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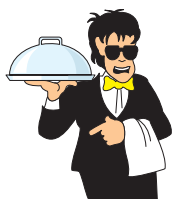
GLITTERING PRIZES



Warm congratulations to the three new European Open Team Champions, in the Open series **Bessis**, the **Seniors**, **Kaminski** and **Netherlands Women I**.

Plus, a special mention for Poland, who won their first ever medal in a Women's event.

Victory Banquet



All players are kindly requested to confirm their participation. They should give their names and country at the Victory Banquet Desk that will be located at the Registration/Hospitality Desk and will open on Thursday June 28 and Friday 29 June from 09.00 to midnight.

The deadline for confirmation is Friday 29 June at midnight.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Prize Giving Ceremony

The prize-Giving Ceremony of the Pairs (Senior, Women, Open Championships) will be held on Saturday June 30th in the Kremlin Palace playing area – 4th floor.

The following prizes will be awarded:

The three best classified in each A Final (title and medals)

The three best classified European Pairs – coming from the same country – in each A Final (European Trophy to the Federation and replicas to the players)

The three best classified in B & C Finals

OPEN TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
I	BESSIS	25	67	25	117
	TEXAN ACES	17	14	60	91

WOMEN TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
I	PENFOLD	33	37	18	88
	NL WOMEN I	35	54	20	109

SENIOR TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
I	FRANCE SENIORS	10	26	17	53
	KAMINSKI	48	36	41	125

Championship Questionnaires



Please hand in your completed Championship questionnaires to the Main EBL office on the third floor or the Registration Desk in the lobby.

These are your championships – give us your opinions!

Today's Schedule

Open/Women Pairs (Semifinal A/B 3rd Session)	10.30
Open/Women Pairs (Semifinal A/B 4th Session)	16.30
Senior Pairs (Semifinal A/B 3rd Session) (Topkapi)	10.30
Senior Pairs (Semifinal A/B 4th Session)(Topkapi)	16.30

Overall Ranking (presented by BEKO Company)

BEKO

Open		MT	MP	OT		Tot
BESSIS	Michel	59	0	100	3	159
ARNIM	Daniela von	37	49	63	3	149
WELLAND	Roy	37	49	63	3	149
VENTIN	Juan Carlos	59	16	63	3	138
BESSIS	Thomas		35	100	2	135
POPLILOV	Lilo	72	47	14	3	133
LEVY	Alain	26	58	47	3	131
GROMOVA	Victoria	66	55	8	3	129
GROMOV	Andrei	66	55	8	3	129
MAHMOOD	Zia	37	21	63	3	121
AUKEN	Sabine	37	21	63	3	121
PONOMAREVA	Tatiana	66	45	8	3	119
DUBININ	Alexander	66	45	8	3	119
ARONOV	Victor	11	62	43	3	116
GINOSSAR	Eldad		8	100	2	108
PACHTMAN	Ron		7	100	2	107
SZTYRAK	Leszek		40	63	2	103
Women		MT	MP	OT		Tot
POPLILOV	Matilda	72	47	92	3	211
SENIOR-DELEVA	Nevena	59	38	92	3	191
DHONDY	Heather	72	10	92	3	174
HARASIMOWICZ	Ewa	46	13	81	3	140
OLIVIERI	Gabriella	16	60	63	3	139
VRIEND	Bep	29	10	100	3	139
MICHELSEN	Marion	14	20	100	3	134
Senior		MT	MP	OT		Tot
DE FALCO	Dano	16	60	63	3	139
BARONI	Franco	46		63	2	109
GRENTHE	Patrick	5	0	92	3	97
VANHOUTTE	Philippe		2	92	2	94
NORDBY	Harald		0	81	2	81
FALAY	Faik	8	14	49	3	71
EKINCI	Orhan	8	14	49	3	71
YALMAN	Ali	3	4	63	3	70

Homeward Bound



Will you please make sure that you go to the Bentour desk in the lobby to give them details of your return flight. This will ensure that suitable transport to the airport can be arranged. Please do this during the next few days. Thank you!

Open Teams Final – Set I

by Mark Horton

As Wimbledon is now under way, I have a notion that the Open Final should be over five sets, but that will have to wait until 2009. Here in Antalya the two teams who had fought their way through the qualifying contests, the Texan Aces via the repechage, and Bessis, who had followed the more conventional route, would contest only three sets – a total of 48 boards.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ Q 10 7 2 ♣ 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ Q 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ A K 9 6 3 ♣ J 9 4 3	♠ K 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 6 5 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ A
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kanningat</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>
Pass	5♣	1♥	2♥*
		All Pass	

From a theoretical point of view I would imagine most partnerships agree that a Michaels cue bid should be either very weak or very strong, but with all his points working it was an easy way to describe the South hand and it paid a huge dividend when North jumped to Five Clubs, right siding the contract.

With North as declarer there was no defence, and East's opening lead of the ace of hearts merely served to speed up the play, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Shah</i>
Pass	2NT*	1♥	2♥*
All Pass		Pass	3♣

I am not a fan of the method where North bids 2NT to ask about partner's minor, but since North had no intention of issuing any kind of game invitation it didn't really matter.

West led a heart, so the defenders took three tricks, +130, but a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ A J 6 5 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ 10 7 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ Q 9 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ Q 7 6 3 ♣ K 6 2	♠ J 10 8 3 ♥ K 10 7 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ Q 9 8
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♠ A K 7 6 4
♥ Q 9
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ A J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kanningat</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Over North's limited response South made a try but North was not interested – in isolation absolutely correct, as a heart lead would scupper game in short order.



Ron Pachtman

However, West was never going to lead that suit, and on a club lead declarer took East's queen with the ace, unblocked the jack and played three rounds of trumps ending in dummy. He discarded a heart on the king of clubs and played a diamond to the ten for +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Sridharan	Bessis	Shah
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When West made a delayed entry into the auction East got a chance to bid hearts. South's double was not alerted, but it was either a way of showing a strong balanced hand, or as many pairs play in this situation, a game try in spades, which North accepted.

Despite the heart bid West also led a club at this table and play started in similar fashion. However after the club unblock declarer played a spade to dummy's queen and took his discard. Then he played a spade, followed by a diamond to the queen. When that held, a diamond to the ten brought home the bacon, and 6 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kanningat	Pachtman	Venkatesh	Ginossar
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1♠

East led the ten of diamonds and West put up the ace and returned the three (perhaps the two would have been a better choice). Declarer won with the queen and East followed with the four, the kind of play that it is so easy to make – but here it proved to be a decisive error.

Declarer pitched a spade from dummy and set about the heart suit, West winning at once and returning the two of diamonds. Declarer won and cashed his hearts. This was the position when he played the last one:

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

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

How East wished he had retained the four of diamonds, the essential link to his partner's hand. (Watch out for it in 'Misdefend these Hands with Me')

He threw the nine of spades, hoping for the best, but that was nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Sridharan	Bessis	Shah
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Here East unluckily sealed his fate at trick one by leading the four of diamonds.

West took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won and played the ten of hearts. When that held he played the ten of clubs, covered by the king and ace. Knocking out the queen of clubs gave declarer nine tricks, no swing.



