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Bulletin 6



## Four Candidates



**Norway beat France at Football**

The Polish comeback did not produce what they expected and Poland are joined by Norway and the Czech republic,, still chasing the Netherlands, but quite well in front of sixth placed USA. Meanwhile, some of the B-teams are making remarkable ways up the ladder, most notably the Germans who are in front of their A-team.

### Program

#### Monday :

09:30	Matches 19-20
13:30	Lunch
14:15	Match 21
17:40	gather at Student House to walk to University for:
18:00	Closing Ceremony
19:30	Dinner
	Afterwards party at Passio Pub

## Oh what a beautiful Morning

by Christer Andersson

The day for cultural activities could not have been better planned. Already on the way to breakfast it was warm and the sun was shining. There were two matches before lunch, and from two o'clock cultural activities took on.

I selected USA A against Poland A as suitable entertainment the first match. This match turned out to be about defending well. The first test of the defence appeared already on the first board, which looked very easy but cost one of the teams 10 IMPs.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	1♦	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

You are North and have these cards:

♠ J 9 4 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ J 10 5

What do you lead and how do you act when partner contributes a low or a high card, respectively? The dummy presented was:

♠ Q 7 5 ♥ A J 6 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q 9 7 4 3

One of the declarers made his contract, the other went one down. Partner had ♦ J 9 5 2 and a side ace, and declarer nine top tricks.

This board was much tougher:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kalita	Jared	Kotor'cz	Jeremy
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The opponents are in a forcing action, you see what West has in the opponents' suits and his strength in the other two suits. Do you then enter the bidding? I will not argue against success, but mmhhh.....

Krzysztof Kotorowicz now had an easy lead and put the ♠3 on the table. Kalita put in the ten and Jared Fournier won the ace. He played a diamond to the ace and another against hand. Kalita won the king and continued the attack in spades – this time with the nine to the king. The ten of clubs was covered by the queen and ace, and another club went to the king. Having established that declarer was sitting with the spades over his jack, and that partner had a high club, he played on the hope that the table could be cut off and switched to the jack of hearts. Krzysztof ducked and declarer won the king on the table.

A low club to the seven forced Kotorowicz to win, but he could now cash the ace of hearts and continue with the jack of diamonds to destroy all communications. Fournier had to give the setting trick to the jack of spades. Anyone who still thinks it's incorrect to bid 1♠? Grhh...

The Polish defence in the open room was accurate to such a point that even a few mistakes by team mates in the closed room allowed Poland A to win this match of prestige with 24-6.

For the second and last match of the day, I followed Germany B against China. It was a match full of lost opportunities for both teams. As a consequence it ended 16-14, Germany a little in the front. On this board it would be safest to stay out of slam but none of the teams did. But they selected different slams.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vulnerable.

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

In the closed room the Chinese bid the North-South cards to 6♣. With the trumps breaking 5-1 and East finding the spade lead the slam was without chance. It went two down. This was the bidding in the open room:

West	North	East	South
Wu	Orth	Chen	Timofejew
		Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

After the inverted minor suit raise, card-showing spade bid and slam-invitational 4♦ bid, the Germans found a way to the small slam. The destiny of the contract was in the hands of Wu Qiang. He had to find the club lead in order to open for the club ruff when he later is allowed to win a spade trick. However, his choice of opening lead was the ♥ J. Kai Timofejew won the ace in hand, cashed the ace and queen of trumps, recognising the break, and gave away a spade trick to open for a necessary spade ruff. The defence continued the heart attack but Timofejew won, played ace of spades and ruffed a spade, finessed East for the diamond queen, cashed the last trump and claimed. That was worth no less than 17 IMP.

On the very next board 6♦ can always be made. At least if you know the distribution of the cards. I have chosen to include this hand simply because it's very German and suits this match – it's an 'Eau de Cologne' hand (something your editor is in love with (true, but the card hand, not the fragrance - editor)). However, none of the pairs bid the slam. This is what happened in the open room:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vuln.

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

(Note that Christer has a special notion of a 4711 shape – both singletons appear to be spades - editor)

West	North	East	South
Wu	Orth	Chen	Timofejew
			1♥
Pass	2♦*	2♠	3NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

I have been thinking for a while about it, but I still do not understand from where West got the double. I'm slowly starting to believe he himself does not know. However, it had the effect that now it would be impossible for declarer to find the winning play in diamonds for twelve tricks. On the other hand, eleven tricks was enough for the German pair.

