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THREE MORE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES



The hard working dealing team

The start of the Open, Women and Senior Teams means that three more European Open titles and the gold medals that go with them are up for grabs.

In the Senior Teams **Kaminski** top their group with maximum points, while **Penfold** and **Poland** lead their respective groups in the Women's event, having given up only one point. In the Open event the day's top scorers were **Apteker**, who amassed 90 VP, three more than **Bessis**, **Izisel** and **Poland**.

Today's Schedule

Open Teams (Qualifying in Groups, 3 rounds)	10.30
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GROUP B

1	PONT	84
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4	HAUGE	61
5	KAHYAOGLU	50
6	JUSTE	44
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4	CIMA	63
5	ISRATUR	63
6	SHANURIN	48
7	ANTALYA	45

GROUP D

1	POLAND	87
2	PURKARTHOFER	84
3	QUANTUM	81
4	RUSSIA	71
5	LIMOR	41
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7	ROMANIA K.A.M.D.	32

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4	MAHAFFEY	64
5	HOLLAND	62
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7	ROKYTA	48

GROUP F

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2	LEWIS	62
3	TOWNSEND	59
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5	ERGIL	41
6	MARK	37
7	DE MESMAECKER	28
8	HELL'S ANGELS	17

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2	KIRILENKO	71
3	WOFARTH	69
4	DE BOTTON	62
5	IZMIR SPOR	58
6	EGYPT-2	56
7	AKSUYEK	50
8	GRAIZER	41

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1	ALLFREY	77
2	ORANGE I	75
3	BO	73
4	BAUSBACK	68
5	ETI	59
6	BING BANG	53
7	KEFELI	20

GROUP I

1	VENETINA	75
2	EGYPT-I	71
3	HUNGARY GAMAX	70
4	LESNIEWSKI	64
5	DIYARBAKIR-DIS.	57
6	KORDOV	57
7	HOYLAND	53
8	MALPOL	28

GROUP J

1	IZISEL	87
2	DENMARK RED	80
3	UPMARK	74
4	ZIA	73
5	MERSIN	43
6	LIZ	40
7	LEVINGER	35

GROUP K

1	VARENNE	84
2	MARMARA	83
3	GARSU PASAULI	73
4	MARASHEV	64
5	ANADOLU BK	53
6	POCKET KINGS	48
7	LA SIDRA	25

GROUP L

1	BESSIS	87
2	VILLA FABBRICHE	79
3	ORANGE 2	67
4	SAMSUN POLIS GUCU	63
5	BUCURESTI	53
6	DALEY	40
7	RAINWATER	32

GROUP M

1	DINOS	85
2	RKK	70
3	DUTCH JUNIORS	70
4	ZIMMERMANN-ANGELINI	64
5	COOREMAN	52
6	RUI PINTO	47
7	POPOVA	44

**GROUP N**

1	APTEKER	90
2	MOSSOP	72
3	YILANKIRAN	63
4	GILLIS	56
5	KVANGRAVEN	55
6	ASLANLI	53
7	ROMANIA LE ROUMAINS	50
8	NATALE	37

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS (after 2 rounds)

GROUP A

1	POLAND	49
2	NORDEN	48
3	SHENKIN	39
4	AUSTRIA	38
5	NETHERLANDS I	25
6	RONNIE BARR	25
7	DENMARK	23
8	N.DITTO - ITALY	20
9	SHEEKA	16
10	SANEM	9

GROUP B

1	PENFOLD	49
2	DAMA	43
3	GER-CRO	39
4	NETHERLANDS 2	35
5	LA CUCINA ITALIANA	32
6	RUYA	29
7	EFE	22
8	LIKOM	21
9	PTNZ	20
10	NYHEIM	5

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS (after 2 rounds)

GROUP A

1	SHARE	48
2	HARPER	38
3	NETHERLANDS I	38
4	RICCIARELLI	34
5	EICHHOLZER	32
6	SWITZERLAND	32
7	JOURDAIN	31
8	RAND NISSAN	20
9	POLEMICS	13
10	OTVOSI	12

GROUP B

1	KAMINSKI	50
2	SORVOLL	48
3	MEFO	37
4	MARKOWICZ	31
5	NETHERLANDS 2	29
6	FRANCE SENIORS	25
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TEAMS FORMAT



The Open Teams will be contested by 104 teams in 14 groups. After three rounds today, the Round Robin will be completed, and the first three teams in each group will qualify for the Swiss A, and the other teams for the Swiss B.

The winners of each group will start out with 6VPs, the second ranked teams will get 3VPs. The fourth and fifth ranked teams will receive respectively 2 and 1VP in Swiss B. Pairings will be done randomly between the teams with the same number of VPs.

The Swiss will contain seven rounds of 10 boards; the first 27 teams in Swiss A together with the top five teams in Swiss B form the KO group.

The Women and Seniors will play a Round Robin of nine rounds, three today, three tomorrow and the last match on Monday morning. The first four teams in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals, to be played on Tuesday morning. The pairs who do not qualify and who have registered for the pairs event will play the first qualifying session on Monday afternoon.

The globetrotter

by Peter Ventura

Martin Löfgren was a member of the Swedish team which finished in seventh place in the Juniors in Budapest 1986. Twenty years later his services were engaged by the Luxembourg Open Team, that participated in the 48th European Team Championships in Warsaw a year ago. This year he is here in Antalya playing for Germany! On top of that he used to live in Africa... what a globetrotter! Martin's partner in the Mixed Pairs, Elke Weber of Germany, has, as far as our research has come up with, not represented any other country than Germany.

