



# Daily Bulletin

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# THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD



Press Room Personalities

A week has flown by but the teams who hope to take a trip to Shanghai must battle for another six days - this is a tough tournament.

In the *Open* series **Italy**, despite suffering their second defeat continue to set the pace ahead of **Hungary, Sweden, Norway, Ireland and Iceland.**

**Germany** won all their matches for the second successive day to stay clear at the top of the *Women's* table, while **France** had a big day to move into second, ahead of **Netherlands, England, Denmark and Poland.**

The new leader in the *Seniors* is **Turkey**, followed by **Scotland** and **Germany.**

## Today's VuGraph Matches

### Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor

Netherlands - Poland	10.30
Hungary - Norway	14.15
Israel - Italy	17.35

### BBO OnLine Transmissions

Switzerland - Italy	10.30
France - Finland	10.30
Ireland - Germany	10.30
France - Austria (Women)	10.30

Italy - Greece	14.15
Lithuania - France	14.15
Poland - Iceland	14.15
Wales - France (Seniors)	14.15
Spain - Poland	17.35
France - Germany	17.35
Belarus - Netherlands	17.35
France - Germany (Women)	17.35

### Swan Games OnLine

Germany - Denmark (Seniors)	10.30
Denmark - Israel (Seniors)	14.15
Wales - Sweden	17.35

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 20 10.30**

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

**ROUND 21 14.15**

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

**ROUND 22 17.35**

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

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

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 SWEDEN	ESTONIA	70 - 19	25 - 5
2 ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	86 - 43	24 - 6
3 FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	45 - 59	12 - 18
4 ITALY	ICELAND	28 - 47	11 - 19
5 GERMANY	NORWAY	16 - 67	5 - 25
6 WALES	ROMANIA	44 - 73	9 - 21
7 LITHUANIA	SCOTLAND	33 - 35	15 - 15
8 PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	64 - 62	15 - 15
9 SERBIA	LATVIA	47 - 78	9 - 21
10 ENGLAND	SPAIN	10 - 55	6 - 24
11 DENMARK	SAN MARINO	79 - 35	24 - 6
12 TURKEY	BELARUS	23 - 72	5 - 25
13 POLAND	RUSSIA	38 - 59	11 - 19
14 CROATIA	FRANCE	31 - 48	11 - 19
15 LUXEMBURG	GREECE	68 - 59	17 - 13
16 IRELAND	HUNGARY	34 - 61	9 - 21
	BULGARIA		18 - 0

**ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	39 - 46	14 - 16
2 SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	29 - 68	7 - 23
3 NORWAY	POLAND	40 - 37	16 - 14
4 NETHERLANDS	LITHUANIA	65 - 24	23 - 7
5 SPAIN	ITALY	18 - 55	7 - 23
6 LATVIA	WALES	59 - 19	23 - 7
7 SERBIA	LUXEMBURG	36 - 22	18 - 12
8 SCOTLAND	GERMANY	47 - 40	16 - 14
9 ICELAND	FINLAND	53 - 39	18 - 12
10 ROMANIA	DENMARK	24 - 33	13 - 17
11 RUSSIA	BELGIUM	48 - 72	10 - 20
12 ESTONIA	BULGARIA	60 - 46	18 - 12
13 FRANCE	ENGLAND	25 - 16	17 - 13
14 GREECE	ISRAEL	35 - 44	13 - 17
15 BELARUS	PORTUGAL	93 - 6	25 - 0
16 HUNGARY	TURKEY	60 - 28	22 - 8
	IRELAND		18 - 0

**ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 IRELAND	ESTONIA	91 - 12	25 - 1
2 NORWAY	BELGIUM	47 - 23	20 - 10
3 WALES	SERBIA	57 - 19	23 - 7
4 FINLAND	SPAIN	41 - 23	19 - 11
5 ITALY	FRANCE	18 - 5	18 - 12
6 BELARUS	RUSSIA	14 - 56	6 - 24
7 LUXEMBOURG	ISRAEL	27 - 72	6 - 24
8 SWEDEN	ROMANIA	67 - 29	23 - 7
9 LITHUANIA	ICELAND	26 - 69	6 - 24
10 GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	30 - 15	18 - 12
11 DENMARK	LATVIA	69 - 45	20 - 10
12 POLAND	SCOTLAND	53 - 25	21 - 9
13 ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND	41 - 33	16 - 14
14 BULGARIA	SAN MARINO	70 - 27	24 - 6
15 CROATIA	GREECE	18 - 76	4 - 25
16 PORTUGAL	HUNGARY	45 - 36	17 - 13
	TURKEY		18 - 0

**WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 9 10.30**

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

**ROUND 10 14.15**

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

**ROUND 11 17.35**

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



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**SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 9 10.30**

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

**ROUND 10 14.15**

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

**ROUND 11 17.35**

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

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

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You can enter by email to the following addresses:  
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You must also send an original copy of the magazine and/or clipping to the Polish bridge Union at:

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

The closing date for entries is 30 November 2006.

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ICELAND	SCOTLAND	22 - 52	9 - 21
2	TURKEY	NORWAY	87 - 32	25 - 4
3	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	53 - 38	18 - 12
4	DENMARK	GREECE	47 - 52	14 - 16
5	CROATIA	IRELAND	71 - 27	24 - 6
6	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	46 - 40	16 - 14
7	SAN MARINO	ITALY	50 - 52	15 - 15
8	ENGLAND	FRANCE	37 - 28	17 - 13
9	FINLAND	POLAND	25 - 51	10 - 20
10	SPAIN	RUSSIA	39 - 55	12 - 18
11	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	86 - 27	25 - 4

**ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NORWAY	CROATIA	43 - 52	13 - 17
2	SCOTLAND	AUSTRIA	59 - 36	20 - 10
3	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	12 - 73	3 - 25
4	POLAND	ICELAND	60 - 21	23 - 7
5	IRELAND	ENGLAND	62 - 47	18 - 12
6	TURKEY	SAN MARINO	46 - 60	12 - 18
7	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	29 - 39	13 - 17
8	ISRAEL	DENMARK	49 - 13	22 - 8
9	ITALY	SPAIN	43 - 20	20 - 10
10	FRANCE	FINLAND	55 - 12	24 - 6
11	GREECE	GERMANY	9 - 56	6 - 24

**ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	ISRAEL	55 - 39	18 - 12
2	AUSTRIA	POLAND	53 - 25	21 - 9
3	HUNGARY	GREECE	59 - 27	22 - 8
4	FINLAND	IRELAND	17 - 35	11 - 19
5	ICELAND	FRANCE	25 - 58	8 - 22
6	RUSSIA	ITALY	30 - 41	13 - 17
7	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	28 - 53	10 - 20
8	ENGLAND	NORWAY	37 - 12	20 - 10
9	SAN MARINO	CROATIA	34 - 34	15 - 15
10	SPAIN	TURKEY	58 - 29	21 - 9
11	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	64 - 7	25 - 4

**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 8 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	157.00
2	FRANCE	145.00
	NETHERLANDS	145.00
4	ENGLAND	140.00
5	DENMARK	135.00
	POLAND	135.00
7	CROATIA	133.00
8	IRELAND	131.00
9	SPAIN	124.00
10	ITALY	123.00
11	AUSTRIA	121.00
	SAN MARINO	121.00
13	ISRAEL	120.00
14	SCOTLAND	118.00
15	SWEDEN	112.00
	HUNGARY	112.00
17	FINLAND	103.00
18	TURKEY	98.00
19	NORWAY	97.00
20	RUSSIA	91.00
21	GREECE	86.00
22	ICELAND	81.00

**SENIORS TEAMS RANKING**  
after 8 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	TURKEY	159.00
2	SCOTLAND	148.00
3	GERMANY	147.00
4	FRANCE	146.00
5	SWEDEN	135.00
	DENMARK	135.00
7	ITALY	129.00
8	FINLAND	118.00
9	ISRAEL	117.00
10	ENGLAND	111.00
11	POLAND	107.00
12	NETHERLANDS	102.00
13	IRELAND	96.00
14	SWITZERLAND	94.00
15	WALES	89.00
16	ESTONIA	74.00

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 19 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

1	ITALY	369.00
2	HUNGARY	348.00
3	SWEDEN	341.50
4	NORWAY	339.00
	IRELAND	329.00
6	ICELAND	327.00
7	NETHERLANDS	321.00
8	ISRAEL	313.50
9	GERMANY	306.00
10	POLAND	305.00
11	DENMARK	303.50
12	BELARUS	302.00
13	BULGARIA	300.00
14	RUSSIA	297.00
15	FRANCE	294.50
16	SPAIN	294.00
17	FINLAND	291.00
18	ENGLAND	290.00
19	TURKEY	282.00
20	BELGIUM	269.50
21	SERBIA	268.00
22	SCOTLAND	261.00
23	CROATIA	258.00
24	ROMANIA	256.00
25	WALES	254.00
26	SANMARINO	250.00
27	GREECE	247.50
28	LATVIA	247.00
29	ESTONIA	246.00
30	LUXEMBOURG	232.00
31	PORTUGAL	222.00
32	LITHUANIA	220.00
33	SWITZERLAND	213.00

## SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 6 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ESTONIA	GERMANY	15 - 55	6 - 24
2	SCOTLAND	DENMARK	59 - 35	21 - 9
3	SWEDEN	TURKEY	28 - 45	11 - 19
4	FRANCE	ISRAEL	82 - 26	25 - 3
5	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	33 - 51	11 - 19
6	IRELAND	FINLAND	27 - 74	4 - 25
7	SWITZERLAND	WALES	32 - 47	12 - 18
8	ENGLAND	ITALY	34 - 35	15 - 15

### ROUND 7 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	WALES	SCOTLAND	30 - 53	10 - 20
2	TURKEY	FRANCE	32 - 24	17 - 13
3	ISRAEL	ESTONIA	43 - 13	22 - 8
4	ITALY	DENMARK	45 - 24	20 - 10
5	SWEDEN	IRELAND	31 - 8	20 - 10
6	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	49 - 33	19 - 11
7	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	48 - 34	18 - 12
8	POLAND	ENGLAND	37 - 35	15 - 15

### ROUND 8 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	43 - 9	23 - 7
2	DENMARK	POLAND	27 - 10	19 - 11
3	IRELAND	FRANCE	14 - 51	6 - 24
4	ENGLAND	GERMANY	30 - 38	13 - 17
5	ESTONIA	TURKEY	13 - 57	5 - 25
6	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	49 - 40	17 - 13
7	SCOTLAND	ITALY	35 - 19	19 - 11
8	WALES	FINLAND	14 - 54	6 - 24

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**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 16**

**Netherlands v Italy & Hungary v Bulgaria**

by Jos Jacobs

The Open Series was almost halfway completed on Friday evening; an appropriate moment for one of the biggest clashes of the Championship, the match between Italy and The Netherlands. In recent years the Netherlands have been doing not as badly against Italy as a number of other participants: they recorded a memorable win in Malmo two years ago and they also managed to win their section of the Round Robins in the Istanbul Olympiad later that year, ahead of Italy who later restored order and defeated them in the final.

In this report I will also keep an eye on Hungary who faced Bulgaria in what was the last match of a very tough day for them. So far, they had had mixed fortunes: a win against Denmark and a loss against Sweden had brought them 29 VP, more than enough to consolidate their 2nd place in the standings.

On the first two boards, nothing special happened in the Hungary-Bulgaria match but in the top match we saw two slam swings.

One cannot really say anything has gone wrong if you do not bid a slam depending on a finesse. Muller relayed and found three controls missing, so slam could be no better than a finesse. Netherlands +490, 11 IMPs and first blood to Italy.

Next:

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
		INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Board: 1. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Careful quantitative bidding led to a slam depending on exactly a finesse of the ♣K. It worked. Italy +1020.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Simon De Wijs, Netherlands

This time, the slam was just a shade under 50% and it duly went one off. Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

As I said before, stay out of a slam like this will not be losing bridge in the long run. Netherlands +400 and 10 IMPs back. A spectacular start.

A few quiet boards passed by and then Lorenzo Lauria, the world's #1 player, showed the others in our two featured matches how to play a routine game contract. The strange thing is that in the other matches game was usually made without any problem, as one may expect, but here 3 out of the 4 declarers involved went down.

Board: 8. Dealer: West. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
Pass	1♥	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A heart was led to Westra's ace and he switched to his singleton diamond. Lauria won the ace, drew trumps, played a diamond losing to the king and later finessed the ♥Q on the way back from dummy. What's the problem? Italy +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
Pass	1♥	1NT	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here too a heart was led and North continued the ♦2. When declarer ran this to dummy's queen he was soon one off. Italy +50 and 10 unexpected IMPs to regain the lead, albeit it by 1 IMP only.

In the other match, Stefanov had less information available as Honti had not opened the bidding in the North seat..

