



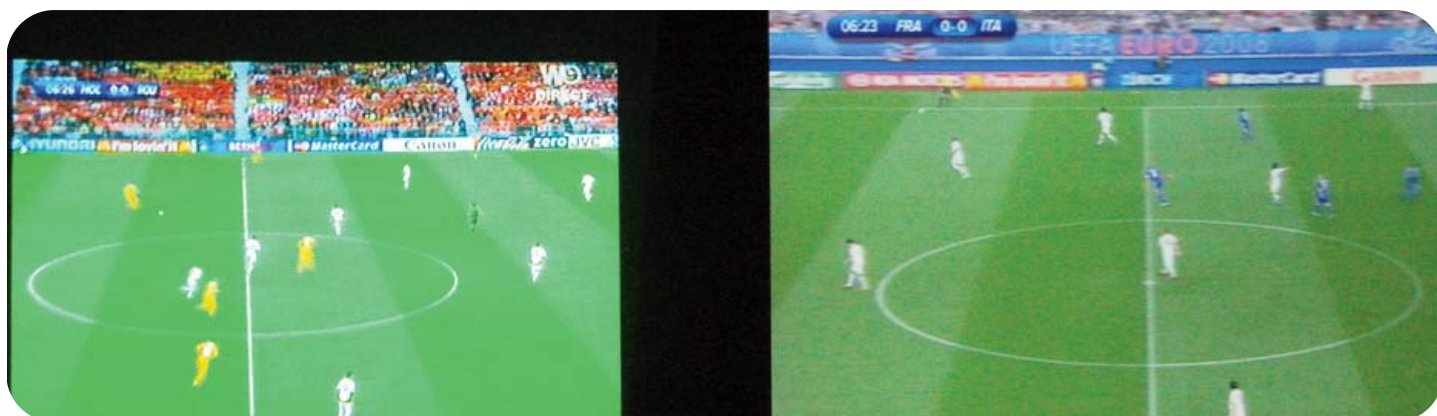
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# Bleu is the Couleur



*We're on the ball*

Last night football was allowed to steal a little of the European Bridge Team Championships limelight, as the EBL arranged for the vital match between France and Italy to be televised live in the VuGraph theatre, alongside the equally important game featuring Netherlands & Romania.

Our deadline means we can't bring you those results, but we can say that in Group A, in stark contrast to the football, Italy enjoy a one VP advantage over Netherlands, with the chasing pack closing in whilst Germany continue to lead Group B, and with second placed Sweden they are way ahead of the rest of the field.

Round 10			Round 11			Round 12		
7	Netherlands - Croatia	RAMA	19	Russia - Germany	RAMA	1	Italy - Turkey	RAMA
11	Belarus - France	BBO 1	11	France - Norway	BBO 1	11	Sweden - France	BBO 1
3	Italy - Greece	BBO 2	2	Lithuania - Italy	BBO 2	8	Iceland - Croatia	BBO 2
19	Germany - Belgium	BBO 3	17	Portugal - Poland	BBO 3	18	Germany - Wales	BBO 3
1	Monaco - Turkey	BBO 4	5	Spain - Finland	BBO 4	16	Poland - Belarus	BBO 4
8	Czech Rep. - Denmark	BBO 5	8	Croatia - Czech Rep.	BBO 5	6	Netherlands - Monaco	BBO 5
13	Sweden - Austria	SWAN	9	Denmark - Iceland	SWAN	9	Scotland - Denmark	SWAN



# OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## GROUP A

### ROUND 10 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	MONACO	TURKEY
2	ENGLAND	LITHUANIA
3	ITALY	GREECE
4	LATVIA	SERBIA
5	ISRAEL	SPAIN
6	LUXEMBOURG	SWITZERLAND
7	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
8	CZECH REP.	DENMARK
9	ICELAND	SCOTLAND
	FINLAND	BYE

### ROUND 11 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	TURKEY	ENGLAND
2	LITHUANIA	ITALY
3	GREECE	LATVIA
4	SERBIA	ISRAEL
5	SPAIN	FINLAND
6	MONACO	LUXEMBOURG
7	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS
8	CZECH REP.	CROATIA
9	DENMARK	ICELAND
	SCOTLAND	BYE

### ROUND 12 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	TURKEY
2	LATVIA	LITHUANIA
3	ISRAEL	GREECE
4	FINLAND	SERBIA
5	LUXEMBOURG	ENGLAND
6	NETHERLANDS	MONACO
7	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND
8	ICELAND	CROATIA
9	SCOTLAND	DENMARK
	SPAIN	BYE