In the closed room the Chinese North/South pair settled for 3 NT, apparently without East bidding his spade suit. I came to that conclusion after having seen the score sheet, where the opening lead of the ♣2 is given. Now Liu Yan as declarer has two chances. She can guess correctly in diamonds and should then make twelve tricks. As she only made nine, she must have finessed in diamonds and allowed

East to attack spades. Now she holds up the spade ace to the third round, forces out the ace of diamonds and is lucky that West have no more spades to play when he wins the ace of diamonds.

3NT can even be made on a spade lead. But then declarer is walking on a very thin line. He has to duck the lead, win the spade continuation, enter dummy in clubs and make the correct play in diamonds. If he ducks also the second spade, East will continue the suit and West discards his ace of diamonds. That will give declarer one diamond trick, but it is not enough. Perhaps the 4711 distribution has a special fragrance?

## A real Eau de Cologne

I am not normally one to write up my own hands – for one thing because they are usually not good enough, but Christer's mention of the 4711 meant I simply had to show you what a real Eau de Cologne hand looks like. My last hand in yesterday's Pairs Tournament was of the 12 times rarer totally correct variety: 4♠,7♥,1♦,1♣:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
	Herman		
		1♣	Pass
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ was Polish, and this denies a 5-card in diamonds. 1♠ was natural, 4-card, and could still be done with 5 diamonds. The 1♠ bid convinced me what our trump suit should become, and I bid game immediately. The spade lead solved whatever problem I still had in that suit, and after allowing them to make two red kings, I ruffed the second diamond, causing huge laughter in East/West. Laughter only enhanced when East accepted my claim, thinking it was for just made, only to discover I held not a single picture card for my jump bid. Yes, the 4711 has a particularly fine fragrance.

## Merinho smiles, Merinho weeps

By Kees Tammens

On Saturday the Dutch Car got on the wrong side of the road and was almost hit by an oncoming USA A truck. In the morning match against France A the first seven boards went scoreless and then Drijver – Groenenboom were on their way to miss game.

(this board also features in the Belgian article)

### Closing Ceremony

Tomorrow we will gather at 17:40 at the student house in order to walk to the University where the Closing Ceremony will be held. Team Uniforms please.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Andrea	Drijver	Coudert	Gr'boom
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	3♦	3NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

1♠ was explained by East to North as denying both majors, which is why the bidding makes not much sense. Bob Drijver in North led ♦J to king and ace. Merijn Groenenboom, aka Merinho, played back his singleton ♠. Declarer took the ♠A and played a small heart to the jack. Merinho took ♥K and was able to receive two spade ruffs for four down, +9 IMPS against 5♦ made at the other table. So at this moment you could see Merinho smile.

Against a tough USA A side the first five boards were scoreless. Then Merijn, who knows the names of all Italian sporters as well as the complete ATP list, and who calls everybody by Italian names and surnames had to face board 18: (this board also features in Christer's article - this is getting boring, editor)

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Roger	Bob	Dean	Merinho
		Pass	1♦
2♠	3♠	Dble	Redble(1)
Pass	4♣(2)	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- (1) shows ♠A  
 (2) cue, agrees ♦

Certainly a skilful auction to a very fine 6♦ - possibly even a nomination for the best bid hand.

West leads the ♠5 to king and ace, and declarer seemed to have an easy task. But after ♦A and ♦Q showed the 4-1 distribution things became more difficult. Merinho could as you see ruff a spade in dummy but he feared an overruff and decided to play West for 6313. He drew trumps and was one down. Then you see a weeping Merinho, who is still wondering which spade East would have returned in trick two if the ♠K had been allowed to hold the trick!

On the next board (also shown in Christer's article) Merijn was tested again in 6♦. He had to play

♦ K J 9 6 4 3 2 against ♦ 10 7

For one loser. Of course he took the percentage play of running the ♦10. Wrong again.

This all meant that USA A won the match 22-8 and that Poland A closed the gap. The Championship is guaranteed an exciting final few days.