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Honti	Stefanov	Szilagyi
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A club lead went to dummy's queen and North's king and back came the ♦2, ducked.

Another quick one off

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Marashev	Macskasy	Petkov
Pass	1♥	1NT	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Dble	4♠	All Pass

Against a much livelier auction South led a trump. Dummy's ♠7 held the trick and a heart was led, declarer putting up the king. The next heart went to North's queen and back came the ♦2. When Macskasy, too, ducked this, the board became a push.

Two boards later, a competitive bidding problem arose in both matches.

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
		Pass	2♦
2♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

2♦ was Multi but after Versace's overcall the Italians quickly reached game. It was not easy to see for Westra that a



save might be profitable, looking at this 4-3-3-3 hand. Italy +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	2♦	2♠
All Pass		Pass	3♠

A quiet transfer heart raise ended all Dutch aspirations of reaching a game. They even sold out to 3♠ which happened to be a make. Italy +140 more and 13 IMPs to lead by 9 now.

In the other match the quiet Hungarian approach was more effective than the aggressive Multi:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Honti	Stefanov	Szilagyi
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

The Bulgarians came nowhere near bidding a game when Aronov was allowed to open the bidding at the one-level.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Marashev	Macskasy	Petkov
2♥	3♠	Pass	2♦
		4♥	All Pass

Once Szalay could overcall, vulnerable, the Hungarians reached game as quickly as the Italians in our other match. So another game swing of 10 IMPs to Hungary who led by 27 at the halfway stage.

To pre-empt or not to pre-empt was the question on board 13:

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

♠ Q J 9 8 6 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 4 3
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 9 7 4	♥ K 8 5 3 2				
♦ 7 6 4	♦ J 8				
♣ 5	♣ Q 4				
	♠ 10 7 5				
	♥ A Q J				
	♦ A 10 9 3 2				
	♣ K 6				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
	5♣	All Pass	



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

With three small spades Ramondt saw no good reason to move so the grand was missed by a mile. Netherlands +640.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
2♠	1♣	Dble	Redble
Pass	3♣	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
	6♣	All Pass	

Duboin's redouble showed 5+ diamonds. The scientific approach did not lead to a fully satisfactory result but even the Italians don't have the recipe to deal with all strong eight-card suits. Still, bidding a slam was worth 13 IMPs for them. The lead now: 22.

Basically, the same thing happened in the other match: one scientific sequence and one pre-empt.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Honti	Stefanov	Szilagyi
2♠	2♣	Dble	2♦
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Marashev	Macskasy	Petkov
	5♣	All Pass	



Both declarers made all 13 tricks, of course, so Hungary scored 13 more IMPs.

In the Open Series, slam was missed 12 times out of the 32 times the board was played. At a few tables the score was more than 640 as some ventured a double. Grand slams were not seen but a truly remarkable result was posted by Gaddi and Pizza for San Marino who could write down 1,800 for two redoubled overtricks in 5♣. Even the Minimax would have given their opponents a better score, as the save in 7♠ only goes down six for — 1700!

Duboin played for the swing, so to speak, on the following innocent-looking board:

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

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

Open Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
			2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Nothing special and 11 easy tricks. Netherlands +650.

Closed Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
			2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Maybe Duboin did not like his ♣QJx but on the actual layout you can always make 11 tricks provided you guess right in diamonds. When Duboin elected to finesse the ♦Q through West, maybe as an avoidance against the holder of the long clubs, he suddenly was one down to bring the Netherlands back into the match: 57-39 to Italy.

Four different results from our two matches in what should be a flat 5♦:

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

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

Open Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

Versace led the ♦A and, understandably continued the suit. Dummy's king won and Ramondt threw a spade. He went on to ruff a diamond and then led the ♠K. Versace won, cashed the ♥K and got off play with a low trump to the eight and ten. Declarer now had to come to two more trump tricks and thus reached his goal: down only three, Italy +500. In fact if he had returned a trump after winning the 10 he escapes for two down.

Closed Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

♣8 lead won by dummy's jack, ♦A and a low diamond to the king set up the timing to repeat the club finesse, throw a spade on the ♣A, ruff a club and take the spade finesse. When everything worked Muller had 12 tricks for +620 and a 3-IMP gain.

Well, this definitely was not a good slam but who cares when it makes? Bulgaria were trailing by 48 when this board arrived and they really needed some IMPs:

Open Room

West <i>Aronov</i>	North <i>Honti</i>	East <i>Stefanov</i>	South <i>Szilagy</i>
1♣	1♦	Dble	4♥
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

1♦ showed majors and East's first double showed 5-7 hcp.

This time, Aronov hit gold when he bid one for the road, as Stefanov made 12 tricks on a club lead playing the same way as Muller. Bulgaria a much needed +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Marashev	Macskasy	Petkov
1♣	Dble	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Marashev's double showed majors too, at least 4-4 (!). When EW made no further move the Bulgarians happily conceded 300 to register a 14-IMP swing in their favour.

On board 18, the Dutch were a trifle lucky:

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

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

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S

♠ K J 10 2	♠ K J 10 2
♥ Q 10 4	♥ Q 10 4
♦ Q J 6 5	♦ Q J 6 5
♣ 10 2	♣ 10 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Westra	Lauria	Ramondt
INT	All Pass	1♠	Pass

This contract could not possibly be defeated and the Netherlands scored +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Duboin
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♦	Pass

Bocchi led the ♥6 to Duboin's ten and declarer's king. With the hearts 4-3 and the ♦A onside there were always nine tricks available now for the declarer. Netherlands +400 to trail by only 8 now.

In our other match we saw another swing to Bulgaria, of a rather smaller one:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Honti	Stefanov	Szilagyi
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass	2♣	Pass

INT was forcing and 2♣ cheaper minor. Just made. Bulgaria +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Marashev	Macskasy	Petkov
3♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

The Hungarians played 3NT from the other side of the table so South had to find a lead. Once he chose a natural enough diamond declarer had to play for the ♥K being a possible game-going trick. He decided to win the ♦K at trick two and lead a heart immediately. When this went to the ten, king and ace his chances were gone. Bulgaria +50 and 4 IMPs.

With one board to go, Hungary led by 33 and Italy by just 5 IMPs. It should have stayed there but we saw a surprise swing in both matches when the correct game contract went down at two out of our four tables. The problem was that West had shown a spade pre-empt and led the ♥6 at all four tables. If you are afraid of a heart ruff and draw all trumps first, before tackling the clubs, you will go down as the ♣J is behind the ten. If you draw just one round of trumps, or even no round of trumps at all but lead a club off dummy at trick two, you cannot go down any more as East, the holder of the second trump, can only get the lead



Vladislav Petkov, Bulgaria

to play that second trump by winning his ♣A prematurely. If he elects to do so the ♣K will come down in three rounds and that's all you need to win the contract.

