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Today's semifinals:

Parioli v. Bamberg and Sygnity v. Eko-AI

An interesting day in prospect: the holders play the three-times winners in one semi-final and the two Polish teams will have to fight it out between them for a place in Sunday's grand finale. This was the outcome of yesterday's three qualifying rounds. Contrary to what we have seen so often recently, there was very little drama or suspense last night; the two leading teams before the final round easily made it.

Good luck to all contestants, also to the teams involved in the matches for 5th and 9th place. Besides played: **Bergen v. France**, **De Botton v. Reykjavikur**, **Modalfa v. Kelvin & Malone**, and **Gamax v. Örerbridgen**.

Classification after round robin:

GROUP A		VP	GROUP B		VP
1	Tennis Club Parioli Angelini	91	1	Sygnity AZS Polit. Wrocław	91
2	Eko-AI Poznań	82	2	Bamberger Reiter	90
3	Bergen Akademiske BK	73	3	Bridgefélag Reykjavíkur	77
4	De Botton Bridge Team	72	4	France National Champion	70
5	Modalfa	70	5	Gamax	61
6	Örerbridgen	62	6	Kelvin and Malone Club	54



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Results – Day 2 – Round 3

GROUP A

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
MODALFA	31	15	50	1
DE BOTTON BRIDGE TEAM	29	15	49	2
BERGEN AKADEMISKE BK	61	21	49	2
ÖRERBRIDGEN	31	9	28	6
EKO-AL POZNAŃ	77	19	46	5
TENNIS CLUB PARIOLI ANGELINI	60	11	48	4

GROUP B

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
BAMBERGER REITER	59	21	53	1
FRANCE NATIONAL CHAMPION	32	9	45	4
GAMAX	25	9	38	5
KELVIN AND MALONE CLUB	53	21	51	3
BRIDGEFÉLAG REYKJAVÍKUR	54	12	31	6
SYGNITY AZS POLITECHNIKA WROCŁAW	68	18	52	2

Leaderboard after round 3

GROUP A		VP	GROUP B		VP
1	Modalfa	50	1	Bamberger Reiter	53
2	Bergen Akademiske BK	49	2	Sygnity AZS Polit. Wrocław	52
3	De Botton Bridge Team	49	3	Kelvin and Malone Club	51
4	Tennis Club Parioli Angelini	48	4	France National Champion	45
5	Eko-Al Poznań	46	5	Gamax	38
6	Örerbridgen	28	6	Bridgefélag Reykjavíkur	31

Results – Day 2 – Round 4

GROUP A

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
MODALFA	41	10	60	3
ÖRERBRIDGEN	66	20	48	6
DE BOTTON BRIDGE TEAM	18	7	56	5
TENNIS CLUB PARIOLI ANGELINI	57	23	71	1
BERGEN AKADEMISKE BK	26	10	59	4
EKO-AL POZNAŃ	52	20	66	2

GROUP B

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
BAMBERGER REITER	81	25	78	1
KELVIN AND MALONE CLUB	7	1	52	4
FRANCE NATIONAL CHAMPION	23	9	54	3
SYGNITY AZS POLITECHNIKA WROCŁAW	54	21	73	2
GAMAX	34	9	47	6
BRIDGEFÉLAG REYKJAVÍKUR	62	21	52	4

Leaderboard after round 4

GROUP A		VP	GROUP B		VP
1	Tennis Club Parioli Angelini	71	1	Bamberger Reiter	78
2	Eko-Al Poznań	66	2	Sygnity AZS Polit. Wrocław	73
3	Modalfa	60	3	France National Champion	54
4	Bergen Akademiske BK	59	4	Bridgefélag Reykjavíkur	52
5	De Botton Bridge Team	56	5	Kelvin and Malone Club	52
6	Örerbridgen	48	6	Gamax	47

Results – Day 2 – Round 5

GROUP A

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
MODALFA	19	10	70	5
TENNIS CLUB PARIOLI ANGELINI	42	20	91	1
ÖRERBRIDGEN	23	14	62	6
EKO-AL POZNAŃ	29	16	82	2
DE BOTTON BRIDGE TEAM	33	16	72	4
BERGEN AKADEMISKE BK	28	14	73	3

GROUP B

	Imps	VP	Total VP	Place
BAMBERGER REITER	51	12	90	2
SYGNITY AZS POLITECHNIKA WROCŁAW	66	18	91	1
KELVIN AND MALONE CLUB	10	2	54	6
BRIDGEFÉLAG REYKJAVÍKUR	82	25	77	3
FRANCE NATIONAL CHAMPION	30	16	70	4
GAMAX	27	14	61	5