Krishna Kumar Kanningat



Jyotindra Shah

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 10 7 6 4 ♥ 6 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ J 9 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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		♠ K ♥ K Q 7 ♦ Q J 8 7 3 ♣ K Q 10 5	♠ A Q 9 8 3 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ 7 6
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W		E										
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kanningat	Pachtman	Venkatesh	Ginossar
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♦*

Two Diamonds was a transfer to hearts and declarer was not hard pressed to take eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Sridharan	Bessis	Shah
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

If South could be this weak I'm not sure that you should

jump directly to game. Still if hearts had been kinder and the king of spades outside we would be congratulating North on his bold approach. Indeed, South was given a chance to justify his partner's bidding when West led the jack of spades.

If he puts up the ace of spades East's king comes tumbling down. Now declarer plays a club to the ace and a spade to the eight. East ruffs and probably tries a diamond, but declarer wins with dummy's ace, cashes the ace of hearts and then plays the queen of spades to pitch a diamond.

However, declarer played the queen and East won and switched to the king of clubs. Declarer won and played a heart to the ace and a heart – that swiftly led to three down, -150 and 6 IMPs away.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 5 ♥ J 9 8 4 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ J 10 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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		♠ J 2 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ Q 9 8 4 2	♠ 10 7 6 4 ♥ Q ♦ 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ A K 5
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kanningat	Pachtman	Venkatesh	Ginossar
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
All Pass			2♠

South has an awkward rebid over One Spade – should he bid Two or Three Spades?

When a vulnerable game is in the offing, put me down for the more aggressive approach. East led the jack of diamonds, ducked and continued the suit. With diamonds 3-3 and trumps 3-2 it was easy enough for declarer to take ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Sridharan	Bessis	Shah
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Here South took the more aggressive action – and the reward was great. Once again the jack of diamonds was led, covered by the king and ace. West cashed a second diamond and switched to the jack of clubs. Declarer won, cashed the top trumps, played a club to hand and advanced the nine of diamonds, +620 and 10 IMPs.

Bessis had won the set 25-17, but there was still a long way to go.

Women Teams – Quarterfinal: Nederlandse Bridge Bond – Women v Ladies

by Peter Ventura

In the quarterfinal of the Women Teams two oranges would be squeezed into one, as the Dutch Ladies were facing the far more experienced team of the Dutch Women. Your editor had two questions before the play started:

1. Could we expect any blackouts from the players, as a result of the power breakdowns from time to time during the match? Ron Tacchi suggests that the Seniors would be providing the blackouts!

2. Would this be the time for a change of generations as opposed to generators?

On the first question the answer was no, at least not noticed by the editor. The answer on the second question will be unveiled if you keep on reading!

In the first half these were playing in the Open Room:

- East: Carla Arnolds (NLI)
- West: Bep Vriend (NLI)
- North: Astrid Dekker (NL2)
- South: Rosaline Barendregt (NL2)

These were playing in the Closed Room:

- East: Anke Wijma (NL2)
- West: Claudia van der Salm (NL2)
- North: Jet Pasman (NLI)
- South: Anneke Simons (NLI)



Astrid Dekker

In the text which follows the teams will be named as 'Women' (NLI) and 'Ladies' (NL2).

Did we see any difference between experience and youthful enthusiasm on the very first board?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Dekker</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Barendregt</i>
	2♦*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van der Salm</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Simons</i>
	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room Barendregt arranged for a transfer to partner's major after North's Multi opening, and when Vriend sat quietly N/S recorded +420.

In the Closed Room Three Clubs showed hearts, but less values than if she would have rebid Three Hearts. Wijma saw her opportunity to show that she had the club suit and this move encouraged Van der Salm to bid Four Spades, as she might always correct to Five Clubs if N/S doubled. This time the sporty Four Spades bid worked out pretty well since it upped put the stake to a higher level when Simons bid Five Hearts, doubled by Wijma. There were no more than ten tricks; NS -100. That was worth 11 IMPs and a flying start for the Ladies.

The young ladies continued in the same spirit, picking up IMPs in the early boards, leading by 24-0 after just four boards.

Board 6. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The ladies lost 10 IMPs on board 6 where, while Dekker misguessed the trump suit in Four Spades Pasman/Simons were playing in a far better game at the other table, Three No-trumps, where nine tricks came easily.

The score was 24-11 when this large swing came up for the Women.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Dekker	Arnolds	Barendregt
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣*
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

*2+ Clubs

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Salm	Pasman	Wijma	Simons
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

The same contract was reached at both tables. A normal low diamond is the only lead to defeat the game, one which

was found in both rooms. After winning the queen, both declarers played a low club up and both West players erred by playing low. From this position Dekker crossed to dummy with the spade ace and cashed the ace of clubs. As the cards lay, with the heart ace in West's hand, declarer cannot afford to continue in clubs. When Dekker played a high club to West's king, Vriend was able to play the ten of diamonds, to the king and ace. Arnolds put her partner in again by playing a heart and it all fell apart for declarer, as another diamond gave East three more diamond tricks with J-8-6 over North's 9-7. That was two down for N/S -200.

In the Closed Room, Pasman played a heart to the king and ace, after she had won the queen of clubs. The ten of diamonds was covered by the king and ace and on the club return declarer correctly rose with the ace. The situation as regards entries to hand was not the best, so Pasman went for the 3-3 split in hearts. Thus she overtook the ten of hearts with the jack. When that line was successful she ended up with an overtrick; N/S +630 and that was 13 IMPs and a huge recovery for the Women. The score was level now at 24-24 IMPs.

Now the Dutch Women had their engines going at full speed. They scored another 9 IMPs on the next two deals, then came:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Dekker	Arnolds	Barendregt
1♣*	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass	1♥**	Dble

** 4+ spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Salm	Pasman	Wijma	Simons
1♣	1♦	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Closed Room Simons' double over One Spade led N/S to a reasonable game in Four Hearts but a bad trump split complicated things for declarer. Pasman again showed her declaring skills, as she took the chance she was given, when Wijma didn't find to shift to a trump after winning the club ace at trick one. On a spade shift Pasman could now go for the cross ruff, thanks to the beneficial breaks in the black suits. In the three-card ending West held A-Q-10 in trumps and was thrown in to give dummy a trump trick; NS recording +620.

We didn't see any rock'n'roll in the Open Room where E/W managed to buy the contract in Two Spades. Considering that N/S cannot take more than eight tricks in hearts, on a proper defence, it was well judged not to go any further. None the less, E/W's recording 140 was profitable for the Women, as they gained a huge 13 IMPs on the board.

At half time the Women were in the lead by 49-24. In the first half Meike Wortel and Marion Michielsen were sitting out but in the second half they rejuvenated the leading team by replacing Pasman/Simons in the Closed Room.

The first board in the second half was a push, as both tables bid and made slam.

Sitting South, green against red, would you save in Five Clubs with the following hand? One Spade shows five cards and your Two No-Trump bid promised 5-5 in the unbid suits.

♠ 10
♥ 10 9 6 3 2
♦ K
♣ Q 10 9 4 3 2



Marion Michielsen

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♦	2NT*
Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	?

From your point of view it seems that Four Spades would be a piece of a cake, but at the same time the auction tells us that it is quite possible for partner to hold four spades, since it is likely E/W will be playing in a 5-3 fit. Pass or bid?

Rosaline Barendregt chose to pass, which was the right move as her side recorded +200 a little later.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Dekker</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Barendregt</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	2NT*
Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van der Salm</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Dekker led the heart jack, which was won in dummy. Vriend played a trump to the ten, jack and queen. North continued the attack on hearts, won in dummy. A spade revealed the bad trump break and Vriend let North win the trick with the king. Dekker shifted to a club, which declarer won in hand and then run the nine of diamonds. Barendregt won the king and gave partner a heart ruff. Dekker exited with a trump and when the diamond finesse then the ace didn't clear the suit declarer had to lose a club; two off and N/S +200.

