obie przed

♠ 642

♦ AKQ 10954

♡ 8

**4** 9 4

♥ A O 10 7 6 2 ♦ 32 ♣ K J 8 6 5

K O 10 9 5 1943

7 ♣ Q 10 2



**★** A | 8 7 3 ♡ K 5 ♦ | 8 6



Tomasz Gotard, Germany

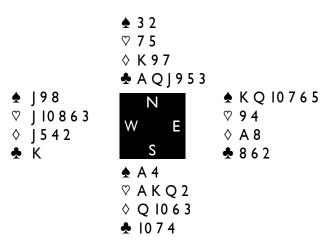
West	North	East	South
Bonev	Borevkovic	Batov	Zoric
			♠
pas	3♣¹	<b>3♠</b> ²	pas
3BA	ktr.	pas	

dwukolorówka kiery – trefle, co najmniej 5-5 w sile co najmniej in-

NS starannie wzięli wszystkie swoje lewe – bez ośmiu.

#### 1800 Runda VI. Mecz Niemcy – Rumunia

Rozd. 15. Rozdawał S/NS po partii.



West	North	East	South
Gotard	Munteanu	Piekarek	Rotaru
			IBA
pas pas	3BA	ktr.'	rktr.²

kontra żądająca wistu pikowego

W posłusznie wyszedł w piki i WE wzięli II lew. Dwie nadróbki.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> zatrzymanie pikowe

#### 1700 Runda V. Mecz Islandia – Rosja

Rozd. 6. Rozdawał W/EW



√ 10 6 2♣ K 7 6 5

♠ 10 9♡ Q 2♦ A Q J 9 6 5♠ 9 3 2



★ 8 6 4 2♡ K J 9 5◇ 7 4 3♣ Q 4

**♠** A K Q 5 3 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K

√ К ♣ АЈ 10 8

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Krasnosselski	Baldursson	Rekunow	Jonson	
pas	pas	pas	♣	
2♣¹	ktr.	pas²	pas	
pas				

CRASH – kara lub dwukolorówka na starszych

Bez sześciu.

#### 1700 Runda VIII. Mecz Białoruś – San Marino

Rozd. 2. Rozdawał E/NS po partii

♣ Q 9 8 4♡ Q 8 6♦ 2

♣ A Q 10 9 3

♠ A J 7 6 5♡ A 5♦ A J 6 4♠ 7 6



**♠** K 3 
♡ K J 4 3 2 
♦ K 9 7 **♣** K 4 2

♣ 10 2♡ 10 9 7◇ Q 10 8 5 3♣ | 8 5

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Orlovich	Soroldoni	Zhuravel	Zacaria	
		IΫ	pas	
♠	pas	IBA	pas	
2♣	ktr.	pas	2◊	
ktr.	pas	·		



Cristina Bordallo, Spain

Rozgrywający wziął dwie lewe. Bez sześciu.

#### I 400 Runda VII. Mecz Hiszpania – Norwegia

Rozd. 5. Rozdawał N/NS po partii.

♦ K 8 3♣ K Q 6NW ES

**★** A Q 7

♡ A K Q J

**♣** J 8

○ 10 8 4

○ Q 4 **♣** J 10 9 8 7 3

♠ K 9 5 4 2 ♡ 7 6 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bordallo	Helness	Knap
	2♣¹	pas	2◊
ktr.²	pas	2♡	2♠
3♡	ktr.	pas	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aco

1063

9532

A J 10 7 2

Obrona lekko przysnęła i rozgrywający zdołał wziąć trzy lewe. Bez sześciu.