Leaderboard after round 5

GROUP A		VP	GROUP B		VP
1	Tennis Club Parioli Angelini	91	1	Sygnity AZS Polit. Wrocław	91
2	Eko-Al Poznań	82	2	Bamberger Reiter	90
3	Bergen Akademiske BK	73	3	Bridgefélag Reykjavíkur	77
4	De Botton Bridge Team	72	4	France National Champion	70
5	Modalfa	70	5	Gamax	61
6	Örerbridgen	62	6	Kelvin and Malone Club	54

Individual Butler Classification

place		imp/brd	boards	1-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-1
1	Wojciech Olański SYGNITY	0.88	60	+2	+20	+31		
	Włodzimirz Starkowski SYGNITY	0.88	60	+2	+20	+31		
3	Claudio Nunes PARIOLI ANGELINI	0.8	60	-4		+19	+33	
	Fulvio Fantoni PARIOLI ANGELINI	0.8	60	-4		+19	+33	
5	Lorenzo Lauria PARIOLI ANGELINI	0.75	100	+2	+44	-6	+33	+2
	Alfredo Versace PARIOLI ANGELINI	0.75	100	+2	+44	-6	+33	+2
7	Sverrir Ármannsson REYKJAVÍKUR	0.7	20				+14	
8	Entscho Wladow BAMB. REITER	0.66	80	+26	-17		+67	-23
	Michael Elinescu BAMB. REITER	0.66	80	+26	-17		+67	-23
10	Aleksander Dubinin SYGNITY	0.58	60	+9			+3	+23
	Andrei Gromov SYGNITY	0.58	60	+9			+3	+23
12	Bjørn Bentzen BERGEN	0.53	60		+7	+31	-6	
	Bjørn Olav Ekren BERGEN	0.53	60		+7	+31	-6	
14	Tomasz Gotard BAMB. REITER	0.5	60	-7		+26		+11
	Josef Piekarek BAMB. REITER	0.5	60	-7		+26		+11
16	Marian Kupnicki EKO-AL	0.45	40		0		+18	
	Leszek Majdański EKO-AL	0.45	40		0		+18	
18	Andreas Kirmse BAMB. REITER	0.4	60		+2	+4	+18	
	Michael Gromöller BAMB. REITER	0.4	60		+2	+4	+18	
20	Gábor Winkler GAMAX	0.33	100	-9	+17	+10	-14	+29
	Géza Homonnay GAMAX	0.33	100	-9	+17	+10	-14	+29
22	Grzegorz Narkiewicz EKO-AL	0.27	100	+3	+2	+6	+6	+10
	Krzysztof Buras EKO-AL	0.27	100	+3	+2	+6	+6	+10
24	Porlákur Jónsson REYKJAVÍKUR	0.21	100	-26	-17	+5	+14	+45
25	Sigurbjörn Haraldsson REYKJAVÍKUR	0.13	100	+7	-27	-20	+20	+33
	Bjarni Hólmar Einarsson REYKJAVÍKUR	0.13	100	+7	-27	-20	+20	+33
27	David Burn DE BOTTON	0.1	100	+3	0	+6	-19	+20
	Justin Hackett DE BOTTON	0.1	100	+3	0	+6	-19	+20
29	Jón Baldursson REYKJAVÍKUR	0.09	80	-26	-17	+5		+45
30	Christer Bjäring ÖRERBRIDGEN	0	40	-3		+3		