♠♥♦♣



**Factory clock at the Manufaktura**

An interesting story from the city trip: in the nineteenth century, nobody owned wristwatches and the factory clock was the only one to tell the time on. It was rumoured that this clock was halted a few times during the day in order to have the workers perform some 20 minutes more than they were actually paid for. This practice is still widely used today by Bridge Tournament Directors, in order to nibble minutes off a tight schedule.

## Message from José Damiani

Geert Magerman received a telephone call from José Damiani this morning. The president of the World Bridge Federation was scheduled to come to Lodz this weekend, but the recovery of his recent illness sadly prevents this. Get well soon, José.

Have you seen anything specially good, brilliant maybe? Then take a little time out from endless discussion, take a piece of paper (the captains even received special forms) and write down round, board number, table (or at least enough of them so that we can figure out who you're talking about), bidding and a few lines of play.

## Don't forget the Paul Magerman Award

Winning a "best play" can lead to great things. Marion Michielsen won one of those in Rotterdam three years ago. Her prize was to play a tournament with Sabine Auken. That in itself never materialized but when Sabine was asked to pick a second lady player for the European team in the Buffett Cup this month (the Bridge equivalent of the Ryder Cup and held at the same venue), Sabine remembered her promise and asked Marion to be picked.

Good luck in Kentucky next week Marion! (our American friends here need not to cheer along)

## Ranking after 17 rounds:

1	Netherlands A	322
2	Poland A	292
3	Norway A	287
4	Czech Republic	283
5	USA A	261
6	Norway B	258
7	Austria	257
8	Poland B	251
	Great Britain	251
10	Germany B	249
11	Germany A	248
12	Indonesia	241
13	Chinese Taipei	239
14	France A	235
15	China	233
16	Belgium	221
17	Netherlands B	214
18	USA B	196
19	Singapore	184
20	France B	174
21	Canada	165



**At last some intelligent people at a  
bridge tournament**

## What does Deep Finesse know?

By Tom Dessain

This was board 23 from our match against Belgium:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Maloney	DVissch	Dessain	Depret
			1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

After this not very exciting auction, my partner Dom Maloney was looking for an aggressive lead and started off with the diamond king. I imagine that after looking at dummy, Dom wasn't very impressed with his chosen lead. Ulyse Depret won with the ace and continued with a spade to the ten and partner's king. Now came a second diamond on which declarer, not unreasonably suspecting the ruff inserted the eight. This meant I could win with the nine. Expecting partner to have four spades I played my third diamond hoping for a trump promotion. Declarer ruffed with the queen, cashed the ace of spades and was understandably disappointed they did not break. Now, after playing the ♥K to my ace, we cashed two rounds of clubs and Dom exited with a spade. We

were now destined to make a second heart trick for a satisfying two down.

Meanwhile, at the other table the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Joram	Zigm'd	Rutger	Ewing'n
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Joram Van Mechelen found a small spade lead which James Ewington won with the Jack in dummy. He took the opportunity to lead up to his heart honour. When this won, he crossed to the diamond ace (West should have inserted the king) and played another heart. Rutger Van Mechelen rose with the ace and now James could ruff the fourth heart to make eight tricks for a satisfying +670.

Deep finesse says you can make seven tricks, but what does he know?



**I told you we went to bed early, captain!**

## Birthday Present

By Rutger Van Mechelen

As mentioned in yesterday's Bulletin, Belgium was allowed to play against the Czech Republic on BBO and Vu-graph. We did not let down the spectators with a spectacular match without a single flat board. After 12 boards, the ticker stopped at 54-47 or 17-13 for the Czechs. On the second board of the match, Ulysse Depret already took a spectacular view.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Depret	Macura	DVissch	Kopecky
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

Ulysse opened 2♣, weak with both majors (or strong) which was doubled and passed back to him again. In stead of choosing one of his majors, he picked his third 4-card suit, clubs, and just passed! When this went one off, Ulysse had scored 11 IMPs for us, when we simply made 3NT with an overtrick.

On board 8, my brother Joram, aka "the Mad Magicien" stunned us all again. (board also features in Kees Tammens' article)

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Pavla	Rutger	Jana	Joram
2♦	Pass	2NT	4♦
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

He heard 2♦ for the majors, pass, 2NT strong relay and he held the South hand.

While normal human beings would bid 3♦, Joram chose 4♦! I raised to 5, which was doubled. With just the major aces missing and the ♦K onside, this was another 550 for our Mad Magician.