The Ladies gained 3 IMPs since Van der Salm collected nine tricks in the Closed Room for N/S +100.

As the cards lay, all you actually need to do as declarer is to take two club ruffs in dummy as you can afford to lose two spades and a diamond trick. A winning line could be to win the first trick in dummy, cross to the ace of clubs, ruff a club, play a spade to the ace and ruff the last club. From

here on the defence cannot harm declarer. With a different position, for example if the trumps split badly and South had another diamond with her king, it would shorten declarer's trumps and the game would be beatable – which was what the declarer had feared.

We move on to board 25 and at this point the Women were in the lead by 60-41. The Ladies came closer here.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Dekker</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Barendregt</i>
	Pass	1♣	INT
Dble	Pass*	Pass	Redble
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van der Salm</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dble
Redble	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room E/W stopped in One No-Trump. Wortel led a heart and when the defence didn't shift to a spade when they came in, Van der Salm could count to no less than eleven tricks in her basket when the smoke had cleared. Four club tricks, three both in hearts and diamonds plus one spade were eleven in total; N/S -210.

Overcalling One No-trump could have been an expensive affair for N/S in the Open Room. Dekker's pass over the double denied any five card suit, so Barendregt knew they were in a 4-3 fit in hearts. She therefore introduced her spade suit and in that way they landed on their feet. Doubling Two Spades was too risky for E/W, so they went for game instead. Barendregt's spade lead sank the attempt, as it left declarer one trick short; N/S +100. That reduced the margin by 7 IMPs and with three boards left the Ladies needed just one more good board, as the score now was 60-48.

The next two boards were flat. On the last board 13 IMPs were at stake, just what the Ladies needed to turn the match into a win by 61-60! That would have been a real

knock-out!

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Four Spades was reached at both tables. If Wortel, who was declarer in the Closed Room, were to fail while Dekker in the Open Room could succeed, the match would be turned around. In both rooms the ten of clubs was led. In the Open Room Vriend won the ace and then gave her partner a ruff. Arnolds cashed the diamond ace and then exited with a diamond. Dekker had the intention to create a swing as she played the trumps from the top. This was not their day and when the game was made in the Closed Room that gave us the final score of 73-48 IMPs.

The Ladies had kept pace with the Women, as the score in the second half of the match was 24-24. Summarizing, that was good and bad news for the Ladies, since they had lost the match but at the same time they had added another important experience to their curriculum vitae.



Rosaline Barendregt

Semi-finals Apteker versus Texan aces

The Apteker teams featured the Swedish duo of Wrang/Nilsson in the Closed Room and the South Africans, Apteker/Gower in the Open Room. The Swedes would take on Venkatesh/Kanningat, with Das/Mukherjee of Texan Aces in the Closed Room.

In the other match it would be the Dutch Orange Team I versus Bessis (a Franco/Israeli combination).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The match started unluckily for Team Orange; they were the only open team to miss a poor slam, which was little better than QJ98x facing Axx for no losers – the cards co-operated unbelievably well with a singleton king inside.

The next board saw the two Souths with a real problem. What should one do over the unopposed sequence: One



Alon Apteker

Heart – One Spade – Two Diamonds?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

For India South passed, and found himself in a sensible spot, yielding 110. Apteker tried Two Spades, probably the worst of the four possible suits, and ducked the lead of the club queen. When West pressed on with a second club (a low spade looks far better) declarer ruffed a club in dummy and scrambled eight tricks for a flat board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Wrang/Nilsson's strong club methods proved unable to cope with high-level club intervention. They ended in Four Spades, enterprisingly doubled by South – down 500. That went well with the 300 collected in the Open Room when Gower pre-empted to Four Clubs at his first turn and was doubled for two down.

Pachtman/Ginossar for Bessis tried the other major; and Four Hearts at least was the suit with better stuffing. But that too was doubled, and it was they who were stuffed when they ran into the cross-ruff for 500. The Dutch had closed to 19-12 to Bessis; but a slam dependent on the trump queen, bid and made only by the Israelis, who opened the gap to 29-12.

It was 15-0 for Texan Aces, and when the Swedes missed a laydown game they trailed 27-1.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

So far Apteker had managed only a single IMP. When they stopped in Two Spades and made 110, it appeared that they might have a chance to get something more substantial, defending Four Spades in the Closed Room (reached after Two Spade – Four Spades). Nilsson led the heart ace and shifted to a low club. Declarer ran it to his hand, and now had two clubs, a diamond, a heart and six spades. Another seven IMPs to Texan Aces – and six IMPs to Bessis when they brought home 10 tricks on a diamond lead. After that it appears passive defence (and covering the club 10) should prevail. It was 44-13 now to Bessis.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

A moment of light relief: all round the room in the Seniors and Women's events Three No-trumps was going down on a club lead. The Texans reached Five Diamonds when Wrang doubled One Diamond and East-West warned their opponents about the club suit. And it was a flat board at 600 in Bessis-Orange 2.

However, Aptker played Four Spades after Gower had raised spades on an unopposed sequence. On a heart lead Apteker took an intelligent but unsuccessful line when he ducked in dummy. East cashed his two top hearts, and played...the club queen. Declarer won and crossed to dummy to play a spade, but elected to go to dummy with...a diamond. West won the first spade and played...a second club. Declarer ruffed, used his heart entry to dummy and finessed in spades. +620 for 1 IMP to Apteker and four heads came under the screen simultaneously.

At half-time the score was 42-4 to the Texan Aces, and the match was effectively over. Bessis led 44-22 and added another 40 IMPs to be worthy winners as well.

Contest Solution from bulletin 11

The winner of the contest is Ulf Nilsson.

You won the spade lead with the ace and played a diamond to dummy on which South showed out.

You need to establish club tricks while the diamond king is still around. At trick three you should play the club king and throw your spade, whether South covers or not.

If South covers and you ruff, North will overruff, play a spade to South's ten and get another ruff.

If you discard your spade, communications are cut. South can give North a ruff but that is the end of it.

If South returns a major instead, you win the trick, and duck a diamond!! Otherwise North may ruff the next club, and since you can't get to dummy, you still have a heart loser.

Should South fail to cover, North will either ruff with his trump trick, allowing you to draw the last trump and give up a heart, then ruff the last heart if necessary. Or, if North lets the club king win, you just play three rounds of hearts, losing one and ruffing one.

The contract is not quite foolproof. If North should have a singleton club ace he will win the trick, exit with a trump, ruff the next club and you will lose a heart in the end.

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

Pairs Events

The top 40 pairs in the Open event qualify for the final tomorrow. The final teams provide 4 more pairs and 8 pairs come in from semi-final B making 52 pairs in the Final A.

The final comprises four sessions. The other pairs play Final B over 2 sessions both on Friday. Play is in the Kremlin Hotel.

The first 16 pairs in the Senior event semi-final A qualify for the Final A, 4 pairs come from the teams final and four from semi-final B. Final A is played with 24 pairs over 4 sessions in the Topkapi.

The Women play Final A with 26 pairs, 16 from semi-final A, 6 from the teams final and 4 from semi-final B. They also play 4 sessions in the Topkapi.

There will be a combined Final B for the pairs not qualified for Final A in the Women and Senior event played in the Kremlin.