Individual Butler Classification – continued

30	Leif Svenzon ÖRERBRIDGEN	0	40	-3	+3		
32	Jean-Christophe Quantin FRANCE	-0.01	100	-4	+27	-26	+33
	Marc Bompis FRANCE	-0.01	100	-4	+27	-26	+33
34	Maarten Schollaardt MODALFA	-0.04	100	+22	+12	-6	+1 -33
	Leon Jacobs MODALFA	-0.04	100	+22	+12	-6	+1 -33
36	Cezary Balicki SYGNITY	-0.05	80	+6	+6	-5	-11
	Adam Źmudziński SYGNITY	-0.05	80	+6	+6	-5	-11
38	Konrad Araszkiwicz EKO-AL	-0.05	60	-22		+20	-1
	Krzysztof Jassem EKO-AL	-0.05	60	-22		+20	-1
40	Georges Blumenthal FRANCE	-0.15	20	-3			
	Philippe Toffier FRANCE	-0.15	20	-3			
42	Rex Anderson KELVIN & MALONE	-0.22	100	+4	-6	+43	-18 -45
	David Greenwood KELVIN & MALONE	-0.22	100	+4	-6	+43	-18 -45
44	Thomas Charlsen BERGEN	-0.23	80	-6	-12		-18 +18
	Arild Rasmussen BERGEN	-0.23	80	-6	-12		-18 +18
46	Albert Faigenbaum FRANCE	-0.24	80		+17	-4	-3 -29
	Thomas Bessis FRANCE	-0.24	80		+17	-4	-3 -29
48	Artur Malinowski DE BOTTON	-0.33	100	+27	-2	-7	-33 -18
	Nick Sandqvist DE BOTTON	-0.33	100	+27	-2	-7	-33 -18
50	Peter Nordén ÖRERBRIDGEN	-0.34	80		+4	-31	-1 +1
	Bo-Henry Ek ÖRERBRIDGEN	-0.34	80		+4	-31	-1 +1
52	Dano De Falco PARIOLI ANGELINI	-0.35	40	+6		-20	
	Francesco Angelini PARIOLI ANGELINI	-0.35	40	+6		-20	
54	Jeroen Bruggeman MODALFA	-0.41	100	-3	-7	+7	-36 -2
	Gert-Jan Paulissen MODALFA	-0.41	100	-3	-7	+7	-36 -2
56	Arne Thomassen BERGEN	-0.42	60	-2		-3	-20
	Helge Hantveit BERGEN	-0.42	60	-2		-3	-20
58	Jan-Olov Andersson ÖRERBRIDGEN	-0.56	80	-27	-44		+36 -10
	Göran Petersson ÖRERBRIDGEN	-0.56	80	-27	-44		+36 -10
60	Péter Lakatos GAMAX	-1.04	100	-6	-2	-4	-20 -33
	Gábor Macskásy GAMAX	-1.04	100	-6	-2	-43	-20 -33
62	Ian Lindsay KELVIN & MALONE	-1.09	100	+3	-2	-10	-67 -33
	Robin Burns KELVIN & MALONE	-1.09	100	+3	-2	-10	-67 -33

Round 3 – Bamberg v. France

by Jos Jacobs

In the first match of the final qualification day, the holders from Bamberg, lying 3rd at the time, met the overnight leaders in their section, France. As there were only 7 V.P. between the leaders and the nos. 5 in the group, every trick could be decisive, all day long. Good for the tournament, good for the spectators as well to have some interesting matches in prospect.

The match, and in fact the day, started with sort of a warming-up slam, made with an overtrick a both tables when the missing king of trumps behaved well. As you can read elsewhere in this issue, this board was not so easy in one of the other matches...

On board 2, Bamberg took the lead when a very thin game came home:

Board 2	♠AK62		
Dealer E	♥QJ		
Vul N/S	♦K1096		
	♣732		
♠73		♠QJ105	
♥A109863		♥754	
♦A873		♦Q5	
♣10		♣AQJ5	
	♠984		
	♥K2		
	♦J42		
	♣K9864		

In the Open Room, the French stopped at a safe level and made 9 tricks for a score of +140.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
1♥	Dbl	1♣	Pass
2♥	All pass	Pass	1♠

In the Closed Room, however, the weak NT entered the scene:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Faigenbaum</i>
2♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
		4♥	All pass

Had Faigenbaum led a diamond, declarer would have had no chance. On the actual spade lead, however, only North will get the lead for the defence so there might be time to get rid of all the diamond losers, provided declarer takes the right view in clubs. Bessis won the ♠K, cashed the ♠A and returned a low club, but Gromöller



M. Gromöller – A. Kirmse, T. Bessis – A. Faigenbaum

went up with the ace and successfully ran the jack, throwing a diamond. Next came two rounds of trumps, South winning the king but now, the diamond switch came too late as the third heart proved entry to two more established spades. Off went the remaining diamonds, just made, Bamberg +420 and 7 imps.

When Kirmse did take action over 1♠, the Germans quickly came too high. NS were polite enough not to double but down three gave France another +300 and 9 imps to lead by 2.