Needless to say that fatigue may have played its part on this one, the last board of the day...

Board: 20. Dealer: West. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Westra</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Heart lead and two rounds of trumps first: one down. Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Heart lead won in dummy and a club. Italy +600 and 12 IMPs to win 69-52 or 19-11 VP.

The other match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
3♥	Pass	3♠	5♦
All Pass			

Heart lead won in dummy and a club. Hungary +600 and 12 IMPs to win 72-27 or 24-6 VP.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>Petkov</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Heart lead and two rounds of trumps first: one down. Hungary +100.

## A Beautiful Push

by Kauko Koistinen

In the 10th round match between Bulgaria and Finland some high level preemptive bidding propelled the Bulgarian pair into an inferior contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 ♣ A K J 10 4 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ K J 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 3 2 ♣ 7	♠ A Q 9 7 4 ♥ A K 9 6 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Koistinen</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Nyberg</i>
Dble	3NT*	Pass	5♣**
	Pass	5♦	All Pass

\* Pre-empt in either minor

\*\* Pass or correct

Clas Nyberg started with his singleton spade to dummy's ace and Julian Stefanov proceeded with a small trump to the ace. Next came the key play, the heart ace-king followed by the heart nine discarding the club seven while North could no longer follow suit. South won an unexpected trick with the ten of hearts, but the link for the spade ruff was cut off and all declarer had to lose was one heart and one diamond. 'Well played', I had to acknowledge, with some bitterness in my mind, to my opponent after the board.

When comparing results I found out that the board was a push, same contract played exactly the same way by my team-mate Antti Elsinen. 'Well played', I had to acknowledge again, this time with complete satisfaction.



**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 15**

**Sweden v Hungary**

by Jos Jacobs

On Friday afternoon, fresh from having beaten Denmark, second-placed Hungary had to be ready for the second course on their menu for the day: Sweden. In their morning match the Swedes had blitzed Belarus, so they had gone up into 4th position, just 0.5 VP behind Netherlands.

After Sweden scored three IMPs on overtricks the first sizeable swing of the match presented itself on board 6 and it could have gone either way:

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Bertheau	Macskasy	Nystrom
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass	INT	2♦

North leads the ♥A and switches to the ♦8, covered by jack and queen. What is the best line?

As the cards lie you can simply win the ace and play a trump to the queen but this certainly is an inferior line. As South did not open, diamonds are more likely to be no worse than 6-2, so it is pretty safe to duck the ♦Q. If South continues the suit you win the ace, cross in clubs and lead a low spade off dummy. This line would have netted you +420.

A more elegant line of play would be to win the ace, cross to the ♣A and play the ♥Q, throwing your losing diamond to cut communications between the defenders. There is an equally elegant counter to this: North can win his ♥K and lead a second round of clubs (having read his partner's ♣5 correctly which is not so difficult when God has dealt you the 2, 3 and 4). North's next move will be to win the ♠A at first attempt and give partner a club ruff.

This line, actually chosen at the table by Gyorgy Szalay for Hungary, gave Bertheau the chance to shine by finding the defence mentioned above. When he duly did so the threatening loss for his team changed into a 7-IMP gain as this is what happened at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Winkler	Bjornlund	Dumbovich
3♠	All Pass	Pass	3♦

With diamonds likely to be 7-1 here, Fredin won the diamond shift and, playing only 3♠, could afford to lead a low spade from hand immediately. One overtrick, Sweden +170 to take a 10-0 lead.

The scissors coup works if you win the first diamond, lead to the ♠Q and then play the ♥Q to pitch your diamond. The problem with playing this line is that it fails if South has the ♠A. All things considered it is much better to duck the first diamond.

Nothing very much happened in many of the other boards, though the Swedish lead had gone up to 26-5 when board 14 appeared:

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Bertheau	Macskasy	Nystrom
1♦	INT	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass	INT	Pass

One cannot possibly criticise South's decision to pass INT but this time it simply was not the right thing to do. Down three, Hungary +150. Would their other pair capitalise on this?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Winkler	Bjornlund	Dumbovich
1♦	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♣
Pass	2♥	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	3♦	3♥



Gyorgy Szalay, Hungary

Yes they would. Once Dumbovich decided to use Stayman the heart fit was located. The Swedes reached their best spot, 3♦, but so did the Hungarians when they competed once more. This way they scored another useful +140 and 7 IMPs to trail 12-26 now.

Consolation did not last very long for Hungary as this was the next board:

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

♠ A ♥ A 8 7 4 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 10 9 7 4 3 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ 10 ♣ 5 3	♠ 6 5 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ A Q J 9
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Once again, Bertheau found a very effective defence: he led his trump. Declarer went up with ♥K and played a club but this enabled Nystrom to lead a second round of trumps at trick three and declarer was doomed. Sweden +100.

Closed Room

West <i>Fredin</i>	North <i>Winkler</i>	East <i>Bjornlund</i>	South <i>Dumbovich</i>
			1♦
1♥	Dble	4♥	Dble
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

On this auction, the North hand was suddenly a nasty problem as partner's double of 4♥ conveyed a different message than at the other table. When Winkler took his insurance the Hungarians had to concede defeat by one trick at both tables: Sweden +200 here and the 7 IMPs just lost had thus come back straight away.

With the score at 37-17 to Sweden, somewhere in the 19-11 margin, this was the penultimate board:

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

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

At both tables, and probably at most tables, South opened 4♥ and was left to play there. Only the Luxembourg pair Hein and Helling managed to reach this very good slam, needing little more than a 3-2 heart break. In our featured match, however, the score stayed at 37-17 on the last board as well, giving Sweden a well-earned 19-11 VP win.



Open Room

West <i>Szalay</i>	North <i>Bertheau</i>	East <i>Macskasy</i>	South <i>Nystrom</i>
			INT
2♥	Dble	4♥	Dble
All Pass			



**SENIORS TEAMS**

**Round 2**

**Wales v Germany - Senior Moments**

by Patrick Jourdain

Sometimes by ending in the wrong contract you stumble across a fascinating declarer problem. My partner and I seem particularly talented at this, but unfortunately we each failed to solve the play poser set by these deals from the Senior match between Wales and Germany (Round 2 Senior, Round 13 Open):

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jourdain</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Hirst</i>	<i>Strater</i>
		1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

You may think we were very ambitious. After partner's splinter showing heart support, I cue-bid the ace of diamonds. Over Four Spades I did not want to bid slam because of the losing clubs, but felt I could show the diamond support in case partner wanted to protect the king of clubs. When he chose diamonds, that looked to be the case (e.g. ♠ A ♥ Qxxx ♦ K Q x x x ♣ K x).