Ton Kooijman

Wimbledon Fever

by Mark Horton

You may know that as you walk out on to the Centre Court at Wimbledon you can read an inscription taken from Rudyard Kipling's poem If-:

*If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same*

Those two emotions can be experienced in a very short space of time at the bridge table, as witness this deal from the Open Pairs qualifying rounds, where you hold North's cards:

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K J 10 8 7
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9

The dealer opens One Heart and you feel entitled to overcall One Spade. After some deliberation your screen mate surprises you by jumping to Six Hearts.

Unfortunately when the tray returns to your side of the screen partner has pressed on to Six Spades. Oh well.

But wait.

East is still thinking.

After what seems an eternity he bids Seven Hearts!!

You are ready with your red card, but disaster is just around the corner, as when the tray arrives partner's card is not the green one you were hoping for – instead it reads Seven Spades.

This was the full deal and the sorry story of the bidding:

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K J 10 8 7
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9

♠ 3
♥ J 8 7 6 2
♦ K 10 7
♣ A 7 6 5

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♠ –
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 6 5
♣ K J 8 2

♠ A Q 9 6 5 4 2
♥ –
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
1♥!	1♠	6♥!	6♠
Pass	Pass	7♥!!	7♠
Dble	All Pass		

The only use for the red card in your hand is to change sports and wave it at partner!

Doubler in trouble?

North doubled West's Three No-trumps. He led a high heart, cashed the spade ace, and exited with the diamond eight.

Should he have doubled?

Is there or was there a way to make or beat the contract?

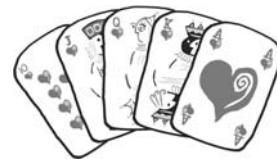
♠ A
♥ A K J 10 9 8 7 6
♦ 8 7
♣ 3 2

♠ 7 6 5
♥ Q 5 4
♦ A 9 6
♣ A K Q 5

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 3 2
♦ K Q J 10 5
♣ 9 8 4

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ –
♦ 4 3 2
♣ J 10 7 6

A solver will get a set of bidding boxes, and will not, repeat not have to spend time in the bar with either Editor.



A trip to the funny farm?



The winner of today's competition will earn four bidding boxes, or alternatively a trip to the funny farm.

You are asked to provide the missing player at the table – or more specifically to suggest someone who might euphoniously fill the gap.

The table has three players and a kibitzer

West	North	spectator	East	South
Roald Ramer	Tenzin Gyatso	Herbert Lom	???	Hong Dung Duong

If you fill in an appropriate name, and can remember who North really is, you will produce a particularly elegant musical result.

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19.00	Welcome Cocktail, staff and schedule introduction
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Monday August 27th

15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
17.00	CRETE FESTIVAL OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT (2 nd SESSION)
21.30	Friendly night Pairs Tournament

Tuesday August 28th

15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
17.00	CRETE FESTIVAL OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT (3 rd SESSION)
21.30	Friendly night Pairs Tournament

Wednesday August 29th

15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
17.00	CRETE FESTIVAL OPEN MIXED PAIRS TOURNAMENT (1 st SESSION)
21.30	Friendly night Pairs Tournament

Thursday August 30th

15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
17.00	CRETE FESTIVAL OPEN MIXED PAIRS TOURNAMENT (2 nd SESSION)
21.30	Friendly night Pairs Tournament

Friday August 31st

15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
16.30	CRETE FESTIVAL TEAM TOURNAMENT (1 st SESSION)
21.30	Friendly night Pairs Tournament
Saturday September 1st	
15.00 - 16.00	Bridge Lesson with Fulvio Fantoni
16.30	CRETE FESTIVAL TEAM TOURNAMENT (2 nd SESSION)
21.30	Tournament Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner
Sunday September 2nd	
12.00	Check out time is 12.00

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- 1 Boat excursion;
- Some night entertainments;
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- Bridge Lessons and handouts in English, Italian and Greek;
- 1 Boat excursion;
- Some night entertainments;
- Transfers to and from the airport.

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Sen Benim Kim Olduğumu Biliyor musun?

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Açık Dörtlü Takımlar Şampiyonası Bessis Takımı'nın Şampiyonluğu ile sonuçlandı. Bu konu ile ilgili haberleri bültenimizin başka sayfalarında okuyabilirsiniz.

Bizim konumuz ise daha önemli memleket mes'eleleri. Okuyucularımız arasında yaşı uygun olanlar Alfred Hitchcock'un meşhur "The Man Who Knew Too Much" adlı filmini bilirler.

Bu günkü bültenimizin konusu da böyle bir adam. Adamın adı Murat Molva.

Hikayemiz Açık İkili Mağdurlar Grubundan geliyor. Sabah turnuva başlarken bu gruptan sadece 6-8 çiftin Final Grubuna (yani briç bilenlerin yanına) katılabileceği söylendi. Dolayısı ile her board'un Top olması dışında pek bir seçeneğimiz yoktu maalesef.

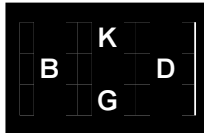
Masa'ya gittik ki meşhur Gromov ile Dubinin çifti bizi bekler durumda. Onlar da muhtemelen bizi kızarmış piliç olarak görüyorlar. Gördüğünüz gibi B Grubu çok renkli bir yer.

Açık İkili-B, Bord 19; D:Güney, Zon:DB

Batı Molva	Kuzey Gromov	Doğu Sesylmaz	Güney Dubinin
			1NT
Kontr	2♦ (*)	Kontr	2♥
3♣	Pas	3♠	Pas
3NT	H.Pas		
(*) Kör'lere transfer			

♠ Q42
♥ 65432
♦ 652
♣ 86

♠ K3
♥ Q8
♦ 103
♣ AKJ9432



♠ A10975
♥ J9
♦ AK87
♣ 105

♠ J86
♥ AK107
♦ QJ94
♣ Q7

Güney'in 1NT açışı üzerine ben bir kontr diyeyim dedim. Belki bugün sürkontr'lu 1NT kontratına karşı ataktan 7 tane trefl çekeceğim güzel gündür kimbilir.

Tam o esnada perdenin diğer tarafından bir ağız dalaşı sesleri gelmeye başladı. Efendim konu şöyle: Gromov, bidding box'tan deklarelerini tek tek çıkartma adetine bir oyuncuymuş. Yani eğer 2 karo diyecekse bidding box'tan sadece 2 karo kartını çıkartıp diğer kartları cepte bırakıyormuş. Meşhur Zia Mahmood gibi.

Sevgili ortağım Turgay Sesylmaz ise kendisini uyarma gereği hissetmiş. "Bakınız beyefendi bu yaptığınız yanlış anlaşılabilir. Kartları bazan bu şekilde tek tek, bazan da toptan çıkararak eliniz hakkında bilgi verme imkanınız olabilir". Bu uyarının ne anlama geldiğini gayet iyi idrak eden Gromov Turgay'a "Sen benim kim olduğumu biliyor musun? Ben hep böyle deklare veririm diyor". Turgay ise "Ben sizi tanımıyorum ve tanımak zorunda da değilim, lütfen deklarelerinizi herkes gibi verin" diyor. İşte eğlence. Tabii Turgay bu esnada "O kadar meşhursan B Grubunda ne ararsın be adam" diye de düşünüyor ama o ayrı konu.

Direktör Gromov'un kim olduğunu biliyor tabii. Ama diğer taraftan da Turgay pek haksız olmadığı için pek laf söyleyemiyor. Antalya'da Gromov'un kim olduğunu bilmeyen tek kişi Turgay.