Two boards later, France took the lead:

This lead was not to survive the next board, however:

Board 4
Dealer W
Vul All

♠AQ2	♠K105	♠J84
♥8752	♥KJ6	♥AQ4
♦53	♦9	♦QJ1087
♣Q763	♣A109854	♣KJ

♠9763	♠1052
♥1093	♥AJ763
♦AK642	♦54
♣2	♣1076

Board 5
Dealer N
Vul N/S

♠K7	♠AQJ8643	♠9
♥K5	♥Q2	♥10984
♦KJ1082	♦7	♦AQ963
♣J854	♣AKQ	♣932

♠1052	♠1052
♥AJ763	♥AJ763
♦54	♦54
♣1076	♣1076

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	All pass	

When Quantin did not take action over 1♠, the bidding quickly ended. Down 1, France +100.

In the Open Room, a fully conventional auction saw NS landing exactly on their feet:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
5♦	2♦	Dbl	2♥
	5♠	All pass	

Just made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Faigenbaum</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Dbl	2♣	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Faigenbaum</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All pass	



J.-C. Quantin

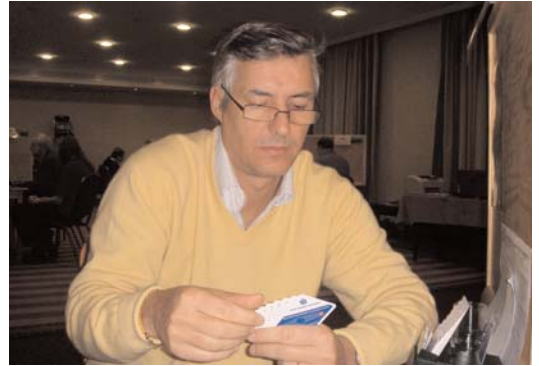
In the Closed Room, it looks as if South suggested possession of the trump king and ♥A by his bidding, hence North's straight jump to slam. Both finesses right was too much to ask for so one down was the outcome and Germany had scored a probably unexpected 13 imps.

Two boards later, a missed game caused another big swing:

Board 7	♠A85		♠106
Dealer S	♥K108532		♥J
Vul All	♦Q		♦A109852
	♣A106		♣8432
	♠Q42		
	♥A74		
	♦74		
	♣KQJ95		
	♠KJ973		
	♥Q96		
	♦KJ63		
	♣7		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Faigenbaum</i>
1NT	2♦	2NT	Pass
All pass			3♥



M. Bompis

After East's 2NT the meaning of 3♥ opposite the transfer overall became less clear, so North passed it... France +200 when 11 tricks were easily made.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
1♣	1♥	2♣	Pass
Dbl	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

In the Open Room, the Bamberg NS had no problem when West opened 1♣ rather than 1NT. With the club fit established, EW even managed to find their save but this proved expensive. On the lead of the ♦Q there was no way to prevent the promotion of the ♣10 as the defenders still have their communication in spades. So Bamberg +800 and 12 imps more to lead 32-11.

After all this spectacular stuff, it was time for a rest and so it proved. The boards came to life again when they reached #15.

As you will see from the auctions at both tables, staying out of slam is not so easy.

Board 15	♠87653		
Dealer S	♥KJ108		
Vul N/S	♦2		
	♣854		
♠KQJ		♠A94	
♥Q3		♥74	
♦AQ97		♦KJ1063	
♣AQ93		♣K72	
	♠102		
	♥A9652		
	♦854		
	♣J106		



T. Gotard

In the EKO AL – Parioli match, Lauria-Versace also reached the diamond slam and duly made it on a spade lead from North. The Poles wisely and correctly stopped in five, just made. So Parioli gained a much needed 11 imps on that one.

Would any of the players in the Bamberg-France match do better?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Faigenbaum</i>
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All pass



J. Piekarek

In the Closed Room, East was declarer so Faigenbaum would have struck gold by simply (?) leading his ♥A. When he led the ♣J instead, declarer son came to 12 tricks. Bamberg +920.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
			Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All pass

In the Open Room, Piekarek was on lead as North and...he produced a winning ♥8! Very well done; it looks the lead of the tournament, so far. Bamberg another +50 and 14 imps to lead by 59-14.

On the next board, the French hit back when they defeated a game that was made at the other table. The final score became 59-32 or 21-9 to Bamberg, a good win for the holders.

Round 3 – Eko-AI v. Parioli

by Peter Ventura

In this match we saw a run of massive swings – most often going the way of the Polish squad. We'll kick-off with a grand slam as a warm up.