Note that in Six Hearts on a club lead the queen of hearts has to be doubleton AND you have to find the diamond queen. By contrast, in Six Diamonds, you can survive the heart queen not falling provided you guess the diamond position. So maybe Six Diamonds is the best slam, though the majority of the field no doubt settled in a boring game.

South leads the king of clubs and North shows an odd number. How do you plan the play?

Suppose you decide to play North for the queen of trumps. You need the diamond ace as entry to dummy's hearts so it looks best to cross to the ace of hearts and lead a low trump to the ten. This holds, so your first hurdle is over. The next question is, should you cash the diamond king before playing the next heart?

It depends who has the third heart. If the queen of hearts is not falling you plan to throw the losing heart on the spade king, ruff out the hearts, and return to dummy on the third round of trumps. If North has the third heart you must cash the king of diamonds early to prevent an over-ruff by South, if South has three hearts you must retain the king of trumps to over-ruff North.

North did not raise the spades so is unlikely to have five-card support and the spades will be 6-4. North's signal at trick one suggests the clubs are 3-3. This leaves South with four red cards which have to be 2-2, as you cannot cope with a 4-1 break in either red suit. So you cash the king of diamonds, and play a heart to the king.

As South contributes the queen you can unblock the

hearts and go back to dummy with the third trump to make all 13 tricks. But if the queen does not fall, no matter. Throw the losing heart on the spade king, ruff a heart and then return to dummy with the ace of trumps to make 12 tricks.

Declarer guessed the trumps, but had crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and had no way back to the winning hearts. One down.

The full deal was:

Board:2. Dealer East. North/South Vul

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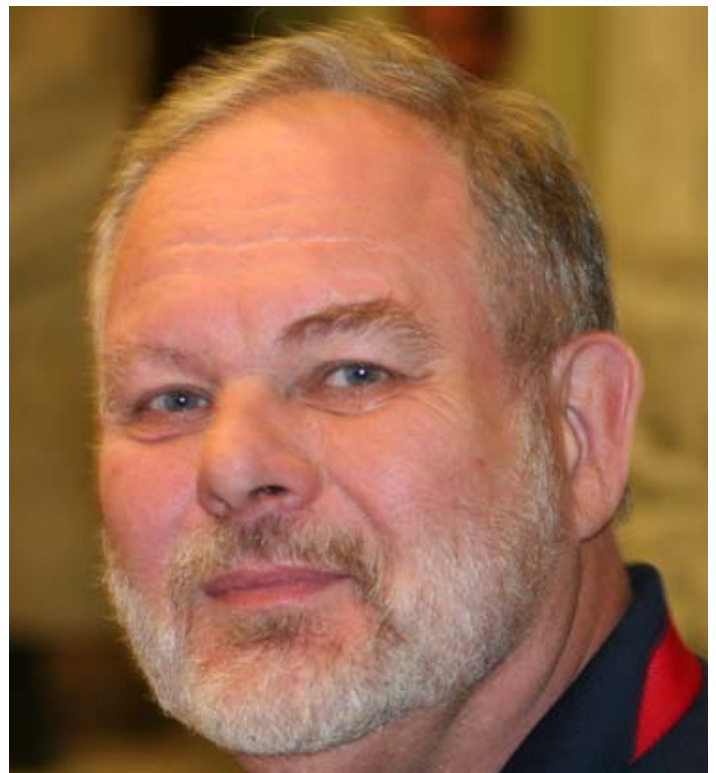
  

♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ 8 6 4	♠ J 10 9 6 4 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 9 6 ♣ K Q J
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Next, the declarer problem that I failed to solve, though first consider the bidding problem faced by many Easts.

You hold in fourth seat: ♠ A K Q ♥ A Q J 9 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ 9 3 2

The bidding proceeds:



Ulrich Kratz, Germany



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	?	Pass

What would you choose now? The popular choice was Three Hearts, raised to Four and easily made as the cards lay. But my man chose Four Clubs and when I showed four spades, corrected to Five Diamonds, which became the final contract. This was what I could see:

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

North leads and continues high clubs, his partner shows an odd number, and you ruff. North held six clubs headed by the three top honours. It looks as if the heart finesse is destined to fail, and so the trumps must break 3-2. However if you draw trumps and then tackle hearts there is a major snag when the finesse loses ... a third club removes your last trump, so you will need the heart ten to fall.

In effect you have to rely on one of the majors providing the eleventh trick, but which one?

My thinking was that I would start with the heart finesse, expecting it to lose, and decide later how to play the majors. You can see the snag with this line if we now show the full diagram:

Board: 11. Dealer South. None Vul

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

When Bernhard Strater won the king of hearts, he could not read much from West's five as I had led the four, but he counted out my hand. Five diamonds, four spades, and a singleton club meant three hearts. So he returned the suit for his partner to ruff. Well done by Strater, and one down.

Was I unlucky or was there a better line? Sundelin thought drawing TWO rounds of trumps before taking the heart finesse improved chances, though it does not help here.

I now think the best line is to draw trumps and then play two rounds of spades. If the jack falls you are home, and if

the suit is 5-1 you know to try hearts for the extra trick. If both defenders follow small, as they do, it looks as if you have to guess which major provides the extra trick. But the fact that West has the third trump comes to your rescue. If East is 4-4 in the majors you need West to have doubleton ten of hearts. But if East is 5-3 in the majors you already know he does not have five spades, so will play for the spades to break.

Drawing trumps and tackling spades before hearts has the advantage that you get to try two rounds of spades before the key decision, whereas taking the heart finesse before drawing trumps proved fatal when that suit was 5-1.

Note that those playing in hearts had an easy time of it, despite the fact the suit was 5-1 offside. So that was clearly the better game.

Now a hand from the first round match against Poland where our contract proved more successful:

Board: 13. Dealer North. All Vul

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Antas	Jourdain	Kaczanowski	Hirst
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
	3NT	All Pass	

East led the eight of clubs against Three Notrumps. At first sight of dummy I thought Four Spades would be the better game, but that soon changed when a spade finesse of the jack brought a discard from West. I switched to hearts. East won and led a second club, ducked. West led a third club, which I won and East went into the tank. He was not sure who had the missing club. Hoping it was his partner and to avoid an endplay, he carefully unblocked the nine, but this idea misfired. When West won the next heart he had no club to play.