Çeşitli mırın kırın sonucunda Gromov deklaresini veriyor. Turgay da, elindeki 5 li pik'i göstermek yerine işi gücü bırakıp Gromov'a kontr diyerek "bende karolar var" şeklinde absürd bir deklare veriyor. Eeee napalım B grubu böyle işte.

Dubinin ortağında fit bulmuş olmanın mutluluğu ile 2 kör diyerek transferi alıyor. Ben de treflerimi daha fazla saklamanın gereksiz olduğuna karar veriyorum. Turgay da piklerini daha fazla saklamama kararı alıyor fakat ben bu pik renginin 5'li olduğuna inanmadığım için "Ben kesmesem bile inşallah kör rengini kesen birileri çıkar" ümidiyle 3 NT diyorum.

Yer açıldıktan kısa bir süre gerçekten de kör rengi ilahi güçler tarafından kesiliyor ve oyun tam oluyor. Bunun üzerine Gromov ve Dubinin aynı anda koro halinde konuşmaya başlıyorlar: "This is not Bridge !!!".

İçimden "Hah şunu bileydin" diye düşünüyorum. Biz briç bilseydik burada B Grubunda ne işimiz vardı ki? Ayrıca elimizdeki 7 kartlık fit ile pik fitini bulduk da mı 4 pik demedik?

Sonuç olarak 3 NT kontratı tam olarak bize yazılıyor. Ama ünlü Rus rakiplerimiz bununla yetinmiyorlar. Direktör çağırıp şikayet etmek istiyorlar ama masaya gelen Fahir Üzümcü'yü sen Türk'sün sen git başka direktör isteriz diyerek gönderiyorlar.

Sevgili okurlar hep derim Allah kimseyi B Grubuna düşürmesin diye. İnsanlar kime nasıl saldıracağını bilemiyor.

Rakip bakıyor ki bu şekilde bir yere varılmayacak, yeni ve daha çarpıcı bir fikir ile atağa geçiyorlar: "Bu adamlardan birisi Türkiye Briç Federasyonunda görevli, yani elleri biliyordu!". İşte bu adam ben oluyorum. Başta bahsettiğimiz "Çok şey bilen adam" filmine değinmemiz buradan geliyor.

Bir çift, elleri bilmesine rağmen nasıl olur da iki gündür %42 ile en iyisi %52 arasında değişen rezil skorlar tutturur?

Zaten Gromov-Dubinin çiftinin bu saçma sapan fikri'ne Turnuva Şef Direktörü de rağbet etmiyor. Ve o da aynı şeyi söylüyor "Elleri bilselerdi ne işleri vardı burada?".

Esasen Direktör bir de Gromov-Dubinin çiftine, Efendiler, efendiler, B Grubuna düşenin elaleme "This is not bridge" diye hayat dersi veremeye hakkı yoktur demesi gerekirdi. B Grubu zaten tanım itibarı ile "Bricin Olmadığı Yer" olarak gönüllerde taht kurmuş bir mekan. Burada verilen deklarelere güven olmayacağını bilmek gerek.

Bu hikaye bana Türk Bricinin ünlü bir şahsiyetini hatırlattı. Kaybettiği her turnuvadan sonra, rakiplerini elleri bilmek ile itham eden bu kişi ile masadaki rakiplerimiz eminiz iyi anlaşırlardı.

Son günlerin favori konusu olan "A-Grubu B-Grubu'na Karşı" konusunda bir not daha verelim:

1) A Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Sabah turnuvam var bu gece erken yatayım.

B Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Sat 24te restoran açılıyor. Birşeyler yeyip sonra deniz kenarındaki Hamak Bar'da birşeyler içeriz.

2) A Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Masaya oturunca rakiplerin konvansiyon kartını incelemekte yarar var.

B Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Şu kadın dün mini etekliydi, bugün pantolon giymiş

3) A Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Soldaki rakip pas geçmeden önce biraz duraksadı. Kozlar kötü dağılmış olabilir.

B Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Soldaki rakibin kolundaki saat gerçek Rolex olamaz. Kapalı Çarşı'da 50 YTL'ye satılanlardan olmalı.

4) A Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Kozlar 4-1 dağılırsa squeeze şansımı kaybetmemek için önce bir karo boşlamak gerek.

B Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Kayınvalidenin yazlığının su deposunu tamir ettirmek gerek. Yoksa bütün yaz hanımın suratını çekeriz.

5) A Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Bridgemate'ten gelen skora bakılırsa şu an %56 civarında gidiyor olmalıyız.

B Grubuna düşen oyuncu ne düşünür:

Aşağıdan gelen kokulara bakılırsa bugün de ızgara köfte yapılıyor olmalı. Şu patates kızartmalarını kıvamında kızartsalar ne güzel olacak. Fazla kıtır kıtır oluyor.