### Today's Schedule

- 10.00** Women Teams Registration
- 10.30** Open Teams, Round 10
- 14.15** Open Teams, Round 11
- 17.00** Women Teams Captains Meeting
- 17.35** Open Teams, Round 12
- 18.00** Women Teams Welcome Ceremony

## GROUP B

### ROUND 10 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	BELARUS	FRANCE
12	NORWAY	SAN MARINO
13	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA
14	MALTA	ESTONIA
15	BULGARIA	HUNGARY
16	SLOVAKIA	PORTUGAL
17	WALES	POLAND
18	ROMANIA	RUSSIA
19	GERMANY	BELGIUM
	IRELAND	BYE

### ROUND 11 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	FRANCE	NORWAY
12	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN
13	AUSTRIA	MALTA
14	ESTONIA	BULGARIA
15	HUNGARY	IRELAND
16	BELARUS	SLOVAKIA
17	PORTUGAL	POLAND
18	WALES	ROMANIA
19	RUSSIA	GERMANY
	BELGIUM	BYE

### ROUND 12 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	SWEDEN	FRANCE
12	MALTA	SAN MARINO
13	BULGARIA	AUSTRIA
14	IRELAND	ESTONIA
15	SLOVAKIA	NORWAY
16	BELARUS	POLAND
17	ROMANIA	PORTUGAL
18	GERMANY	WALES
19	RUSSIA	BELGIUM
	HUNGARY	BYE



## Butler scores

From now on the butler scores will be updated every round and can be watched on the website and the intranet.

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP A

### ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	DENMARK	50 - 37	18 - 12
2	LITHUANIA	CROATIA	25 - 86	3 - 25
3	GREECE	SWITZERLAND	66 - 45	19 - 11
4	SERBIA	MONACO	30 - 84	4 - 25
5	SPAIN	ENGLAND	57 - 49	16 - 14
6	FINLAND	ITALY	46 - 36	17 - 13
7	ISRAEL	LATVIA	45 - 76	9 - 21
8	SCOTLAND	LUXEMBOURG	42 - 63	11 - 19
9	ICELAND	NETHERLANDS	51 - 37	18 - 12
	CZECH REP.	BYE		18 - 0

### ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	CROATIA	32 - 11	19 - 11
2	SWITZERLAND	LITHUANIA	42 - 30	17 - 13
3	MONACO	GREECE	68 - 28	23 - 7
4	ENGLAND	SERBIA	39 - 30	17 - 13
5	ITALY	SPAIN	35 - 18	19 - 11
6	LATVIA	FINLAND	59 - 51	16 - 14
7	LUXEMBOURG	DENMARK	17 - 64	6 - 24
8	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND	99 - 15	25 - 0
9	CZECH REP.	ICELAND	33 - 35	15 - 15
	ISRAEL	BYE		18 - 0

### ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	15 - 29	12 - 18
2	LITHUANIA	MONACO	47 - 38	17 - 13
3	GREECE	ENGLAND	38 - 56	11 - 19
4	SERBIA	ITALY	28 - 38	13 - 17
5	SPAIN	LATVIA	18 - 48	9 - 21
6	FINLAND	ISRAEL	23 - 30	14 - 16
7	LUXEMBOURG	CROATIA	48 - 33	18 - 12
8	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	38 - 40	15 - 15
9	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.	24 - 51	9 - 21
	ICELAND	BYE		18 - 0

### Delegates to the General Assembly



The delegates of every NBO are requested to confirm their attendance at the General Assembly which will take place on Sunday 22 June 2008.

## GROUP B

### ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

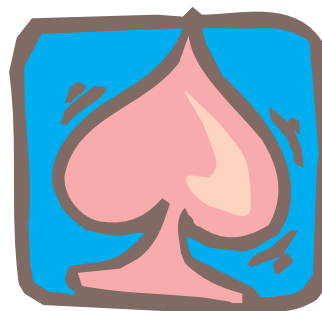
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	FRANCE	RUSSIA	53 - 50	16 - 14
12	SAN MARINO	WALES	30 - 64	8 - 22
13	AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL	57 - 64	14 - 16
14	ESTONIA	BELARUS	39 - 41	15 - 15
15	HUNGARY	NORWAY	63 - 40	20 - 10
16	IRELAND	SWEDEN	32 - 58	10 - 20
17	BULGARIA	MALTA	104 - 59	24 - 6
18	SLOVAKIA	BELGIUM	69 - 34	22 - 8
19	GERMANY	POLAND	67 - 42	20 - 10
	ROMANIA	BYE		18 - 0

### ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	WALES	FRANCE	23 - 61	7 - 23
12	PORTUGAL	SAN MARINO	75 - 52	20 - 10
13	BELARUS	AUSTRIA	31 - 52	11 - 19
14	NORWAY	ESTONIA	89 - 29	25 - 3
15	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	79 - 17	25 - 3
16	MALTA	IRELAND	9 - 104	0 - 25
17	SLOVAKIA	RUSSIA	40 - 25	18 - 12
18	POLAND	BELGIUM	36 - 43	14 - 16
19	ROMANIA	GERMANY	17 - 85	2 - 25
	BULGARIA	BYE		18 - 0

### ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	22 - 15	16 - 14
12	SAN MARINO	BELARUS	38 - 24	18 - 12
13	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	22 - 27	14 - 16
14	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	25 - 39	12 - 18
15	HUNGARY	MALTA	37 - 7	21 - 9
16	IRELAND	BULGARIA	34 - 21	18 - 12
17	WALES	SLOVAKIA	23 - 30	14 - 16
18	RUSSIA	POLAND	30 - 41	13 - 17
19	ROMANIA	BELGIUM	35 - 19	18 - 12
	GERMANY	BYE		18 - 0



## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 9 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

1	ITALY	164.00
2	NETHERLANDS	163.00
3	CZECH REP.	161.00
4	FINLAND	157.00
5	ICELAND	156.00
6	ISRAEL	148.00
7	MONACO	144.00
8	DENMARK	143.00
9	LATVIA	139.00
10	TURKEY	138.00
11	ENGLAND	136.00
12	CROATIA	132.00
13	GREECE	128.00
14	SPAIN	125.00
15	LUXEMBOURG	113.00
16	LITHUANIA	109.00
	SWITZERLAND	109.00
18	SERBIA	106.00
19	SCOTLAND	100.00

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 9 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

1	GERMANY	186.00
2	SWEDEN	180.00
3	RUSSIA	154.00
4	NORWAY	152.30
5	POLAND	149.00
6	BULGARIA	148.00
7	FRANCE	146.00
8	PORTUGAL	145.00
9	IRELAND	143.70
10	BELARUS	139.00
11	SLOVAKIA	136.00
12	HUNGARY	122.00
13	BELGIUM	119.00
14	WALES	118.00
15	AUSTRIA	117.00
	ESTONIA	117.00
17	SAN MARINO	115.00
18	ROMANIA	113.00
19	MALTA	58.00

### Is this a record?

Chris Dixon came into the Bulletin office to ask a question of the team, so we will pass it on to you, in case you can help.

Chris told us that although he has captained many British and English teams, his sole appearance as a player came when he represented Great Britain on the Open Team in 1971. There has therefore been a gap of 37 years between his first and second appearances. He wanted to know if this was a record; so is there anyone out there who has a lacuna of more than 37 years between one international appearance and the next? I throw out Louis

Tarlo as a possibility.

Incidentally, while musing on that question, I raised an alternative question. How many people have played International Bridge as both Juniors and Seniors but did not play at the Open (or Women)?

And how about players competing in four events: Junior, Senior, Open and Women? Sex-change possibilities aside, one assumes that only women over 55 might qualify; I wonder whether Kirsten Steen-Moller would qualify? We know she has medals in three categories but I'm not sure what her major achievements at Open level are.

## OPEN TEAMS

## Round 5

## France v Germany Bulgaria v Norway

by Jos Jacobs

After the opening day, Germany were the proud leaders in Group B. When they had to face the hosts in Monday afternoon's round 5, they still were leading the group. France were lying in 7th place, just ahead of the qualification mark. In the same round, Bulgaria and Norway, 4th and 5th at that point, also had to play each other, so it would probably make sense, I thought, to make one combined report about these two interesting matches.

Right on board 1, the same problem occurred in both matches, not surprisingly. The players involved also found the same two solutions, one of them right and the other one wrong, so we saw exactly the same swing in both matches.

Board: 1. Dealer North/None vul.

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

♠ Q  
♥ K J 8 2  
♦ A 7  
♣ A K Q J 3 2

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	S	

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

♠ J 10 6 4 2  
♥ Q 9 4  
♦ 8 6 4  
♣ 7 6



Entscho Wladow, Germany

## France v. Germany:

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
3♣	All Pass		

Ten easy tricks, Germany +130.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouïel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Down two, Germany +100 and their first 6 IMPs.

## Bulgaria v. Norway:

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	All pass		

Ten easy tricks, Norway +130.

## Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	2♦	2♠	3♦
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Down two, Norway +100 and their first 6 IMPs.