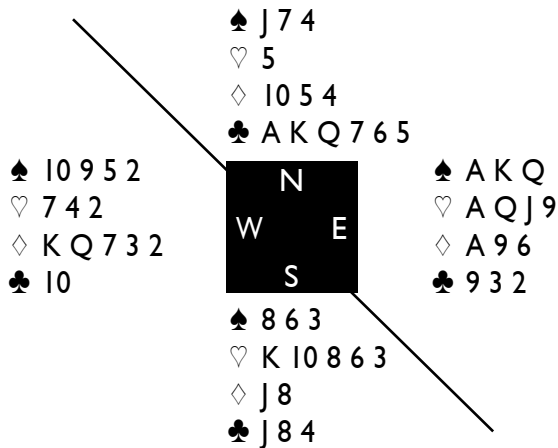
East was marked with nine black cards and had followed to two hearts, so the contract was now secure. I cashed the king and ace of diamonds, and the winning SIX of clubs, and then played a low spade from both hands. East had to win and was, as he feared, endplayed into leading a spade away from the king. 3NT made was worth 15 IMPs as Four Spades had gone for 500 at the other table.

## Appeal No. 3 Ireland v Germany

**Appeals Committee:** Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jean-Claude Beineix (France), Grattan Endicott (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

### Open Teams Round 13

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass 2♣	INT All Pass	Dble	Pass Redble

**Comments:** INT 14-15, Dble 15+

**Contract:** Two Clubs, played by West

**Result:** 6 tricks, NS +100

**The Facts:** As a reply to the question about the meaning of the redouble, South had written "transfer to 2 clubs, usually a 1 suited hand". North had explained it as "any single suited hand".

West thought South had shown clubs and intended his 2♣ as conventional. He had written "not discussed, not natural". When South saw this, he wrote as an extra explanation "I may or may not have clubs", but by this time the tray had been to the other side of the screen and had returned with 2 passes, and West had to play 2♣.

**The Director:** Asked a number of players, who stated that they would understand South's message as showing any one-suited hand, not specifically clubs. The specific mention of the 2 in "transfer to 2♣" should mean that only the bid, not the suit, was indicated. Since this meant there was no misinformation, there could be no adjusted score.

**Ruling:** Result Stands

**Relevant Laws:** Law 75A, 40C

East/West appealed.

**Present:** All players and the Captain of North/South

**The Players:** West explained that the correct term for what South meant was "puppet", not "transfer", which means that the one who transfers has the suit he is transferring to.

Especially with players whose first language was English, he felt no need to doubt this, and the "2" had not made him suspicious of anything else. Even when South added that he

"may or may not have clubs", he was not suspicious, since it is well known that one transfers to the club suit, intending to start an escape sequence if doubled. Anyway, when that information came, it was already too late.

South explained that he believed this was a common convention, and he thought he had explained correctly. When West bid and alerted 2♣, he had asked what it meant, and he had asked West to write the reply a second time because the first was not very well readable (this paper was presented at the hearing, it contained the words "not discussed, not natural" twice). After this, he had explained, again written, "I may or may not have clubs". South could not remember exactly when in the course of all this the tray had passed over and back.

The Committee asked the Director if West could have taken his bid back, and the Director explained that as long as East had not called, he might have let West (and North) change their bids, but by the time the tray returned with 2 passes, it would have been too late to alter anything.

West was asked why he had only called the Director after the hand and not when dummy came down, and West replied that at that time he still did not know where a wheel had come off; only after the play did he ask his partner what the explanation had been and at that time everything had been clear to him.

South told the Committee, and his opponent, that he had not meant to cause the misunderstanding, and that he was sorry that he had.

North explained that his opening bid had been a tactical one. He had explained the redouble to East as "any 5+ suit", and the tray had stayed at his side for a while, East doing some thinking.

When asked whether he ever used the word puppet in this situation, South replied that it was not in his vocabulary, "puppet" only being used to describe the well-known type of Puppet Stayman over NT.

**The Committee:** Arrived at four conclusions:

1) South had not explained well enough that he could have had any one-suiter (the "Guide to Completion of the WBF Convention Card" consistently uses the word "transfer" when the suit is real and "puppet" when only the bid is intended). In contrast, North's explanation is a correct one.

2) West could perhaps have done more to protect himself, but he should be able to rely on native English speakers using the bridge expressions in their correct meaning.

3) After having seen that West was confused, South should have realised he might have been misunderstood. South should not have pushed the tray through, he could have kept it on his side until after giving his second explanation.

4) East did not make any effort to get to game. After all, 2♣ was a free bid.

In order to do justice, the Committee decided to award East/West a reasonable partscore.

**The Committee's decision:** Score adjusted to 3♦ by East/West, making 10 tricks, NS -130.

**Deposit:** Returned

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 4**

**Sweden v Germany**

by Mark Horton

Two countries with different aims met in Round 4 of the Women's series. Germany, intent on preserving their position at the business end of the table, and Sweden, hoping to put a bad start behind them.

Board:2. Dealer East. North/South Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
Pass	3♣*	Dble	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Three Clubs promised 11+ points with three-card heart support.



Catharina Forsberg, Sweden

West led the ten of clubs for the queen and king and East switched to a diamond, queen, king, ace. When declarer played back a diamond East ruffed, West following with the jack, and East exited with the jack of clubs. Declarer had no real hope from here, one down, -100.

That looks easy enough, but on a non-club lead (or a non diamond switch) declarer has chances (admittedly difficult) to make the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
3♦	3NT	3♣	Dble
		All Pass	

According to the play record East led a diamond for the queen and king and West switched to the four of clubs. Declarer simply covered with the six and eventually arrived at ten tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs.

Board:3. Dealer South. East/West Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	1♠

This was an easy contract and declarer emerged with eleven tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

When South, confident she was facing a six-card suit, made a gentle raise, North had enough in hand to try for the game

bonus — right enough and on the lead of the three of spades she made ten tricks, +430 and 7 IMPs for Germany.

Board:5. Dealer North. North/South

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
	1♣*	2♦*	Dble*
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Two Diamonds promised hearts, or the black suits. I can't tell you what went wrong in the Swedish auction, but obviously with 18 facing 8 you want to be in game. Declarer made ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the queen of hearts and declarer won in hand and played the seven of diamonds, East going in with the queen and switching to the nine of spades for the two, king and ace. Declarer emerged with ten tricks, +630, another 11 IMP pick up for Germany, already ahead 30-6 IMPs.