In the fourth session of the Mixed Pairs Löfgren/Elber faced Finn Brandsnes and Faith Mayer of Norway and the Philippines respectively.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Martin Löfgren

West Löfgren	North Brandsnes	East Weber	South Mayer
1♦	Dble	Redble	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	INT	Dble	All Pass

With nice defensive values and good support in partner's suit Weber doubled One No-Trump. She led the ace of diamonds and continued with the ten, which was overtaken by Löfgren. He then cashed two more diamond tricks, to reach this position:

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



When West cashes his remaining diamond, North can pitch a club or a spade but what should poor East do? She can not afford to discard either a spade or a heart, so it has to be a club. West does best to continue by shifting to a major. When declarer gets on lead he runs his top hearts, revealing the heart split. As declarer knows East, from both the bidding and play, holds four spades and three diamonds, he can get a perfect count on East's hand as 4-4-3-2. Since East has discarded a club declarer can now play double dummy. He can simply cash the king of clubs, dropping the queen, then run the ten for the seventh trick.

But what happens if West in the position above does not play his fifth winning diamond? Correct – East will no longer be squeezed and the defence can beat the contract by winning a trick in each suit outside diamonds. Löfgren indeed found this winning line at the table, by switching to a spade. One down, and very well defended, indeed!



Mixed Teams Final - Part 2

by Mark Horton

So far the play had not been distinguished, but that is often the case in the final of a major sporting event, as nerves and fatigue play their part.

However, for the spectators, a match where there is a chance of a swing on every board is never dull, regardless of the quality of the bridge.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinina	Poplilov	Ponomareva	Poplilov
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
All Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT



Lilo Poplilov

South transferred and invited, but North did not feel he had enough to accept – an entirely reasonable decision. (One day someone will give a definitive answer to the question – with 24 points and a five card suit do you want to be in game – meanwhile put me down for a yes vote.) East led the nine of clubs, and declarer took West's queen with the ace and set about the hearts. That led to nine easy tricks, +150 – and my guess would be that North/South expected to lose a few IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Gromov	Dhondy	Gromova
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When you are 20 IMPs behind, you are inclined to be more aggressive, even when there are still plenty of boards to play.

With an awkward lead East went for aggression, choosing the four of diamonds. Declarer put up dummy's jack and when that held he took a spade finesse. East won with the king and played the king of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and played the jack of hearts, covered by the king and ace. A second heart went to East's queen, and declarer claimed nine tricks, +400 and 6 IMPs for Russia.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinina	Poplilov	Ponomareva	Poplilov
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Responding One Spade was a systemic necessity, but it led to a contract that was deficient in top cards.

North led the four of diamonds, covered by the queen

and king, declarer discarding a spade. The defenders played two more rounds of the suit, East winning with the jack, as declarer parted with a spade and a heart.

Rather than play the six of spades, a minuscule genuine chance if South held both outstanding aces (ignoring the possibility that South might fail to rise with the ace) declarer simply ran his clubs. The discarding was not too difficult, and he finished one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
		1NT*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT**	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

*1NT 12-14

**2NT Denies a club honour (West to South); Negative (North to East)

Playing the contract the other way round put South on lead and exposed the seven card club suit.

South led the seven of hearts and North took the ace and returned the queen. Declarer won with the king and tried the six of spades. When South played low, declarer ran for home, +400.

However, as you can read elsewhere in this issue, this board involved an appeal, and the director changed the table result to down one, -50.



Tatiana Ponomareva

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubinina</i>	<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Poplilov</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

It looks as if Five Hearts was Exclusion RKCB and the response was enough for South to go all the way. East led the queen of hearts and declarer won in hand and with scarcely a pause played the king of spades. That was +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Dble	6♠	All Pass	

Hard to see what went wrong here, as presumably South had shown both suits. Whatever the reason it cost 13 IMPs. Just in case you are curious, on the lead of the queen of diamonds declarer got the trump suit wrong.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Poplilov	Ponomareva	Poplilov
Pass	1♥	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT was trivial, declarer taking nine tricks on the lead of the queen of spades, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Gromov	Dhondy	Gromova
Pass	1♣*	3♠	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East's more aggressive intervention took away a round of bidding, and with less room to manoeuvre North used RKCB and then bid slam.

Six Diamonds is a decent contract, but with both minor suit kings badly placed and hearts 4-2 it had no chance. That was another 10 IMPs to Dhondy, ahead 68-37.

To give you an insight into how fickle the bridge Gods can be, take a look at this deal:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q 9 7 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 6 ♣ A Q 10 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 4 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 5 ♦ K 2 ♣ J 8 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ K 10 8 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 ♣ K 6					

Both black suit finesses are right and hearts are 3-3 – an easy 12 tricks – but neither side advanced beyond game.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A J ♥ K Q J 5 ♦ A 9 6 4 2 ♣ J 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 4 3 ♥ 10 7 6 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 10 9 5
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q 10 9 2 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A K 8 4 2					
♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K Q 10 7 ♣ Q 6 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Poplilov	Ponomareva	Poplilov
1♦	Dble	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	All Pass	2♠

The motivation behind East's bid of Two Diamonds is not entirely obvious, at least not to me, but who cares if it in any way contributed to North/South missing an easy vulnerable game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Gromov	Dhondy	Gromova
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2NT*

Once East had missed the obvious (sic) raise North/South powered into game. Declarer ducked the opening lead of the king of hearts, won the continuation of the queen of hearts in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. She ruffed the heart return and played a spade. The appearance of the jack was not unwelcome and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the ten and ace, claiming ten tricks, +620 and 10 useful IMPs.