Ciąg dalszy nastąpi (prawdopodobnie)...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> według W – akceptacja kontraktu 2♣ z kontrą

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  po jednej stronie zasłony (przez W) wytłumaczona jako wskazanie wistu, po drugiej (E) jako wskazanie kolorów starszych

### NASZE PANIE W AKCJI

Marek Wójcicki

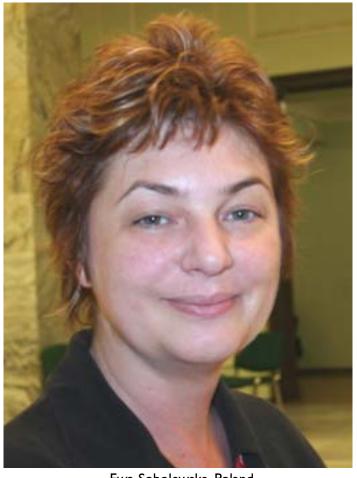
Polska drużyna kobieca rozpoczęła od meczu z drużyną Rosji. Rosjanki od kilku lat są na fali wznoszącej – już na mistrzostwach Europy par i teamów w Menton zaprezentowały się bardzo dobrze, a ukoronowaniem ich sukcesów było zwycięstwo w Olimpiadzie w Stambule. Nasze panie nie ulękły się renomy przeciwniczek i wygrały mecz 19–11 (52–32). Oto kilka rozdań, które zadecydowały o tym wyniku:

Rozd. 7. Rozdawał S/Obie po partii

- **★** AW98765
- ♡ D8
- ♦ K 9
- **8** 8 3
- **♠** D 10 4 3
- ♡ A K 6 4 3
- ♦ 83
- ♣ A 2



- **★ 2** ♡ 10
- ♥ 10952
- ♦ DW752
- ♣ D 9 5
- **♠** K
- ♡ W 7
- ♦ A 10 6 4
- ♣ KW 10764



Ewa Sobolewska, Poland

Pokój otwarty

	-/			
West	North	East	South	
Gromowa	Brewiak	Ponomariewa	Sarniak	
			2♣¹	
2♡	<b>2♠</b> ²	3♡	pas	
4♡	ktr.	pas	•	

¹5⁺♣ bez starszej czwórki

Po ataku treflowym bez trzech, 800 dla Polski.

#### Pokói zamkniety

i Okoj zamki	11166			
West	North	East	South	
Szczepańska	Galaktionowa	Sobolewska	Mochalowa	
2♡ pas	ktr. 4♠	pas pas	2 <b>♣</b> ¹ 3 <b>♣</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Precision

Ta końcówka zakończyła się wpadką bez dwóch.

Nasze pary na obu stołach wykazały się zdecydowanie lepszą oceną karty i polska drużyna zanotowała pokaźny zysk – 14 imp.

#### Rozd. 15. Rozdawał S/NS po partii

10976532

♡ 52

♦ | 8 3

**%** 8

**♠** W 4 ♥ A K 10 9 4

♦ A D 7 2

♣ D 10



**♠** A K ♥ W 8 7 6 3

♦ 109
AW32

**♠** D8

♥ D
♦ K 6 5 4
♠ K 9 7 6 5 4

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Gromowa	Brewiak	Ponomariewa	Sarniak
IΫ	pas	2♣	pas
2◊	pas	2♡	pas
2♠	pas	2BA	pas
3♦	pas	3♡	pas
3♠	pas	4♣	pas
4♡	pas	6♡	pas

Grażyna Brewiak zaatakowała \$\, \text{a}\, a rozgrywająca puściła do damy. S po lewie na króla dała partnerce przebitkę i bez jednej.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> nieforsujące

Pokój zamknięty

i Okoj zamiki	onoj zaminineoj			
West	North	East	South	
Szczepańska	Galaktionowa	Sobolewska	Mochalowa	
ΙØ	pas	2♣	pas	
2◊	pas	2♡¹	pas	
$2BA^2$	pas	3♣³	ktr.	
pas	pas	<b>3</b> ♠³	pas	
<b>4</b> ♦³	pas	<b>4</b> ♡	pas	

- 1 forsujące uzgodnienie kierów
- <sup>2</sup> układ 2-5-4-2
- 3 cue bidy

Ewa Sobolewska wyciągnęła właściwe wnioski z kontry na 3& i wyhamowała w końcówce. Po wiście &8, rozgrywająca zabiła asem, odatutowała i na impasie karo wzięła 12 lew. I I imp dla Polski.