Board:6. Dealer East. East/West Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Remind me to ask Sabine if she thinks she might have raised Two Spades. There were no problems making ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Once East advertised some values West took a pot at game and when North started with two top hearts she had an overtricks, +650 and 10 IMPs for Sweden.

Board:11. Dealer South. None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
			1♣
2♦*	Pass	3♥*	All Pass
All Pass			

South cashed the ace of spades and switched to a low heart, declarer winning in hand and playing back a heart. South won and cashed the king of spades and played a spade. Declarer had to go two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the eight of hearts and after winning the second round of the suit West though for long enough to make it clear she had no certain entry before playing a third round. (Interestingly if declarer wins the second heart she can always make the contract on this layout.) Declarer won and played a diamond to the queen. When East ducked she was quickly shown the error of her ways. Declarer played a diamond back to the king, cashed four spades and exited with a diamond. East had to lead away from the king of clubs to give declarer the last two tricks and +400 was worth 7 IMPs.

Board:14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Rdble	Pass
3♦	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Nothing to the play, declarer losing a heart, a diamond and two clubs, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	2♣

The convention card mentions the possibility that INT at this vulnerability may be 4-4-1-4. 4-2-5-2 is not really a no trump distribution, but One Diamond might have been based on a void, so there is no guarantee that the diamond fit would have been located.

Two Clubs was a simple affair, nine tricks delivering +110 and 6 IMPs.

Board:15. Dealer South. North/South Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Groenkvist</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Forsberg</i>
2♥	3♥*	4♥	INT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	Dble

East led the three of clubs and West won with the king, cashed the ace of spades and seeing the ten from partner switched to the eight of hearts to get a spade ruff for two down, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
2NT*	4♥*	5♥	1♦
All Pass			Dble

This had no chance, South cashing the ace of diamonds and continuing the suit, +100 and a further 7 IIMPs seeing Germany run out winners 57-22 IMPs, 22-8 VP.



Sabine Auken, Germany

# Missed Opportunities

by Barry Rigal

The match between the Hungarians and the Swedes was perhaps the best played match we have seen on Vugraph - as was indicated by the low score in the match, the total of 54 IMPs changing hands in the match was comfortably lower than the total of any other match that round.

However an early deal offered both the opportunity for some good play as well as a missed opportunity.

Board: 2. Dir: East/NS

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

trick four he knew East to be 6-1 in the minors. He needed hearts to split 3-2 to have any chance, and West's failure to continue diamonds at trick two almost marked East with the spade king - otherwise West would surely have set up his suit, expecting to get in later on and cash out. Equally if East had both spade honours, there was no real chance either since he had already set up his clubs. So declarer needs to play for split honors in clubs, and there is only one card in his hand that will allow him to make, independent of the location of the spade nine.

He advances the spade ten from hand, which East must cover, and he wins the spade ace in dummy, then runs five rounds of hearts. This is the ending.

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

On the last heart West must come down to four cards, and has the choice of keeping two spades and two diamonds, when he is thrown in with the latter suit to lead the former, or three diamonds and one spade, when declarer leads a low spade from dummy - and makes an overtrick!



Gabor Mackasy, Hungary

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Bertheau	Macskasy	Nystrom
		3♣	Dble
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Winkler	Bjornlund	Dumbovich
		Pass	1♥
2♦	3♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

<sup>1</sup> inv+

The action offered points of interest: first of all Szalay's three diamond call set up the right lead for East (while at the same time exposing his side to a large penalty of course) had he passed three clubs Bertheau would have declared three no-trumps, and on any lead but a diamond the contract would surely have made.

On the diamond lead, Bertheau ducked the first diamond in dummy and in hand. West was on lead, and could have defeated the contract by simply continuing with the king of diamonds, relying on the spade queen to be an entry. But he shifted to the club ten, and Bertheau accurately covered with the queen, playing clubs to be 6-2, then won the next club. What now, was the question.

Bertheau actually simply ran his hearts, but no pressure materialized, and he went down one for a flat board. In the other room they had declared four hearts by South on a club lead and diamond shift, and declarer had no real chance.

So what could declarer have done? The answer is that at



# POLSKI KONTYNGENT W AKCJI

Marek Wójcicki

Kontynuując opowieść o występach Polaków w innych drużynach, chciałem pokazać kolejne rozdania z tych mistrzostw w ich wykonaniu.

Oto rozgrywka Artura Wasika z meczu Hiszpania – Islandia z X rundy mistrzostw:

Rozd. 18. Rozdawał E/NS po partii

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wichmann	Jonsson	Wasik	Baldursson
		IBA	pas
2♣	pas	2♦	pas
3BA	pas...		

S zawistował ♠2. Walet, z ręki dziewiątka (od N piątka – ilościówka parzysta). Rozgrywający zagrał teraz z ręki blotkę trefl – S wziął lewę na ósemkę i zagrał w karo – dziesiątką. Ze stołu król i Artur zagrał teraz blotkę kier spod asa, chcąc zredukować lewe do ewentualnego przymusu, który wydawał się być jedyną drogą do dziewięciu lew. N podłożył waleta, a S dołożył czwórkę, wskazując parzystą ilość kierów. N po lewie na waleta zagrał damą kier. Rozgrywający ponownie przepuścił i obrońcy zgrali w kiery po raz kolejny (zagrane w pika nic by nie pomogło – rozgrywający oddałby lewę pikową i zdusił N w przymusie na kolory młodsze). W końcówce:

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

rozgrywający zgrał asa pik oraz asa karo, i zagrał trzy razy w trefle, wpuszczając N, który musiał wyjść spod waleta karo, dając dziewiątą lewę.

Drugie rozdanie pochodzi także z X rundy, ale z meczu Dania – Niemcy:

Rozd. 20. Rozdawał W/Obie po partii

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

West	North	East	South
	Piekarek		Gotard
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1BA <sup>2</sup>	pas	2♣ <sup>3</sup>
pas	2♥	3♦	3♠
pas...			