Russia won the set 27-24 to trail by 17 IMPs.

One had the feeling that if they could bring their A game to the table they were still favourites, but they only had 16 boards left in which to turn the tables.



Alexander Dubinin

Appeal No. 5 Russia v England

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

Mixed Teams Final Round 2

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy J</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Dhondy H</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
		INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Comments: INT 12-14; 2♠ transfer ♣; 2NT see below

Contract: Three No-Trump, played by East

Lead: Seven of Hearts

Play:

West	North	East	South
♥3	♥A	♥2	♥7
♥4	♥Q	♥K	♥5
♠Q	♠4	♠6	♠2

Result: 9 tricks, NS -400

The Facts: South called the Director after the end of the next board, complaining that something was wrong about the explanations. 2NT had been explained to her as "denying a club honour", while East did in fact hold K7. She had ducked the spade at trick three, but if she had known that East had 7 tricks in clubs, she would have taken the ace.

The Director: Checked the agreements of East/West. The Convention Card shows that over 2♠ (transfer to clubs) and 2NT (transfer to diamonds), the first step is weak and the completion shows at least QJx. Since this meant that Qx was not enough, the explanation "denies honour" is wrong.

The Director then took a look at South's defence. That had not been very careful, but the non-offending side de-

serve full protection and South should not be obliged to work it out for herself.

Ruling: Score adjusted to 3NT by East, making 8 tricks, NS +50

Relevant Laws: Law 75A, 40C

East/West appealed.

Present: All players

The Players: West told the Committee he thought they had given accurate information. 2NT denied a club fit. He would expect Kx to be enough. East stated that she had broken with the style because she did not want to be in 3NT opposite AJxxxx, with this otherwise weak hand.

West pointed out that South could see 11 clubs, and she should therefore very much expect East to have the two remaining. At the table during the ruling, South had already addressed this, stating that East had bid INT with a singleton King earlier in the match. That had been as an overcall, however. The Director confirmed that this point had been raised at the table.

East then proposed that if she had had the singleton King, she would have played it. North thought this was invalid however, since such a play would clarify too much for defenders and surely lead to them cashing their winners.

South stated she had carefully asked, during the bidding, if 2NT denied Ace or King, and West confirmed that he had replied it did.

North and East told the Committee how the explaining had been at their side of the screen. North had asked by giving a thumbs-up signal. East had replied with a thumbs-down one. North explained that he thought this exchange was about the points range, while East believed it showed the club support.

The Committee: First decided that it was clear East/West knew their system. The thumbs-down signal by East shows that she intended to show minimum support in clubs.

Next they asked if there had been misinformation. The Committee ruled that if East decided that Kx was inferior to QJx, that must be assumed to be their system. Therefore West's explanation to South that it could not have been Kx has to be considered misinformation.

The Committee then tackled South's apparent misplay. South should have realized that it was impossible that East did not have the ♣K, having opened INT. The moment she sees dummy she should have protected herself by asking (after closing the screen) if East/West ever open INT on a singleton. The Committee found that South had not been damaged by the misinformation.

The Committee's decision: Original table result restored

Deposit: Returned

Rondo a la Turca

From the Mixed Pairs Qualifying, this board threw up a defensive gem.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ A Q 3 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A K Q 10 5 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E</div> <div style="width: 100%; text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ J 9 8 6 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 7 2 ♥ 9 8 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ J 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>B. Doga Seker</i>	<i>B. Selahaddin</i>	<i>Emine Akgul</i>	<i>Susan Karavil</i>
1♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		1♠

The defenders cashed their spade and diamond winners and led a third diamond. Declarer ruffed, cashed his club winners, and led a third top club on which North threw a diamond. (Yes ruffing in with the heart jack and leading another spade might be an easier way to set the contract). Now came a fourth club, ruffed with the heart ten in dummy as both North and South threw spades, and a spade ruff back to hand.

This was the ending:

<p>♠ – ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E</div> <div style="width: 100%; text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ 6 5 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ 9 8 ♦ – ♣ –</p>
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Declarer led a winning club from hand, ruffed by North and overruffed by South, Susan Karavil. She now returned her remaining trump and whether declarer covered or not, the defenders had three of the last four tricks.

All well and good; but consider the beauty of the ending if the trump spots are slightly changed.

<p>♠ – ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E</div> <div style="width: 100%; text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ 8 5 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ 9 6 ♦ – ♣ –</p>
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Now on the lead of the club, what should North do? If he ruffs with the four, East overruffs with the eight and now when South returns the six, West ducks, to endplay North. If North ruffs with the seven, East discards rather than overruffing. South must take the trick with the heart nine to avoid the endplay, but when she returns the six, declarer plays low and dummy's eight prevents North from ducking.

Contestants are warned that if they do not wear their badges, something terrible will happen. You don't want to find out what Ton Kooijman is like when he is angry.

Readers are reminded that although all appeals are written up and numbered, only those appeals that are deemed of general interest are published in the Daily Bulletin.

The full set of appeals appears annually in a booklet. The booklet containing the appeals from Warsaw is available on the EBL-website:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/>
(follow the links departments - appeals)

Homeward Bound



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Shanghai 2007

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl
World Transnational Open Teams Championships
From 29th September to 13th October

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Provisional Programme)

The Opening Ceremony will be on 29th September 2007, at the invitation of Chinese Bridge Association.

The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl: Round Robin will start on Sunday 30th September and finish on Saturday 14th October, with the final knock-out stages starting on Sunday 7th.