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OPEN PAIRS - SEMI FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	62,11	57	Assaf LENGY - Amir LEVIN	49,91
2	Dariusz KOWALSKI - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	58,59	58	Karlis RUBINS - Maija ROMANOVSKA	49,77
3	Julian STEFANOV - Victor ARONOV	58,34	59	Cem ALTAN - Nejat AYDIN	49,75
4	Turan YAVUZ - Erdal Olkay ERCAN	58,04	60	Enver KOKSOY - Ahmet KAHRAMAN	49,69
5	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN	57,99	61	Sergei ERSHOV - Leonid ROMANOVITCH	49,54
6	Vladimir MARASHEV - Ivan TSONTCHEV	57,69	62	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	49,41
7	Waleed El AHMADI - Tarek SADEK	57,50	63	Birol KOCA - Tamer EREN	49,26
8	Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK - Boguslaw GIERULSKI	56,62	64	Jon-Egil FURUNES - Terje AA	49,13
9	Israel YADLIN - Doron YADLIN	56,35	65	Salim YILANKIRAN - Mehmet SIRIKLIOGLU	49,12
10	Georgi KARAKOLEV - Zahari ZAHARIEV	56,28	66	Erhan EVCIMEN - Asli KASIRGA	49,11
11	Tony FORRESTER - David BAKHSHI	56,13	67	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	49,01
12	Jan JANSMA - Louk VERHEES Jr	56,13	68	Tezcan SEN - Zafer SENGULER	49,00
13	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	56,04	69	Bruno DUTILLOY - Eric BO	48,49
14	Simon de WIJS - Bauke MULLER	55,94	70	Ercan KURU - Metin EKSIOLU	48,48
15	Alain KAPLAN - Philippe COENRAETS	55,88	71	Geoffrey WOLFARTH - Gareth HYETT	48,34
16	Bjorn FALLENIUS - Martin SCHIFKO	55,64	72	Mehmet Emin COPUR - Naci DEMIRBAS	48,32
17	Sam Inge HOYLAND - Finn BRANDSNES	55,36	73	Fikret AYDOGDU - Nevzat AYDOGDU	48,08
18	Gregers BJARNARSON - Michael ASKGAARD	55,21	74	W. ROZWADOWSKI - G. ROMANOWSKI	47,99
19	Igor KHAZANOV - Maria LEBEDEVA	54,71	75	Aydin GURSEL - Murat ERKEL	47,80
20	Vincent RAMONDT - Berry WESTRA	54,32	76	Joseph ENGEL - Serjio KOVALIU	47,78
21	Waldemar JAWORSKI - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	54,21	77	Jacek ROMANSKI - Roman GRZELAK	47,66
22	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	54,13	78	D.ALLOUCHE - GAVIARD - Eric EISENBERG	47,58
23	W. STARKOWSKI - Stanislaw GOLEBIOWSKI	54,07	79	Argun GOGUS - Naci OZKAN	47,55
24	Gabor MACSKASY - Peter LAKATOS	53,94	80	Sabine AUKEN - Daniela von ARNIM	47,50
25	Tom HOILAND - Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN	53,87	81	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	47,49
26	Franco GIAMPAOLI - Devid CECCANTI	53,18	82	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	47,48
27	Vit VOLHEJN - Michal KOPECKY	52,98	83	Bartosz CHMURSKI - Piotr GAWRYS	47,23
28	Giampaolo FRANCO - Fulvia GHIA	52,46	84	Niccolo FOSSI - Giuseppe FABBRINI	47,18
29	Przemyslaw JANISZEWSKI - Leszek SZTYRAK	52,00	85	Denis DOBRIN - Maxim ZHMAK	47,05
30	Marc GIROLLET - Herve FLEURY	51,87	86	Gunther PURKARTHOFER - Jan FUCIK	47,04
31	Nezih KUBAC - M. Gokhan YILMAZ	51,81	87	Patrick SUSSEL - Jean-Michel RUNACHER	46,78
32	Stelio DI BELLO - Furio DI BELLO	51,65	88	Zeki UCUM - Birol US	46,63
33	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	51,59	89	Cengiz SEKER - Varol OZBELLI	46,59
34	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	51,56	90	Tayfun OZBEY - Suleyman Ufuk KOC	46,53
35	Rossen GUNEV - Dessy POPOVA	51,54	91	Yaacov (Jacob) MINTZ - Doron LIMOR	46,37
36	Jo-Arne OVESEN - Kjell Otto KOPSTAD	51,54	92	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	46,27
36	Gabor WINKLER - Geza HOMONNAY	51,54	93	Christoph PUERSTL - Arno LINDERMANN	46,25
38	Ilija VASSILEV - Ivan NANEV	51,32	94	Kudret METIN - Coskun KESGIN	46,19
39	Jan MARTYNEK - Jakub SLEMR	51,31	95	Christophe OURSEL - Godefroy De TESSIERES	46,13
40	Edmund CZUBAK - Jacek CIECHOMSKI	51,21	96	Craig GOWER - Alon APTEKER	45,77
41	Cezary BALICKI - Adam ZMUDZINSKI	51,17	97	Evgueni SOLNTSEV - Pavel VOROBEI	45,28
42	David BIRMAN - Alon BIRMAN	51,13	98	Andrzej DUDZIK - Marek NOWOWIEJSKI	45,26
43	Onur M ERTEKIN - Kutluhan UNAL	51,03	99	Leonid PODGUR - Avi KALISH	45,03
44	Paul FEGARTY - Catherine CURTIS	50,86	100	V. N. ISPORSKI - V.I.D. KOVACHEV AL-SHATI	45,03
45	Erdinc ERBIL - Aydin UYSAL	50,75	101	David BURN - Janet DE BOTTON	44,63
46	Radoslaw SZCZEPANSKI - Jacek SZUTOWICZ	50,70	102	Tomasz SIELICKI - Marian KUPNICKI	44,10
47	Marius IONITA - Ionut COLDEA	50,62	103	Huub BERTENS - Ton BAKKEREN	43,93
48	Ernesto MUZZIO - Ricardo ANGELERI	50,56	104	Gabriele TANINI - Marco TARANTINO	43,75
49	Nicklas SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	50,55	105	Cengiz ARIGUN - Akin UCAR	43,58
50	Pierre ZIMMERMANN - Franck MULTON	50,45	106	Gerard IZISEL - Dominique PILON	43,24
51	Vincent de PAGTER - Jacco HOP	50,38	107	Jonny HANSEN - Roger OLAFSEN	42,68
52	Jouri KHIOUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	50,35	108	Danny MOLENAAR - Tim VERBEEK	42,41
53	Mustafa AKGUL - Toros YUKSEL	50,29	109	Omer KIZILOK - Salih Murat ANTER	42,36
54	Gila EMODY - Lilo POPLILOV	50,23	110	Jorg SCHINZE - Joachim CAPPELLER	42,27
55	Massimiliano DI FRANCO - Eugenio MISTRETТА	50,08	111	Omer ERDOGAN - Cengiz ALYESIL	40,57
56	Jan Petter SVENDSEN - Tor HELNESS	49,92	112	Alexandru FEBER - Ovidiu CERNAT	38,80