<sup>1</sup> Precision, 16<sup>+</sup>PC<sup>2</sup> dwukolorówka na starszych lub na młodszych<sup>3</sup> do koloru partnera

Thorlukur Jonsson, Iceland



Wojciech Olanski, Lithuania

W wyszedł niezbyt szczęśliwie w atu. Gotard ściągnął trzy razy atu, utrzymując się w ręce i zagrał w kiera. W wskoczył asem i zagrał w karo. E wzięła na asa i zagrał w trefla. W po lewie na damę, w aktualnej końcówce:

<p>♠ — ♥ K 8 ♦ D ♣ A 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ D 10 7 6 ♦ 9 6 ♣ —</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W            E S</p> </div> <p>♠ 10 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K ♣ K 9 6</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ 10 3</p>
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zagrał w asa trefla. Gotard przebił w stole, przeszedł do ręki królem karo i zagrał w kiera. W przepuścił i dama w stole wzięła lewę. Teraz Tomek przebił w ręce ostatnie karo i odszedł kierem, a W po lewie na asa, musiał dać rozgrywającemu jeszcze dwie lewe na trefle. Swoje i 6 imp dla Niemiec, gdyż na drugim stole para WE wzięła 8 lew na kontrakt IBA.

Wojtek Olański w barwach Litwy nie tylko gra, ale i dzierży kaganek oświaty brydżowej u naszych wschodnich sąsiadów. Popatrzmy na dwa rozdania z meczu Litwa – Portugalia:

## Rozd. 11. Rozdawał S/obie przed

<p>♠ 10 7 4 ♥ D 10 6 4 3 ♦ K W ♣ 10 8 4</p>	<p>♠ W 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K 9 6 5 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W            E S</p> </div> <p>♠ D ♥ W 7 ♦ 10 9 5 4 3 ♣ A D W 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A K 5 ♥ A K 9 8 5 ♦ A D 8 6 2 ♣ —</p>
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## Open Room

West <i>Olański</i>	North	East <i>Vainikonis</i>	South
	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	ktr.	pas
2♥	pas	4♣ <sup>2</sup>	pas
4♦ <sup>3</sup>	pas	5BA	pas
6♦ <sup>4</sup>	pas	7♥	pas...

<sup>1</sup> multi<sup>2</sup> Splinter<sup>3</sup> cue bid<sup>4</sup> jeden honor kierowy

Rozgrywka była bezproblemowa.

I jeszcze rozdanie nr 10 z tego samego meczu, dobrze ilustrujące praktyczne podejście Wojtka do brydża:

## Rozd. 10. Rozdawał E/Obie po partii

<p>♠ Q 9 5 4 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ K 6</p>	<p>♠ K 8 ♥ A J 7 3 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ Q 10 8 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W            E S</p> </div> <p>♠ J 10 3 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ J 9 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A 7 6 2 ♥ K 8 6 4 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ A 3</p>
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Po otwarciu Vainikonisa 1♣ i pasie S, Wojtek zaliczył „praktyczne” 3BA. N wyszedł w kiery i rozgrywający, po lewie na damę, zagrał w pika do asa z dziadka. Teraz ze stołu blotka pik, walet od S i małe z ręki... Swoje i 13 imp zysku, jako, że na drugim stole przegrano 4♠ bez dwóch.



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# SCHEDULE

### Friday, August 25th

17.30 Introduction - Open Pairs - (30 boards) Grand Prix of Mazowsze  
*Kulczyk Holding S.A. Cup*

### Saturday, August 26th

11.00 Opening Ceremony  
**1st Congress Tournament - Teams Board-A-Match (52 boards) Grand Prix of Poland**  
*CAiB Cup*

### Sunday, August 27th

10.00 **2nd Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (50 boards) Grand Prix of Poland Prokom Software S.A.**  
*President of Mazovia Bridge Union Cup*

### Monday, August 28th

11.00 2nd Additional Tournament - Open Pairs - Cavendish (30 boards)  
17.30 **3rd Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)**  
*Kulczyk Holding Invest S.A. Cup*

### Tuesday, August 29th

11.00 3rd Additional Tournament - Open Pairs - Barometer (24 boards)  
17.30 **4th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)**  
*Autostrada Eksploatacja S.A. Cup*

### Wednesday, August 30th

11.00 4th Additional Tournament - Open Pairs - Barometer (24 boards)  
17.30 5th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs - Cavendish (30 boards)  
*Euro Agro Centrum S.A. Cup*

### Thursday, August 31st

11.00 5th Additional Tournament - Open Imp Pairs - (30 boards)  
17.30 **6th Congress Tournament - Mixed Pairs (30 boards)**  
*Espresso Service Cup*  
17.45 6th Additional Tournament - Open Imp Pairs - (30 boards)

### Friday, September 1st

11.00 **7th Congress Tournament - Individual (~30 boards)**  
*Investment Fund Market Cup*  
17.30 **8th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)**  
**SynerProject S.A. Cup**

### Saturday, September 2nd

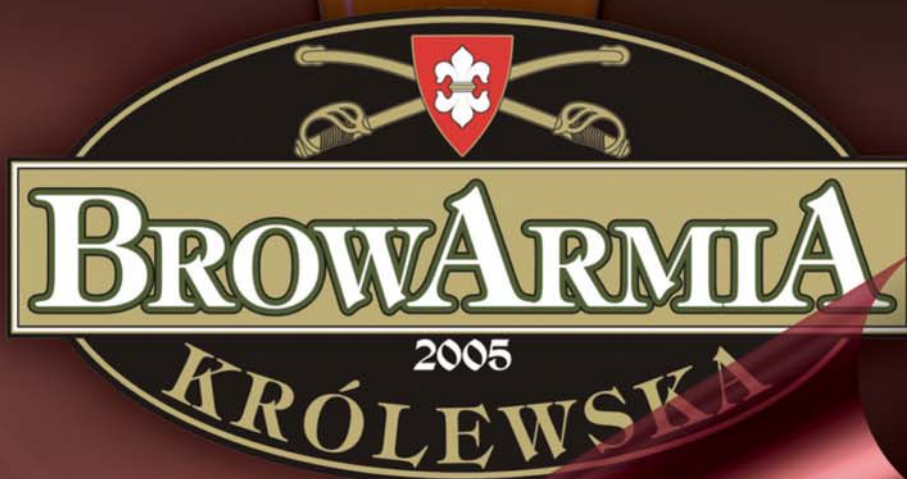
11.00 **9th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs - Cavendish (30 boards)**  
*Trust Invest S.A. Cup*  
17.30 **10th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)**  
*MPT Cup*

### Sunday, September 3rd

11.00 Polish Journalist Championships  
*Piatnik Cup*  
11.00 7th Additional Tournament - Open Pairs - Barometer (24 boards)  
*MOLL Cup*  
Closing Ceremony



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