Rozd. 18. Rozdawał E/NS po partii

- ♠ D 10 8 7 6 3 2
- $\Diamond$  M
- ♦ DW43
- **♣** 10





- **♠** 9 ♡ 9843
- ♦ K 10 7 6 2
- **♣** K 6 4

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South	
Gromowa	Brewiak	Ponomariewa	Sarniak	
		♣	pas	
2BA	pas	3♡	pas	
3BA	pas	<b>4</b> ♡	pas	

Grające Wspólnym Językiem Rosjanki nie popisały się w licytacji. Karta W nie jest idealna na odpowiedź 2BA – osobiście sympatyzuję z wyborem Apka Kowalskiego I♠. Ale wydaje się, że Gromowa mogła po 4♡ zrobić jeszcze ruch do przodu.

Na drugim stole licytacja Polek była wzorowa:

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Szczepańska	Galaktionowa	Sobolewska	Mochalowa
•		IΦ	pas
IBA <sup>1</sup>	pas	<b>2</b> ♠²	pas
3♣³	pas	4♣	pas
4♠	pas	4BA	pas
5◊⁴	pas	6♣	pas

- <sup>1</sup> półforsujące
- <sup>2</sup> forsujące do końcówki, układ dowolny
- 3 naturalne
- <sup>4</sup> I wartość z 5

Na obu stołach wzięto 13 lew i nasze panie zarobiły 10 imp.













**♠** A 5

♦ A

9832

♥ AKD 1052























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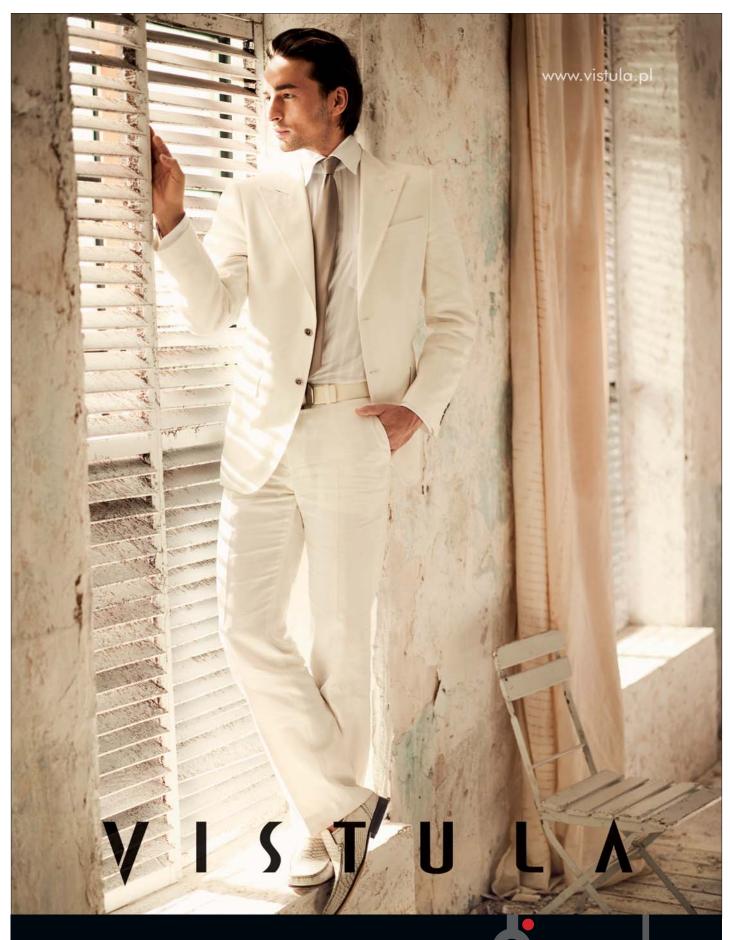
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