OPEN PAIRS - SEMI FINAL B

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

1	Vytautas VAINIKONIS - Jacek PSZCZOLA	64,24	75	Mehmet Yasin AKSU - Recep BASALAK	50,17
2	Kalin KARAIVANOV - Roumen TRENDAFILOV	60,72	76	Josef OREN - Paul WEINSTOCK	50,06
3	Laszlo GOTTHARD - Miklos DUMBOVICH	60,55	77	Eduard VARDAPETYAN - Lev SEVIYAN	49,95
4	Juliano BARBOSA - Joao SA	60,14	78	Aymeric LEBATTEUX - Nicolas LHUISSIER	49,71
5	Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL - Ole BERSET	59,61	79	Gerhard POLLAK - Peter ZELNIK	49,55
6	Michal KWIECIEN - Rafal JAGNIEWSKI	58,99	80	Rati BURDIASHVILI - Georgi UCHAVA	49,52
7	Dan ZARA - Alexandru ELIAN	58,97	81	Ibrahim DEMIR - Berna YUTMEN	49,31
8	Alexander DUBININ - Andrei GROMOV	58,11	82	Giancarlo MARINI - Stefano CATA	49,30
9	Alex GAVRIILOGLU - Fil LAGOURANIS	57,99	83	Osman OZCAN - Hakan PEKSEN	49,25
10	Selim AKALIN - Aysegul ERK	57,96	84	Mehmet Faruk KEPEKCI - Roko KASAPOGLU	49,22
11	Nicolas CHAUVELOT - Quentin ROBERT	57,84	85	Lutfi ERDOGAN - Volkan OZEN	49,21
12	Nedim TURSAN - Hasan UZUNER	57,05	86	Sinan TATLICIOGLU - Doga GOZKAYA	49,19
12	Philippe SOULET - Bernard PAYEN	57,05	87	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	49,11
14	P. MARSTRANDER - R. Brenderford ANDERSEN	56,70	88	Turgay SESYILMAZ - Murat MOLVA	49,00
15	Mike ALEXANDER - Justin HACKETT	56,28	89	Yüksel SEZGINSOY - Tufan KOSE	48,96
16	Tevfik GURKAN - Yusuf ISITEMIZ	56,23	90	Abdulkali AGAOGLU - Marcu CODRIN	48,93
17	Giulio BONGIOVANNI - Amedeo COMELLA	56,18	91	Wojciech OLANSKI - Erikas VAINIKONIS	48,90
18	Coskun KARADENIZ - Berk BASARAN	55,98	92	Ozgur KAVAK - Ibrahim Ethem OZTURK	48,79
19	Erik SAELENSMINDE - Rune HAUGE	55,84	93	Anatoly ZHOKHOV - Georgy YAMURZIN	48,60
20	Andrzej CZECH - Piotr BEDNORZ	55,80	94	Sakir SECER - Mehmet KANAR	48,49
21	Peter BOTH - Ender AKSUYEK	55,79	95	Bernardo BIONDO - Francesco MAZZADI	48,39
22	Obay GUR - Yusuf SOHTORIK	55,22	96	Waldemar SKORA - Gregor LEWACIAK	48,33
23	Jerry STAMATOV - Vladimir MIHOV	54,94	97	Huseyin Gurcan BAKAN - Sedat DINC	48,07
24	Bjorn Inge HANSEN - Geir ENGBRETSSEN	54,81	98	Peter LEITNER - Roland KOHLDOERFER	47,97
25	Geir BREKKA - Erik RYNNING	54,71	99	Ingvar ERGA - Fred Arne MOEN	47,96
26	Jaroslav WACHNOWSKI - Andrzej JELENIEWSKI	54,70	100	Tuncay ALTUN - Sukru ALTUN	47,83
27	Reda AMIRY - Ahmed SAMIR	54,62	101	Erez ZADIK - Avi ARVATZ	47,82
28	Huseyin Kerem AVCIOGLU - Namik KOKTEN	54,62	102	Ivan PEICHEV - Nikola BARANTIEV	47,72
29	Irfan TURK - Sadik CETINBAS	54,38	103	Ipek YILMAZ - Naran DAGSEVEN	47,68
30	Joris VERACHTEN - Luc DE MESMAECKER	54,34	104	Ali OLCAY - Ayhan AKBIYIK	47,64
31	Erotokritos ALAMANOS - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	54,27	105	Inon LIRAN - Clara HETZ	47,63
32	Thomas VANG-LARSEN - Anders HAGEN	53,90	106	Yalcin ATABEY - Salvador ASSAEL	47,46
33	Ahmet ARPAT - Abdullah GULSUN	53,88	107	Umit SEZGINSOY - Alp SEZGINSOY	47,06
34	Ilan BAREKET - Yossi ROLL	53,86	108	Erdal CALISKAN - Ozgur KANLI	46,92
35	Frankie FRONTAURA - Serge de MULLER	53,84	109	Sehmus ERCAN - Irfan ILGIN	46,82
36	Burak BASKAN - Bircan OZTURK	53,53	110	Zuhra YILDIZ - Vildan DOLEN	46,74
37	Mehmet Serif CAMCI - Ekrem OZCIKAN	53,43	111	Melih Osman SEN - Fusun GULTEKINGIL	46,72
38	Martin ROKYTA - Michael PALITSCH	53,24	112	Francesco NATALE - Barbara CESARI	46,60
39	Kiril MARINOVSKI - Kamen TCHERVENIAKOV	53,22	113	Anil YUCEL - Akin KOCLAR	46,56
40	Zeki ARACI - Kazim KUL	53,18	114	Karim NABIL - Karim SALAMA	46,49
41	Muammer KELES - Sadi AKCAOGLU	53,10	115	John HASSETT - Howard MELBOURNE	46,48
42	Peter FREDIN - Gary GOTTLIEB	53,06	116	Haldun CIVGINER - Aden TOLAY	46,47
43	Ali INCE - Terje WOLAN	52,94	117	Liviu OJOGA - Dan VALIMARESCU	46,37
44	Ismail KANDEMIR - Suleyman KOLATA	52,91	118	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	46,30
45	Diego BRENNER - Nina ANIDJAR	52,91	119	Jim HOYLAND - Sven Olai HOYLAND	45,97
46	Arberk KORKUT - Muhsin YUCEL	52,81	120	David PINHAS - Sinan ONURLU	45,90
47	Tony RUSEV - Gencho SOLUKOV	52,74	121	Huseyin Zeki GUVEN - Sabiha SELEKLER	45,79
48	Riccardo BORIOSI - Vieri VANNINI	52,53	122	Ali UCAR - Koray GULCU	45,65
49	Engin COLPAN - Seyda YAGCI	52,39	123	Omer ONEM - Sinasi Gursel SAYMAN	45,48
50	Murat KILERCIOGLU - Halil ATALAY	52,37	124	Christophe MARRO - Stephane SANT	45,20
51	Claudio RONCONI - Andrea RICCIOLETTI	52,25	125	Muharrem KALBISADE - Bulent YUREKLI	45,03
52	Ozcan PEHLIVAN - Esat ERGIL	52,15	126	Ekrem ARBATUN - Yener BAYRAM	44,83
53	Jean Francois ALLIX - Eric MAUBERQUEZ	52,06	127	Mehmet BARIS - Esra ORHON	44,27
54	Larry CHEMALY - Joseph ISRAELI ZINDEL	52,02	128	Vesna DACIC - Goran ERAKOVIC	44,15
55	Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE - Marcini LESNIEWSKI	52,01	129	Hasan KAPTAN - Ertugrul MAYADAGLI	44,13
56	Boye BROGELAND - Simon GILLIS	51,95	130	Alex MUNTEANU - Aurelia MUNTEANU	44,02
57	Dimitar KAPITANSKI - Stefan IVANOV	51,81	131	Dogan UZUM - Mehmet KURANOGLU	43,93
58	Yalov WAX - Uri GILBOA	51,72	132	Muharrem CERЕК - Murat CELIK	43,91
59	Marko MLADENOVIC - Nebojsa KARDZOVIC	51,64	133	Nathan HETZ - Asa LEVINGER	43,90
60	Cornel TEODORESCU - Federico PRIMAVERA	51,60	134	Ismail KEPENEK - Mustafa SAHIN	43,81
61	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Perla SULTAN	51,48	135	Yüksel SEZGINSOY - Ilker AYAZ	43,07
62	Filip FLORIN - Marina STEGAROIU	51,43	136	Resul GECGIN - Engin UZUN	42,99
63	Michele CAMMARATA - Leonardo CIMA	51,37	137	Hakan DANACIOGLU - Fusun OZLER	42,72
64	Nick ZINKOVSKY - Andrey KISELEV	51,29	138	Sevda CAVAS - Ozlem ACARLA	42,46
65	Tobias TORNQVIST - Johan UPMARK	51,29	139	Artan XHORI - Armand XHULI	42,28
66	Evgeni SHANURIN - Vladimir TATARKIN	51,10	140	Ulgen BOYBEK - Tulay ERDEMISIK	42,25
67	Raffaele MURRU - Claudio DE MARTINI	51,04	141	Piet VANDEREET - Dirk VAN COMPERNOLLE	41,84
68	Ceyhun ALTUNDAG - Guray SUNAMAK	50,84	142	Erdem OZTURK - Eymen BEDIR	40,71
69	Marco BAVARESCO - Claudio BAVARESCO	50,69	143	Yahya KUCUKKILIC - Fethiye TAGA	39,32
70	Mehmet Remzi SAKIRLER - Yusuf SALMAN	50,60	144	Ayse KILICOGU - Volkan DENIZCI	38,27
71	Lorenzo SANNA - Marco TOCCAFONDO	50,41	145	Mehmet BOZKURT - Vedat SAYIN	37,93
72	Philippe MARILL - Alexander LUCACIU	50,32	146	Kostandin KAPO - Vjollca XHULI	37,05
73	Hasan YALCIN - Ayhan EREN	50,22	147	Ibrahim Ethem KEREM - Ertan YUREKLI	36,80
74	Luigi ROIATTI - Roberto PERROD	50,21			

WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI FINAL A - (after 3 sessions)