In these 3 events the Quarter Final will end before the start of the **Transnational Open Teams** on Monday 8th October, allowing people who want to play this event to be free on time.

The Closing Ceremony, which will include the prize giving, followed by a victory banquet/or Cocktail will take place on Saturday 13th October.

In accordance with the provisional schedule, the play will start daily at 10.00/10.30 a.m. and finish at 7.30/8.30 p.m., except on Oct 8th when play will be extended to 11.00/11.30 p.m.

THE WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

The 6th World Transnational Open Teams Championships is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it

is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2007. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, as well as those from the Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge if they enter as a complete team. If they join players who are coming to Shanghai just to play in this event, then a substantial discount on the entry fee is offered.

The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 8th October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final will start on Thursday late afternoon, the Semi Final will be played on Friday 12th October and the Final will end on Saturday 13th October.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup 15th June
- Seniors Bowl 15th June
- World Transnational Open Teams 15th June

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS NAMES

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup / Seniors Bowl 1st July
- Seniors Bowl 1st July
- World Transnational Open Teams 15th September

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup US\$ 3,500 1st July
- Seniors Bowl US\$ 3,500 1st July
- World Transnational Open Teams US\$ 1,000 15th September
(4 or 6 new players)

Players & NPCs (but not coaches) from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl may participate in the World Transnational Open Teams free of charge if they enter as a complete team of such players. This applies even if they are from different countries or series.

If players from the main Championship events join players coming to Shanghai to participate in the WTOTC the following discounts on the entry fees will be offered:

- For teams containing 1 player /NPC who participated in the Championship events: \$850
- For teams with 2 such players: \$750
- For teams with 3 such players: \$500
- For teams with 4 such players: \$350
- For teams with 5 such players: \$200

REGISTRATION OF SYSTEMS

- Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup & Senior Bowl 10th August

ENTRIES must be sent to:

The World Bridge Federation
40, rue François 1^{er}
75008 Paris - France
cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

SYSTEMS

For **Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl**, the conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration, but players should note that it will be a requirement that all systems are registered in advance via e mail to Anna Gudge: anna@ecats.co.uk

No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup nor will they be permitted at any stage of the Senior Bowl.

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker systems for use in the KO phase must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 10th August 2007. No extension to this deadline will be accepted.

THE VENUE

Shanghai is situated on the estuary of Yangtze River of China. It is the largest industrial city in China.

Originally, Shanghai was a seaside village and in time its gradual development led to it being granted County status during the Yuan Dynasty (13th Century). Today's Shanghai is a multi cultural metropolis with both modern and traditional Chinese features. Modern Shanghai has three key areas of interest to the visitor:

- sightseeing
- it is a shopper's paradise
- a wide variety of cuisines can be found in the city.

The play will take place at the Shanghai International Convention centre (<http://www.shicc.net/en/briefing.htm>) a truly wonderful venue for this important championship. It is a luxury 5-star convention centre and hotel facing the historic Bund of Huangpu river.

The main hotel will be: Oriental Riverside Hotel and other hotels nearby will also be available at a variety of prices.

The participants can make the hotel booking through Mr. Pan Zhong Long Email: xujianguo188@163.com

Fax: 00 86 21 64396295

Tel: 00 86 13701656108



HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotels	Number of rooms	Distance to venue	Time to the venue by car	Quotation for the stay From Sep. 29 to Oct. 14 <small>Dollar price conversion as at 14/6/06</small>	Quotation only for the stay World Transnational Open Team <small>Dollar price conversion as at 14/6/06</small>
***** Oriental Riverside Hotel	limited	Next door	0	\$185	Contact Mr Pan Zhong Long
***** Intercontinental Pudong Shanghai	200 rooms	1.5 km	10 min	1200 RMB (\$150)	1320 RMB (\$165)
***** Purple Mountain Hotel	230 rooms	1.5 km	10 min	1000 RMB (\$125)	1100 RMB (\$140)
***** Courtyard Marriot Shanghai - Pudong	200 rooms	1.5 km	10 min	870 RMB (\$110)	950 RMB (\$120)
*** Shanghai Changhang - Merrylin Hotel	100 rooms	1.5 km	10 min	500 RMB (\$65)	550 RMB (\$70)

All the fees above including breakfast, the hotels will charge service fees. The service charge is thought to be 15%

Seniority

Nevena Senior had the pleasure of executing a textbook endplay in her semi-final match in the Mixed Teams against the eventual winners. She was declaring Four Spades.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 8 6 5 3 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ J 6</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ K 10 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A K Q 10 9 8 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 7 2 ♥ A Q 5 3 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ J 7 6 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 2 ♣ 5 3</p>
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South, Matilda Popiliov led a small club to Lilo Popiliov's queen. Lilo returned the heart king. Nevena drew trumps (North followed once), and took stock. Assuming North had eight clubs and two hearts she could give up a heart, later ruff the club jack, and finally play all the trumps discarding a diamond from West to squeeze South in the red suits.

But that would be trivial she told herself. I shall pretend that my trumps are blocked without enough entries to both take the club ruff and draw the trumps. Thus she simply cashed the heart queen and both diamond honours ending in dummy. The club jack followed, on which Nevena discarded her diamond.

North had to surrender. On the forced club return East ruffed, and there went dummy's heart loser.

Textbook play, my foot! I hear you exclaim. Well, this particular book was written for senior students.