Board 1	♠ 1073		
Dealer N	♥ KQ852		
Vul None	♦ J5		
	♣ K96		
♠ AKQ986		♠ 5	
♥ —		♥ A97	
♦ 643		♦ AKQ92	
♣ J1052		♣ AQ73	
	♠ J42		
	♥ J10643		
	♦ 1087		
	♣ 84		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

When Versace chose to rebid his spade suit rather than to support the clubs, which he did at his next turn, Lauria was not so keen to try the seven-level; E/W –940.

At the other table they went all in.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Dble	Redble	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

1♣ was Polish, 5♥ asked for the trump queen and the redouble showed it. Now Jassem simply jumped to 7♦. There was not much to the play, as the king of clubs was on side and both spades and trumps split nicely; E/W –1440. That was worth 11 IMPs and a flying start for the Poles.

The Italians struck back and gained 6 IMPs on board 2, when the Poles bid too optimistically. Board 3 was our first push – out of only three in the match! Then this came along:



A. Versace

Board 8
Dealer W
Vul None

♠A96
♥A87
♦A972
♣AK94

♠AQ54
♥J9
♦1043
♣8753

N			
W		E	
	S		

♠7
♥KQ6532
♦QJ5
♣QJ6

♠KJ10832
♥104
♦K86
♣102

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
Pass	1NT	2♦*	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiwicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Lauria showed a one-suiter and he led the king of hearts against Narkiewicz' 4♠. Declarer won the ace, played a spade to the eight, ducked by Versace, then crossed to hand in clubs and ran the nine of spades. Versace won the queen and cashed a heart trick before exiting with a diamond. Declarer won in dummy, played a club to the king and ruffed a club. When the queen and the jack in clubs dropped declarer could play a spade to West's ace, win the diamond return in hand, play a high club and pitch a losing diamond. Versace had to follow suit, so 4♠ was made; N/S +420.

At the other table De Falco didn't play his three clubs in time, so he ended up going one down for -100. That was 11 IMPs to Poland.

The Poles were leading by 32-17 after this board. EKO-AL had the chance to win a large swing on the following board, but the swing landed in Italian arms.

Board 9
Dealer N
Vul E/W

♠10765
♥9863
♦103
♣976

♠AJ
♥AJ107
♦KJ864
♣J2

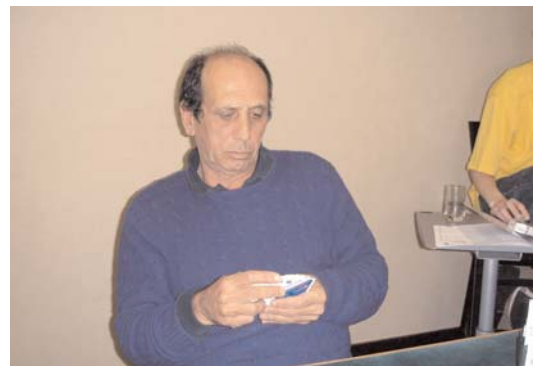
N			
W		E	
	S		

♠92
♥52
♦AQ975
♣Q1053

♠KQ843
♥KQ4
♦2
♣AK84

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	2♠	3NT	4♠
Dble	All Pass		



L. Lauria

The Italians are very good at putting pressure on their opponents, who frequently have the last guess in the auction. Here Buras turned +500 into -300 by not doubling 3NT. It is true that Buras could have found a little better dummy, but the better cards dummy has, the more bloody an affair 3NT would have been. 4♠ went two down for -300, but a sharp defence could even have taken one trick more.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiwicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
4♦	All Pass		

Angelini wisely didn't take action on North's rubbish. Against 4♦ the defence led a spade, establishing one trick there. Declarer drew trumps and played a club to the king and when De Falco played the king of hearts the defence had their setting trick; N/S +100 and that was worth 9 IMPs to TC Parioli.



K. Buras

Board 10		♠AQ						
Dealer E		♥QJ1085						
Vul All		♦K108						
		♣Q102						
♠1094		<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠K762	
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♥K9742		♥3						
♦AJ		♦7432						
♣983		♣A764						
		♠J853						
		♥A6						
		♦Q965						
		♣KJ5						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Buras opened a Polish club and 2♣ asked about hearts. 2♦ showed two hearts, 11–13 HCP's.