1	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU - Miriam VARENNE	59,17	19	Diana BUDKIN - Aida de VRIES SALDZIEVA	49,08
2	Chantal HAMMERLI - Maria ERHART	58,43	20	Giulia POZZI - Annalisa ROSETTA	49,02
3	Simonetta GROSSI - Katia PIGNATTI	57,25	21	Carmen GOLDBERG - Shula GRODECKY	48,96
4	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Victoria GROMOVA	57,18	22	Jorunn FENESS - Tina OVENSTAD	48,92
5	Ilaria SACCAVINI - Simonetta PAOLUZI	55,38	23	Maritza TAMBASCIA - Laura SPALLANZANI	48,87
6	Maria Marit RAHELT - Stense FARHOLT	55,20	24	Phoebe LIN - Faith MAYER	47,65
7	Gunn HELNESS - Siv THORESEN	54,76	25	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	47,51
8	Nathalie FREY - Veronique BESSIS	53,97	26	Claudia van der SALM - Anke WIJMA	46,88
9	Y De Morant Claudia POMARES - Vanessa TORIELLI	53,80	27	Malgorzata JELENIEWSKA - Ewa BANASZKIEWICZ	46,71
10	Miriana MITOVSKA - Valya YANEVA	53,01	28	Gabriella OLIVIERI - Gianna ARRIGONI	46,68
11	Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU - Mine BABAC	52,99	29	Darina LANGER - Ruth NIKITINE	46,65
12	Diane GREENWOOD - Hedy GREY	51,15	30	Aytug OZALTIN - Nur OZTURK	46,28
13	Elena KHONICHEVA - Alexandra NIKITINA	51,03	31	Pina SALNITRO - Mariella POLIMENI	46,18
14	Serap ELLIALTI - Emine SEN	50,93	32	A.M. De ALONSO - M.ANGELERI DE BALDASARRE	45,49
15	Tone-Torkelsen SVENDSEN - Aase LANGELAND	50,23	33	Nese DIRIM - Deniz ANAPA	45,00
16	Renate HANSEN - Filiz Uygan ERDOGAN	50,05	34	Mehves PISAK - Meltem OZUMERZIFON	43,71
17	Nikica SVER - Marina PILIPOVIC	49,83	35	Elke WEBER - Ingrid GROMANN	42,41
18	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Ewa HARASIMOWICZ	49,73	36	Astrid DEKKER - Rosaline BARENDREGT	39,94

WOMEN PAIRS - SEMI FINAL B - (after 3 sessions)

1	Roz WOLFARTH - Anna LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA	60,29	16	Helin ERDOGDU - Pelin GUVEN	49,94
2	Giusy BERNABEY - Clara LAUS	57,43	17	Gunn Tove VIST - Randi NYHEIM	49,26
3	Ipek SAGTEKIN - Karen McCALLUM	55,18	18	Tuba UNLU - Irene PICKETT	48,65
4	Paula LESLIE - Suzanne SHEASBY	54,47	19	Cinar NUR - Nihal KEFELI	48,54
5	Martine ROSSARD - Johanna RACZYNSKA	54,43	20	Montserrat MESTRES - Maria Eugenia HERNANDEZ	48,18
6	Belis ATALAY - Guler VAHABOGLU	53,96	21	Rozalia RONEN - Lea SHACHAR	48,07
7	Lucia GARRONE - Elma BALDI	53,34	22	Sebnem KOSTEM - Benuur OZCAN	46,22
8	Oya BAYULKEN - Mey ZAIM	53,30	23	Antonella DI MARCO - Marcella ARNONE	46,02
9	Anna MINASYAN - Banu ALTINOK	52,59	24	Claudia CASTIGNANI - Rita PASQUARE	45,70
10	Guler UYANIK - Nuray AKGUL	52,13	25	Silva IMPICCIATORE - Caroline EDGAR	45,64
11	Zeynep ALP - Sevil NUHOGLU	52,08	26	Ora DAN - Ruth FARKAS	45,14
12	Solvi REMEN - Kristine BREIVIK	51,57	27	Tatyana TAZENKOVA - Marina RYZHKOVA	43,93
13	Cristina GOLIN - Paola SCALAMOGNA	51,05	28	Judith BENYEHUDA - Hana GELBERT	42,15
14	Rose O'FARRELL - Patsy MEEHAN	50,09	29	Madelaine GERSTEL - Elisabeth WAELCHLI	40,46
15	Tuna ALUF - Cela BICACO	50,05			

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1	Christo DRUMEV - Ivan Tanev BONEV	59,83	17	Marco RICCIARELLI - Franco BARONI	48,81
2	Leszek KWIATKOWSKI - Kazimierz OMERNIK	58,20	18	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	48,69
3	Jozef POCHRON - Jacek LEW	57,77	19	Elizabeth (Liz) McGOWAN - David LIGGAT	47,69
4	Krzysztof LASOCKI - Jerzy RUSSYAN	57,72	20	Faik FALAY - Emin BASARAN	47,36
5	Julian FRYDRICH - Mordechay (Moti) GELBARD	57,29	21	Stella SAGIV - Yehuda SAGIV	47,07
6	Christopher DIXON - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	56,94	22	Janusz RADECKI - Andrzej BEREZECKI	46,54
7	Ergun KORKUT - Orhan EKINCI	55,06	23	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	46,00
8	Nico KLAVER - Roald RAMER	54,19	24	Harald NORDBY - Jostein SORVOLL	45,92
9	Roger JACKSON - Anthony N GORDON	53,13	25	Nico DOREMANS - Jaap TROUWBORST	45,62
10	Giampiero BETTINETTI - Leonardo MARINO	52,98	26	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	45,45
11	Paul D HACKETT - Ross HARPER	52,92	27	Eugenio BERTOLUCCI - Giampiero BATTISTONI	45,01
12	Goran MATTSSON - Nissan RAND	52,74	28	Enver DURULMUS - Zafer OZKAN	44,13
13	Aleksander JEZIORO - Julian KLUKOWSKI	52,28	29	Jacqueline JARIGESE - Ross RAINWATER	42,94
14	Bill PENCHARZ - Irving GORDON	51,84	30	Samim OZTEK - Turkatasever GEDIK	42,94
15	Guido RESTA - Dano DE FALCO	51,50	31	Hastings CAMPBELL - Greer MACKENZIE	42,39
16	Stanley WALTER - Christian MARI	50,92	32	Angela DELOGU - Elena FORTE	38,10

SENIOR PAIRS - SEMI FINAL B - (after 3 sessions)

1	Mike TEDD - Patrick JOURDAIN	64,05	11	Nil ULGEN - Sanem INAN	48,07
2	Albert ITTAH - David YOGEV	58,10	12	Renate HOEGER - Walter HOEGER	47,44
3	Kath NELSON - Alan NELSON	57,87	13	Sandie MILLERSHIP - Jeff MILLERSHIP	47,17
4	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampao JELMONI	57,20	14	Erwin OTVOSI - Marek BOREWICZ	46,58
5	Esin TURAN - Gunver TURAN	56,55	15	Oznuur ABACIOGLU - Erdal ABACIOGLU	45,77
6	Andrew THOMPSON - Anthony CLARK	55,07	16	Judith PERI - Shalom PERI	44,96
7	Adalberto DALLACASAPICCOLA - Giovanni MACI	54,75	17	Lino VANINI - Paolo FARINA	44,49
8	Rhona GOLDENFIELD - Bernard GOLDENFIELD	54,67	18	Henk HEMMERS - Bob HOLL	44,35
9	Lola BENZARAY - Shlomo BENZARAY	52,57	19	Rita SEAMON - Ruth LEVKOFF	43,71
10	Ayhan IZGI - Umer AKAY	48,62	20	Eljana PILIKA - Riko PILIKA	28,76