**Ulysse Depret, Rutger Van Mechelen, Willem De Visschere and the Mad Magician**

## **Opatija, Croatia**



**The seafront at opatija**

The sites for the next two University championships both feature mountains and sea. Above is Opatija, site of the First (yes, the first organised by EUSA) European Universities Bridge Championships, held from 4 to 10 October 2009.

Below is Kaohsiung, second largest city on the island of Taiwan, which will be the host for the Fifth World University Bridge Championships in 2010.

Don't fail any exams to do so, but I hope you'll be able to join us again these next years. All information will be published on [www.unibridge.org](http://www.unibridge.org)

## **Kaohsiung, Taiwan**



**The Sun Yat-Sen university in Kaohsiung**

## The Pairs Tournament



1	Will Engel (USA B) Roger Lee (USA A)	69.15
2	Cristina Giampietro (GER A) Christophe Grosset (FRA A)	60.27
3	Mark Dean (USA A) Simon Poulat (FRA A)	59.75
4	Victor Chubukov (USA A) Thibault Coudert (FRA A)	59.34
5	Alicja Woźniak (POL) Karol Ruskiewicz (POL)	58.69
6	Alain Dumesnil (FRA) Harry Van de Peppel (NED)	55.97
7	Andrea Asbury (USA B) Robin Pendrigh (FRA B)	55.84
8	Joanna Krawczyk (POL B) Jacek Marciniak (POL)	53.40
9	Piotr Nalepa (POL) Małgorzata Nalepa (POL)	52.97
10	Marta Maj (POL) Artur Wasiak (POL)	52.84
11	Zhou Jin (CHN) Sun Tianheng (CHN)	51.79
12	Dave Sabourin (CAN) Anton Blagov (CAN)	51.78
13	Ethan Macaulay (CAN) Hershel Macaulay (CAN)	51.20
14	Guozhen Xu (SIN) Guang Xiang Wan (SIN)	50.44
15	Damien Bondat (FRA B) Landry Andrea (FRA A)	50.43
16	Herman De Wael (BEL) Bryan Maksymez (CAN)	49.51
17	Natalia Sakowska (POL B) Piotr Butryn (POL B)	49.43
18	Hartmut Kondoch (GER) Felix Zimmermann (GER A)	48.95
19	Justin Lall (USA) Shawn Quinn (USA)	47.90
20	Oscar Cohen (FRA B) Maciej Bojarski (POL)	46.98
21	Chen Chia-Ping (TPE) Juang Zuo-Miin (TPE)	46.15
22	Owen Lien (USA B) Maria Würmseer (GER A)	44.95
23	Lars Kvarsvik (NOR A) Frank Svindahl (NOR B)	42.67
24	Qiang Chen (CHN) Wu Qiang (CHN)	41.75
25	Enyi Chen (SIN) B Santoso (INA)	38.61
26	Magdalena Roleksa (POL) Marcin Bojarski (POL)	38.18
27	Gordi Zind (CAN) Aled Iaboni (CAN)	37.67
28	Natalia Banaś (POL) Gebrand Hop (NED B)	33.40

### **The City Trip**

The City trip saw 34 people interested, who were brought by bus first to one and later to another of Lodz's great textile manufacturing plants. Built in the nineteenth century, they are marvellous pieces of red-brick architecture, long time abandoned and now being renovated into flats, shops and entertainment facilities. In the meantime there was also time to get the feel of Lodz's and even Poland's most famous street, Piotrkowska.



**An example of the fine brickwork of the nineteenth century**

### **The Football**

Norway started the tournament by allowing America to lead them 1-2 halfway through the second half, before scoring six quick goals themselves.



**Meike has more than one bow to her string here she is playing for the "rest of Europe"**

Norway then beat France in the final (revenge for the poker loss maybe?)

Joram managed to play on three losing teams before the final – but still he asked to play in that one too – and he lost again.

### **The Beach Volleyball**

Three Dutch girls, Laura Dekkens, Judith Nab and Meike Wortel showed that technical skills and stamina are better than sheer muscle power when they won the Beach Volleyball tournament. (They tell me they used male substitute players though)



**We notice that the uniforms do not conform to Rule 24.2 of the FIVB code.**