Lauria led a low club to dummy's jack. Narkiewicz did well by playing a diamond at trick two and from here on declarer safety played for nine tricks but was given an overtrick; N/S +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiwicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Board 16	♠A93		
Dealer W	♥842		
Vul E/W	♦A1053		
	♣1082		
♠1052		N	♠KJ874
♥A106		W	♥KJ7
♦K6		E	♦2
♣AKQJ6		S	♣9543
	♠Q6		
	♥Q953		
	♦QJ9874		
	♣7		

The diamond return was ruffed in dummy and declarer crossed to hand with the ace of hearts. Spade two, three... The moment of truth had come. Versace tanked for several minutes. He was trying to work out why N/S missed their save. The time stood still. Finally he asked for... the king! The queen dropped – and a smiling Versace could record 620. Perhaps North should have played the nine of spades, not the two.

The great Versace followed this perfect play up with a nice defence on the penultimate board:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠	4♦
All Pass			

Over Angelini's light overcall De Falco preempted 4♦ and was left to play there. East led a club to West's jack. Jassem continued with a deceptive trump, so Angelini hopped up with the ace, but no king dropped. Eventually declarer was three down; E/W –150.

At the other table we saw both great defence and great play. Narkiewicz found a great lead – a low club against 4♠. Versace won the queen and played *the king of diamonds* in order to cut the communication for the defence. Very Versace! North won the ace and gave South a club ruff.

Board 19	♠K106		
Dealer S	♥AK96		
Vul E/W	♦A982		
	♣A8		
♠AQ82		N	♠J754
♥3		W	♥J1054
♦KQJ76		E	♦105
♣1073		S	♣Q65
	♠93		
	♥Q872		
	♦43		
	♣KJ942		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

In the Closed Room West led the king of diamonds and De Falco took it with dummy's ace. He played a diamond back and the defence continued with a spade to the ace and a diamond. Declarer ruffed and cashed two club tricks and the king of spades. A club was ruffed by the trump ace. East discarded a spade and now had only trumps left. On a diamond from dummy East put up the ten of hearts, but De Falco could win the queen and give away a trump trick; N/S +420.

The lead was the same in the Open Room but after winning the ace of diamonds declarer played three rounds of clubs, ruffing in dummy. Ace and king in trumps revealed the bad trump break. Buras didn't see any immediate risk, so he played a third heart to the queen then a high club. Versace discarded the queen of spades and Lauria declined to ruff. This was the ending:

Buras played a spade towards dummy, but Versace hopped up with the ace and played the seven of diamonds to Lauria's ten,

who could draw the last trump out and play a spade to dummy's king. So it happened that West had to win another diamond trick; one down and 10 worthy IMPs to TC Parioli.

If declarer plays a diamond instead of a third heart he will make his contract.

137 IMPs were exchanged in this entertaining match and the final score went in the Poles' favour, 77-60 IMPs or 19-11 VPs.

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

Round 4 – De Botton v. Parioli and France v. Sygnity

by Jos Jacobs

With only one round left after this, the middle round of the day, it was quite possible that we might see some close matches again, as nothing at all looked decided when the round started. This time, however, we got two rather one-sided matches, both Parioli

and Sygnity (the local favourites, though I spotted a few Russians in that team) winning by considerable margins. For this reason, I will show you just a few boards from both these matches.

On a trump lead and correct defence, this contract went down two easily enough, for +300 to Sygnity.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
1NT	2♦	3NT	1♥
Pass	Pass	4NT	4♣
			All pass

Well, the singleton King in 4th position is a safe stopper more often than not but the real problem of this hand, for EW, was that there was no source of solid tricks. Down four, another +200 and 11 imps to Sygnity.

When both France and De Botton reached slam on board 18, they lost another 13 imps, the final scores being 23-7 to Parioli and 21-9 to Sygnity.

The last board was funny.

Board 20
Dealer W
Vul All

♠ 7
♥ J6
♦ KQJ109863
♣ 62

♠ AK32
♥ A1095
♦ 4
♣ 10985

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 1094
♥ Q8432
♦ 72
♣ AQ3

♠ QJ865
♥ K7
♦ A5
♣ KJ74

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
1♣	4♦	All pass	

There is nothing funny about this auction except that NS had missed the chance to steal a game.

DeBotton +150.

In the Closed Room, interesting things happened:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1♥	3♦	3♥	3NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	All pass

Hackett's double worked well in a certain way when Nunes ran to 4♦ but which side would you support in 3NT? Try the effect of a diamond lead...