And here is another cute ending of Nevena's in a contract of Four Spades:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 7 5 ♥ A K J 10 7 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ A Q J ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ K 10 6 2</p>	<p>♠ K 10 6 4 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ A 5 ♣ Q 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 7 3 2 ♣ A 9 5 3</p>
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Nevena received a diamond lead to the ace, and immediately played two rounds of hearts to dispose of her dia-

mond loser. A club from dummy was won by North, who returned a diamond which Nevena ruffed. There followed a club ruff and a heart ruff with no annoying overruffs. She ruffed her penultimate club to arrive at the following position having lost one trick:

<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ A Q J ♥ — ♦ 6 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ K 10 6 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ J 9 7 3 ♣ A</p>
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To play a trump now would result in one down if South had AQ or AJ, and she covered the queen, or if North had all the trumps.

Nevena had no problem choosing a heart instead, catering for all 2-1 breaks in trumps plus all three in the North hand. She would throw her club unless North ruffed. If South ruffed he would have to give dummy an entry for the trump finesse. If the heart was ruffed by North she would overruff. South might also overruff and draw one round of trumps but there would still be a trump left in dummy to take care of the last club.





Matilda Popiliov

Better Once than Never, for Never too Late

by Erdal Sirdar

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



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

West	North <i>Arigun</i>	East	South <i>McCallum</i>
1♦	1♠	INT	Pass
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The ending that was produced on this deal caused much consternation amongst the experts. When given the deal as a problem, none of them could solve the problem at single-dummy. Since Karen McCallum had not cracked the problem at the table, she wanted to see if anyone could spot the line. Eventually it was Salvador Assael, a member of the Turkish National Team, who came up with the answer.

On the lead of the diamond seven to the ace, and a diamond back to the king, South wins in hand and pitches a heart and a spade from dummy. Now comes a spade to the queen, a top club from dummy, to find the bad news, and now the masterstroke, a small spade from dummy!

This play is strongly indicated by the auction – West appears to have only two spades from East's bid of One No-trump, and his choice of diamond rebid suggests 4-7 in the red suits. Now that West is in with the spade king he has to open up a red suit.

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

West has a number of choices, all disastrous. Let's look at



them in turn. After the diamond queen and another diamond, declarer pitches a club then a heart from dummy and East must do the same or pitch two hearts. Declarer now takes the heart ace and endplays East with a club to lead spades.

If West exits with a low diamond without cashing the queen, dummy lets go a heart, and what is East to do? If he pitches a black card declarer establishes a long card in that suit, if he pitches a heart declarer cashes the heart ace and endplays East with a club to lead spades.

If West exits in the above ending with a top heart declarer wins and leads back a heart to his ten. If West wins he is immediately endplayed to concede the ninth trick. If he ducks, East is subsequently endplayed in the usual fashion with a club, to lead spades.

Diamonds? What Diamonds?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West <i>Lesniewsky</i>	North	East <i>Harasimowicz</i>	South
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♣
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Eva Harasimowicz found a route to get her heart suit into play without mentioning her best feature (even though diamonds are a girl's best friend).

She received the lead of the club ace and the club two from South, which immediately made her smell a rat as to the risk of a 4-0 diamond split. So she ruffed the club and immediately cashed two top trumps. When South followed low twice and North produced the jack, she decided South had to be favourite to hold his precise 3-3-0-7 shape. So she drew a third trump, and North discarded his club (a spade might have given declarer some losing options).

Eva now advanced the diamond seven, and ducked North's eight! Back came a low spade to the jack and ace, and Eva led the diamond jack – and ducked again! Nice play, and an 80% board.

University Bridge Cup EUSA 2007

Brugge: 4 - 9 August 2007

The 10th European University Championships 'University Bridge Cup 2007' will be organized by EUSA (European University Sports Association) and EBL (European Bridge League) in Brugge at the Spermalie Hotel School in Brugge (Belgium): This school is situated in the historical centre of Brugge and is a very nice place for hosting people, with -- of course -- very good opportunities for eating for the students. Information about the hosting: www.spermalie.be

The Championships will be held from 4 to 9 August 2007 and will be organized by the University of Antwerp

Every country can send any number of university teams: it can be a team from a University or High School (at least 2 players must be from that university) or a team from the country. Any University or High School can send any number of university teams.

Costs (all inclusive, accommodation and participation fee):

Student room (2 students per room): 240€ full board/person

Hotel room (double): 340€ full board/person

Hotel room (single): 375€ full board/person

The number of hotel rooms are limited. Bookings will be taken into account in the order they are received.

Please take into account that an extra day of stay (arrival before the 4th of August or stay after the 9th of August) will be charged as follows:

50€/person/day in a student room

70€/person/day in a hotel room (double)

75€/person/day in a hotel room (single)

Registration procedure

Official registration of a team must be done by doing 3 tasks: go to www.unibridge.org for details

Who can participate?

All students from Universities and High Schools in Europe. There are only 2 conditions:

You must be between 17 and 28 years old

You must have the nationality of the country you wish to represent

You will have to show your passport and student card during the accreditation

Important: *If you stopped studying in 2006, you can still participate at the Championships: you can participate the year after the end of the year of your studies*

How to reach Brugge by plain or train?

You can fly very cheaply to Belgium (Charleroi-Brussels) with the low budget companies: Ryan Air and Wizz Air from Charleroi, you can take the bus to Brussels and then the train to Brugge, or a direct train to Brugge. You can come by High Speed train (Eurostar or Thalys) from France, London or Amsterdam. If you can come by car, please go to the website of spermalie to find the location.

Contact for all information and for the official inscriptions:

geert.magerman@pandora.be (Geert Magerman) and www.unibridge.org

Inscriptions: EUSA (European University Sports Association) and EBL (European Bridge League) have the target of obtaining the participation of 40 university teams in Brugge.