At the table, 4♥ went down two on a spade lead when declarer did not play trumps but tried a club finesse first. Parioli a final +200 and 2 imps to seal their win.


With one round to play, in group B both Bamberg and Sygnity looked almost certain qualifiers, the two leading the no. 3 by no less than 24 and 19 V.P. In group A, the situation was quite unclear. Parioli and Eko-Al were leading but a loss in the last match might very well cause their undoing. In a few hours' time, the suspense would be lifted.

Kontyngent zaciężny w akcji – c.d.

Marek Wójcicki


Również druga polska drużyna uczestnicząca w turnieju (ponieważ Sygnity prawo udziału uzyskała jako organizator, mogliśmy wystawić jeszcze drugą drużynę – występuje więc Eko-Al Poznań, wicemistrz z sezonu 2006–2007) skorzystała z przepisu pozwalającego na ten turniej wystawić skład znacznie odbiegający od ligowego i wzmocniła się czołową polską parą młodszej generacji – Buras–Narkiewicz oraz równie utytułowanym niedawnym juniorem Konradem Araszkiwiczem. Jak spisał się ten zaciąg? Popatrzmy na kilka rozdań z meczu drugiej rundy, rozegranego przez Eko-Al z mistrzami Anglii – De Botton Bridge Team.

Niestety, los nie rozpieszczał naszych... Popatrzmy na problem z rozdania 5. W założeniach niekorzystnych mamy: ♠ 5 ♥ 732 ♦ D107652 ♣ 1073. Partner otwiera 2BA (20–21 PC). Co licytujesz? Buras racjonalnie powiedział 3♣ – puppet na 3♦, po których spasował. Na drugim stole para angielskich kółkowiczów nie miała do dyspozycji takiego aparatu i Paul Hackett podniósł partnera do 3BA. Popatrzmy na rozkład:

Rozd. 5 N, NS	♠KD4 ♥KD64 ♦A43 ♣AD9		♠W109732 ♥9 ♦K9 ♣8654
♠A86 ♥AW1085 ♦W8 ♣KW2			
	♠5 ♥732 ♦D107652 ♣1073		

Partner miał trzy kara z asem, a król u obrońców był drugi a nie trzeci... w tej sytuacji wygranie 3BA było bezproblemowe i Anglicy zapisali szczęśliwy zysk 10 imp.

Były jednak też rozdania, w których posiadanie „aparatu” licytacyjnego przynosiło zyski. Oto przykład, co prawda w strefie częściówki, ale 7 imp piechotą nie chodzi:

Rozd. 13 N, obie	♠K2 ♥52 ♦AKW76 ♣K632		♠A87 ♥AW10864 ♦D3 ♣84
♠DW965 ♥D7 ♦1095 ♣D109			
	♠1043 ♥K93 ♦842 ♣AW75		

Burn–Hackett z rękami NS po raz kolejny zalicytowali tak, jak się grywa w angielskim klubie:

Pokój zamknięty

	W	N	E	S
<i>Majdański</i>				
<i>Burn</i>		1♦		
<i>Kupnicki</i>			1♥	
<i>P. Hackett</i>				1BA
pas...				


Na ten kontrakt Majdański wyszedł damą pik i na początek WE ściągnęli pięć pików, po czym ściągnęli asa kier i odeszli w kier. Rozgrywający zagrał raz karo z góry, po czym sprawdził, czy nie spada druga dama trefl, a gdy nie spadła, zaimpasował

Tropiciel szans

Marek Wójcicki

Niejednokrotnie rozgrywając pozornie beznadziejny kontrakt, rozgrywający odpuszcza sobie pracę myślową i nie znajduje drobnych szans na realizację kontraktu. A karty są złośliwe... Prawdopodobnie jest to subiektywne odczucie, ale w rozdaniach, w których się zbłądzi, sprzyjające układy zdarzają się częściej, niż wynikałoby to z rachunku prawdopodobieństwa.

Pouczającym tego przykładem było rozdanie z trzeciej rundy kwalifikacyjnej turnieju:

Rozd. 8 W, nikt	♠96 ♥A87 ♦A972 ♣AK94		
♠AD54 ♥W9 ♦1043 ♣8753			♠7 ♥KD6532 ♦DW5 ♣DW6
	♠KW10832 ♥104 ♦K86 ♣102		

Pokój otwarty

W	N	E	S
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
pas	1BA	2♦ ¹⁾	3♥ ²⁾
pas	4♠	pas...	

1) jeden kolor starszy

2) transfer – 6+♠, co najmniej inwit

Lauria wyszedł królem kier. Narkiewicz poibił asem i zagrał pika, kładąc ze stołu ósemkę. Versace przepuścił. Rozgrywający cofnął się do ręki asem trefl i ponownie za-

grał w pika. Teraz Versace już wziął damę, ściągnął waleta kier i zagrał w karo. Po lewie na króla w dziadku, Narkiewicz dojrzał szansę wygrania – spadnięcie DWx w treflach. Zagrał więc trefla do króla, z zadowoleniem konotując spadnięcie waleta, i przebił trefla w stole (od E dama), wyrabiając dziewiątkę w ręce. Przeszedł teraz asem karo do ręki, na dziewiątkę trefl wyrzucił karo i oddał jeszcze tylko asa atu. W ten prosty sposób zrealizował kontrakt.

Na drugim stole utytułowany i doskonały zawodnik jak Dano de Falco rozgrywał tak:

Pokój zamknięty

W	N	E	S
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>De Falco</i>
pas	1♣	1♥	1♠
pas	1BA	pas	2♠
pas	3♠	pas	4♠
ktr.	pas...		

Być może kontra spowodowała taka presję, że de Falco stracił trochę głowę. W każdym razie rozgrywka sprowadziła się do pozycji zbliżonej jak w pokoju otwartym: Krzysztof zaatakował waletem kier. Rozgrywający puścił, zagranego ponownie kiera zabił asem i zagrał dziewiątkę pik, biorąc na nią lewę. Teraz zagrał ponownie w atu. Jassem wziął damę i zagrał w karo. Rozgrywający wziął na króla w ręce i oddał asa atu. Wiedząc, że odwrót karowy jest teraz nieunikniony, zagranie to można wytłumaczyć na dwa sposoby: a) rozgrywka na przymus karowo-treflowy (musimy wtedy zastać cztery kara wraz z damą i waletem trefl lub z pięć-

cioma treflami b) pomoczność, być może jasna... Wydaje się, że szansa na przymus była mniejsza niż na zastanie ♣DWx.

W każdym razie rozgrywka ta zakończyła się wpadką bez jednej. 11 imp dla wicemistrzów Polski.

Deep Versace

Marek Wójcicki

Versace słynie z intuicji. Wiele jego rozgrywek było opartych bardziej na wyczuciu niż na naukowej analizie. Popatrzmy na poniższe rozdanie z meczu Tennis Club Parioli Angelini – Eko-Al:

Rozd. 16 W, WE	♠A93 ♥842 ♦A1053 ♣1082											
♠1052 ♥A106 ♦K6 ♣AKDW6	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></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		♠KW874 ♥KW7 ♦2 ♣9543	
N												
W		E										
	S											
	♠D6 ♥D953 ♦DW9874 ♣7											

Pokój otwarty

W	N	E	S
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Buras</i>
1BA	pas	2♥	pas
2♠	pas	3♦ ¹⁾	pas
4♦	Pas	4♠	pas...

1) krótkość

Narkiewicz dał bardzo dobry wist ♣2. Rozgrywający wziął w ręce waletem i zagrał króla karo. N wziął asem i zagrał w trefla,

a Buras, po przebicciu, odszedł damą karo. Rozgrywający przebił w stole, przeszedł do ręki asem kier i zagrał w atu. Po dołożeniu przez N blotki, Versace zadysponował ze stołu króla. Gdy od S spadła dama, rozgrywający mógł odetchnąć... swoje.

Nie wiem, jakie przesłanki kierowały Versace... Nie potrafię ich dostrzec. To po prostu intuicja, której pewną dozę musi się mieć, aby być mistrzem przez duże M.

Na drugim stole para polska dała się... wyblokować? Wybelfować? Popatrzmy:

Pokój zamknięty

W	N	E	S
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>de Falco</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠	4♦
pas...			

Jassem uznał, że jego karta jest za dobra, aby otworzyć 1BA. Niestety... Angelini niezwykle trafnie wszedł 1♦, a de Falco wybrał optymalną wysokość skoku – po 3♦ Krzysztof na pewno coś by powiedział, pewnie dałby kontrę, po 5♦ także nasi nie mieli by problemu ze skontrowaniem. A tak – licytacja zgasła i para WE zapisała sobie marne 150 za wpadkę bez trzech, tracąc 10 imp.