The following entries are confirmed as at 15/6/2007: Norway (3 teams); Denmark (3 teams), Belgium (4 teams), France (2 or more teams), Poland (10 teams), Netherlands (4 or more teams), Czech Rep (1 or more teams), Turkey (1 or more teams), Germany (2 or more teams), Sweden (1 or more teams)

Time Schedule:

Accreditation of the players: the 4th of August in the morning and the afternoon.

Captains' meeting: at 18.00 on the 4th of August

Opening ceremony together with the start of the playing: around 19h, depending on the number of participating teams

Closing ceremony: on the 8th of August at 19.30

Departure: on the 9th of August in the morning



Mixed Teams Stanza Three The Final Countdown

The third set started with Dhondy leading by 17 IMPs, taking the director's ruling into account.

They promptly added to that score when Dubinin held:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 2
♥ A
♦ K 6 5 4
♣ A Q J 8 5 4 2

He heard his partner open One Heart and an overcall of One Spade. He bid One No-trump to show clubs, and after a Three Spade preemptive jump support his partner joined in with Four Diamonds. The solution of Blackwood brought him no joy; he found one ace so guessed to sign off in Five Diamonds. Wrong; partner had a 1-5-6-1 shape and solid diamonds. The match had so far proved catastrophic for the Russians when it came to improvised canapé and this deal was no exception. Heather opened One Diamond, and over the One Spade overcall Jeremy jumped to Three Spades, splinter. Heather cue-bid Five Clubs over Four Spades, and Jeremy jumped to Six Diamonds.

Dhondy's lead was up to 28 IMPs, but the tide was about to turn.

In third seat Lilo Poplilov and Andrei Gromov held:



Andrei Gromov

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q
♥ K 9 8 7 6 3 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 7

Their partners passed and they heard One Diamond on their right. Gromov jumped to Three Hearts, Lilo bid One Heart. The bottom line was that the next hand had a nine-count with five spades, a normal pass over Three Hearts, you might say. But Heather bid Three Spades and ended in Four Spades down 300, while Ponomareva was allowed to play Two Spades and brought it home for a 9 IMP gain for Russia, reducing the margin to 19 IMPs.

A few IMPs in dribs and drabs came Russia's way, and they were able to reduce the score to single digits here:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Both Easts for some reason felt obligated to try for game facing a second-in-hand weak two, and climbed to Three Spades, having essentially denied either red king. Andrei Gromov led a top club and shifted to diamonds, allowing the defenders to cash out easily. Lilo Poplilov shifted to hearts, and now it was incumbent on the defenders to win the heart king, and go back to clubs for the diamond shift. Matilda in fact played the club queen, and now the contract was cold.

The Russians took the lead when Matilda Poplilov took an amazingly pessimistic approach even by the couple's already conservative standards.

Facing a non-vulnerable second-in-hand opening she heard Lilo open One Spade.

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 6
♦ A K 8
♣ A J 7 3

She bid Two Clubs and raised Two Spades to Three, a slam-try. When Lilo signed off in Four Spades a lesser player

would have given up on the Grand Slam and settled for a small slam. Matilda passed and found her partner with an 11-count, but still one on which small slam needed one finesse out of two, for 11 IMPs to Russia. It was 83-80 to Russia.

Two boards later, with the score 83-81, it got even worse for Dhondy:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 6 4 3 ♥ A Q 7 2 ♦ – ♣ A J 10 9 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ 10 9 7 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 8 7 3	♠ A Q 5 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ K Q 6 5 ♣ K 2
	♠ K 8 ♥ K 10 9 8 ♦ A J 10 9 4 ♣ 6 5		

At both tables West doubled One Diamond. North redoubled, East introduced her spades, West bravely raised to Two, and North was in the hot seat. Gromov bid Three No-trumps and wrapped up nine tricks. Poplilov doubled, for penalties, and the focus switched to Matilda. Given that Four Hearts was going down, you'd expect a good score from defending Two Spades doubled – but only if you beat it. You can pick whatever adjective you like for the opening lead. I'll go out on a limb and say that it is very hard to find an alternative to leading the spade king. South led the club five and declarer took the ace and crossruffed the next seven tricks for +670 and 15 IMPs. Russia led 98-81. Six boards to go.

Dhondy gave themselves a chance on the next deal when the Gromovs bid unopposed to Four Spades, down on a 5-0 trump split (Victoria had chances to make but could hardly be blamed for her line of play). In the other room Dubinin opened the hand with five spades Two Spades. That was going to get his opponents to a plus contract, and in the end it turned out to be +300 from a doubled partscore. The margin was down to 10 IMPs.

Then Dubinin held:

♠ A 8 7
♥ A 7
♦ K J 8 6
♣ A 7 6 3

And heard the auction proceed: One Spade – Pass – One No-trump to him. He passed, and when Two Hearts on his left was passed back to him, he doubled (Jeremy Dhondy in the same position passed). His partner emerged from the bushes with Two No-trumps. Could this possibly be natur-

al? I would have said that was impossible, but I was not there to advise Dubinin, who raised to game, whereupon the doubling started. This was the full sad story.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A 8 7 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ A 7 6 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ J 10 6 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ 10 9 5 2	♠ Q 9 5 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 8 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ Q
	♠ K ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ 10 9 7 2 ♣ K J 8 4		

Eventually Ponomareva played Four Clubs doubled, and guessed the play well to drop the diamond queen offside to hold the loss to 500. That was still 8 IMPs to Dhondy since Two Hearts had made 170 in the other room.

Dhondy now trailed 97-98 with three deals to go. After two pushes the last deal hit the table:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 6 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 9 8 4 2 ♣ K 7 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ Q 9 ♥ K Q 5 3 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ A Q 9 2	♠ 5 3 ♥ 10 8 7 6 2 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ J 5 3
	♠ A 8 7 4 2 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 3 ♣ 10 8 6		

Both tables reached Three No-trumps, Jeremy Dhondy after Gromova had interpolated an overcall of One Spade. On a spade lead and continuation West played a diamond to the ten, won the spade back, and passed the diamond nine. With clubs three-three he had 11 tricks without needing any pressure in hearts.

In the other room after a strong no-trump by Ponomareva, Matilda Poplilov led a club, taken in hand. She won an early spade to play a second club. Declarer won in dummy and continued with a diamond to the ace followed by the ten which she won with the king. What now? After five minutes and thirty-eight suggestions by BBO, Poplilov laid down the heart ace and saved the extra overtrick. The match was a dead-tie, the players were dead tired, but it was on to the Appeals Room, for what, coincidentally, was the second European Open Mixed Teams in a row.

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Açık Dörtlü Takımlarda Yıldızlar Geçidi

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Bu kadar çok Dünya ve Avrupa Şampiyonunu bir arada görmek için bile olsa bu turnuvaya katılmak gerek. Başarılı olunması pek gerekmiyor aslında.



Siz sevgili okurlarımıza bültende daha sağlıklı haberler verebilmek için ben de hiç bir fedakarlıktan kaçınmadım ve Ankara'lı dostlar ile bir dörtlü takım kurarak gelişmeleri ateş hattında bizzat incelemek üzere kılıç ve kalkanlarımı kuşandım.

Merak edenler için söyleyeyim, takımın adı Dinos.

Tur:1, Bord 1; D:Kuzey, Zon:Kimse

Batı	Kuzey	Doğu	Güney
Sesyılmaz		Molva	
	1♣	Pas	1♥
1♠	3♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	Pas	Pas	Kontr
H.Pas			

	♠ -	
	♥ AJ63	
	♦ K7	
	♣ KJ109632	
♠ AK865		♠ J10974
♥ 974		♥ 10
♦ A		♦ J10853
♣ A875		♣ Q4
	♠ Q32	
	♥ KQ852	
	♦ Q9642	
	♣ -	

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Ben o esnada çeşitli fikir uçuşmaları içinde yüzüyorum tabii.

Örneğin "5 seviyesi rakiplere aittir" atasözünü Turgay da bile neden 5 pik der?

5 tane pik varken 4 pik dedik diye insanın üzerine bu kadar da gidilmez ki canım. Rakibe 5 körü dedirttik bırakalım oynasınlar işte. Hatta kontr atalım mahvolsunlar.

Kuzey kontr'lu 5 pik kontratına karşı kör as'ını atak ediyor. Güneydeki oyuncu ise bu löveye kör 2'lisini öyle bir ağdalı veriyor ki artık Kuzey'in trefl dönmemesi için sadist filan olması gerekir.

Beklendiği üzere Kuzey trefl dönüyor ve Güney mutlu bir şekilde trefl çakasını alıyor. Tabii ben bu esnada Portekiz'de de briç aynen Türkiye'deki gibi oynanıyormuş diye düşünmeden edemiyorum.

Güney şimdi karo dönüyor. Turgay bunu As ile kazanıp hemen koz asını çekiyor. Şimdi eğer dışarıdaki kozlar 1-1 kalmış olsa idi Turgay el açacaktı. Fakat Avrupa Şampiyonalarında el dağıtan bilgisayarlar deklaranlara hemen el açtırmamak için uğraşıyorlara sanırım.

Kozların kötü dağıldığı ortaya çıkınca karoların adam edilmesi gereği ortaya çıkıyor. Ama neyse ki Turgay şu anda Kuzeyin dağılımının 7420 olduğunu adeta görmüş gibi bilir durumda.

Tek ihtiyacı olan şey Kuzeyde onör ikili karo olmasından ibaret.

Kağıtlar da aynen Turgay'ın beklentisine uygun bir şekilde dağılmış durumda olduğu için, şimdi yerden bir köre çakılıyor, sonra da küçük karo'ya elden çakılırken Kuzeyden beklenen onörün düştüğü mutlulukla izleniyor.

Şimdi artık kozların temizlenmesinden sonra karo dam'ına ekspas yapılarak oyunun tam yapılması deklaran için çok kolay.

Diğer masada ise ortaklarımız Akın Uçar ve Cengiz Arıgün bu elde 5 kör'ü kontrlu oynuyorlar ve defans karo as çekerek başlayınca bu bord'dan 16 IMP kazanıyoruz.

NE ALIRSAN 100 €**TELEFON = 100 € + 2VP ceza**

Şampiyona boyunca oyun alanlarına telefon ile girilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır. Turnuva Direktörleri, seanslar esnasında kura çekilerek belirlenecek masalardaki oyuncuların ceplerinde "telefon araması" yapacaklar.

SİGARA = 100 € + VP cezası

4. katın her hangi bir yerinde (tuvaletler, ve özellikle 3. kata inen merdivenler dahil) sigara içilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır.

Yukarıdaki notlardan görebileceğiniz gibi bu turnuva bir Avrupa Şampiyonası olması nedeni ile tüm kurallara harfiyen uyuluyor ve hiç kimse sigara içmemesi gereken yerde içmiyor, ve cep telefonlarını da odasında bırakıyor diye düşünüyorsunuz değil mi?

Maalesef gerçekte durum son derece farklı...

Öncelikle 4. kat adeta şehirlerarası otopark'ın benzer yoğunlukta sigara içilen nezih bir ortam şeklinde.

Turnuva esnasında ise çalan cep telefonu melodilerinden bir "The Best Of" albümü yapılabilecek kadar güzel ve çeşitlilik izleyebiliyoruz.

Ayrıca kocaman salonda herkesin aynı elleri oynaması dolayısı ile güvenlik önlemlerinin maksimum olması beklenir değil mi? Neredeeeeeeeeeee?

Maç esnasında tuvalete gitme ihtiyacını duyan her hangi bir oyuncu masasından kalkıyor, hiç bir Turnuva Direktörüne sormadan ve danışmadan lobi'ye çıkıyor ve o anda salonda oynanan elleri detaylı bir şekilde konuşan yaklaşık 864 briççinin arasında geçerek tuvalete gidiyor.

Yaklaşık 5 dk kadar sonra da bu oyuncu gene aynı oyuncuların arasından geçerek masasına dönüyor.

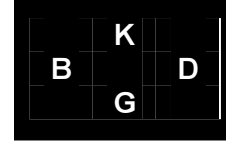
Artık bu oyuncuların her hangi bir yolsuzluk yapıp yapmamaları da kendi insaflarına kalmış durumda oluyor.

Belki de Şampiyona Türkiye'de yapıldığı zaman her şey "Türk usulü" haline çok hızlı bir şekilde dönüşüyor. "Ablacım tuvalete git ama sağa sola fazla bakma" misali...

Tur:4 Bord 6; D:Doğu, Zon:DB

♠ 2
♥ 10765
♦ K10932
♣ Q105

♠ Q4
♥ J42
♦ 54
♣ KJ9876



♠ AK9
♥ AQ8
♦ Q86
♣ A432

♠ J1087653
♥ K93
♦ AJ7
♣ -

Bizim Grupta bu Şampiyona'nın favorisi olan meşhur İtalyan Takımı'nın da olduğunu görünce masada uyuklamadan briç oynamaları konusunda tüm takımı uyardım.

Bu arada da ben de oyundan oyuna geçerek Bülten'e geçecek muhteşem bir performans sergilemek üzere her türlü hazırlığı yaptım.

Ve beklediğim şans az sonra geldi.

Doğu'da otururken 1 trefl açtım. Güneydeki Nunes zon durumunun da rüzgarını arkasına alarak 3 pik dedi. Masadaki oturuşuna bakarak elinde sadece 5 tan pik olabileceğini de düşünmedim değil tabii. Ama kontr atsam Turgay'ın ilk yapacağı şey 4 trefl gibi olmayacak bir deklare vermek.

Dolayısı ile gözlerimi kapayıp 3 NT dedim. Ve beklenmedik şekilde herkes pas geçince biraz daha rahat nefes almaya başladım.

Bu olmayacak deklareyi merak eden Fantoni, "siz natürel mi oynuyorsunuz" demek ihtiyacını duydu haliyle. Evet tabii dedim, ve biraz da şaka yollu "Game try" dedim. Biz bülten yazarları çok şakacı oluruz.

Yer çılınca ise nerede ise masadan kalkıp toğrağı öpmek geldi içimden. Dağların ardından gelerek 3 NT kontratını bulmam yetmiyormuş gibi oyunu 2 fazla yapacağım diye mutlu olmuşken, yaklaşık 30 saniye sonra 1 batınca çok canım sıkıldı.

Ama işin daha ilginç tarafı, el bitince Fantoni'nin bana "İyi ama game try öyle olmaz" demesi idi. Bu bana bir ders olsun.

Mixed Pairs Final 1st session

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Uysal</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Babac</i>	<i>Auken</i>
INT*	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble**
All Pass			

* 11-13

** Take out

It is tough to get the last word into any conversation when Zia is around. Sabine Auken managed it in the pairs Final.

After the kami-kaze One No-trump opening in third seat at unfavourable vulnerability, Auken doubled Two Clubs for take-out, and Zia converted it to penalties.

The lead was a top diamond and a switch to the heart nine. When declarer played low from dummy Auken thought for nearly ten minutes before winning the ace. At this point all the spectators thought that this was the wrong defence, and that the contract would now make. But no; Sabine returned a spade at trick three, and now there were six top winners for the defence, one trick in each major and two in each minor. Note that the defenders need to set up a spade before it goes on the diamonds.

At the end of the deal Babac as East asked why Auken had not ducked the first heart to ensure she could give Zia a ruff. Auken's response: 'Zia was so busy talking to every one of his spectators, I assumed he had made a mistake!'



More Wishful Thinking - solution

The winner was Chris Dixon from Wiltshire. Enjoy your Barry Rigal session.

There were three correct solutions.

West plays Seven No-trumps. The object was to find a distribution where nobody has a doubleton and no lead beats the slam?

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

North must have all the diamonds (remember, no doubletons). Only twelve tricks are in sight initially so a squeeze is needed. The communications could hardly be worse and would be completely destroyed by a club lead.

So North must be void in clubs. If South is also the sole owner of both major stoppers he will be in trouble. The hands would therefore look as follows:

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

North's best lead is a heart. West must overtake the king (coming down to eleven tricks for a while) to be able to finesse in diamonds playing the ten and unblocking with the nine.

On the run of five diamonds the pressure on South becomes too much. He can throw one spade, two clubs and a heart. But what then? A club lets East take the rest of the tricks. A heart or a spade only prolongs his agony as declarer plays his high card in that suit to repeat the squeeze.