Judge for yourself who is most to blame in either auction...

On the next board, the German EW pair overbid to a slam off the ♣AK, among other things, losing 12 IMPs in the process. Then came board 4:

Board: 4. Dealer West/All vul.

♠ 8 4 ♥ A K Q 5 4 2 ♦ — ♣ Q J 10 6 4		♠ K 9 7 3 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ 8 7 2	♠ A 10 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A K 9 5 3
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In the France v. Germany match, there was no swing as these were the auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
Dble	4♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
1♦	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Both declarers easily made all the tricks, needless to say.

In our other featured match they seemed to be playing a different board...

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♦	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

A very elegant way to reach the top spot for a well-deserved +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
1♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass


Helgemo mistimed his jump to 4♥ here, as his partner

was holding the good hand. The Norwegians did not even double 5♠. We will never know if South's pass over 5♠ was forcing in this situation...

The contract went down two for +200 to Norway but 18 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Another two boards later, EW reached a thin game against which finding the winning defence needed careful timing:

Board: 6. Dealer East/EW vul.

♠ J 9 ♥ K 10 6 5 3 ♦ J 8 7 3 ♣ 8 7		♠ 10 8 6 4 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ A K Q 9 5 ♣ 10	♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q J 5 4
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At all four tables W was declarer in 4♠ but we saw four different defensive approaches.

In the France v. Germany match, both Bompis and Gromoeller led the ♣8 to dummy's ten. Quantin covered this with the King but Kirmse did not and thus created a big swing for his team. Lévy, declaring for France, led a trump from dummy and ducked this to North's nine but now, Gromoeller continued the good work by exiting in diamonds. Dummy won and another trump was led, Kirmse cashing the ♠AK before playing a heart which left declarer with no chance, as the ♥K was wrong and the clubs were not yet established. Germany +100.


Wladow, declaring for Germany, won the ♣K with the ace and crossed in diamonds to lead a trump, ducked to North. Bompis now made what looked like a gallant effort to defeat the contract after all by leading a heart away from his King. This extra trick was all declarer needed. Dummy won the Queen and in the end, there would be a trump left in both E and W to cater for the remaining losers. Germany +620 and 12 IMPs.

In the Bulgaria v. Norway match, Helgemo made a curious lead: the ♠9. Lund won the King and led a heart, ducked to Helgemo's King. He exited with a heart to dummy's Queen and declarer's next move was a spade from dummy, ducked to Helgemo's Jack... One down.

Isporski found the unlucky lead of a low heart to dummy's Queen. Brogeland, too, next ducked a trump to North. On lead again, Isporski continued the ♣8 to the ten, King and Ace... End of the defence, Norway +620 and 12 IMPs.

We did not have to wait long for the next swing in either match: just another two boards.

Board: 8. Dealer West/None vul.

<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ J 10 8 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 6 4</p>		<p>♠ — ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A Q 10 7 3 2 ♣ A 10 9 8</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 10 9 7 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ A K 4 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ 7 5 2</p>
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In the France v. Germany match, Lévy-Mouiel did the right thing by not saving against 4♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

One down, France +50.

It did not help them very much, however, as Elinescu had other ideas:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
2♣	2♠	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ was Precision style, showing five clubs and any four-card suit but Wladow admitted, after play was over, that he had missorted his hand...(a euphemism for downgrading the hearts?)

What should North lead, in view of the double? When Bompis selected the ♠A, Wladow quickly had 12 tricks. Germany +1090 and 14 IMPs more.

The score at this point: 39-18 to Germany.

In the Bulgaria v. Norway match, both EW pairs saved against 4♠ but the outcomes were completely different:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♥
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

With South on lead, finding the heart ruff was automatic: Bulgaria +100. Note the fine lead-directing 4♥ bid by Kovachev.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
2♥*	2♠	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

\* ♥ and a minor

Hristov went on bidding till the sure minor-suit fit was reached. With North on lead, a heart was far from automatic. The ♠A lead made it a quick +550 and 12 IMPs to Bulgaria tolead 33-18 at this point.

The approach the Germans had shown on this board did not always pay off, as we were able to see two boards later:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All vul.

<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ K 9 7 6 5 3</p>		<p>♠ A 8 7 3 ♥ Q 9 6 5 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q 4</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 6 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 9 8 6 ♣ 10 8</p>	<p>♠ J 5 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ Q J 10 4 2 ♣ A J 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
INT	All Pass	1♠	Pass

Lead: ♥5.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Lead: ♣10.

In the Open Room, Elinescu's rather light opening led to a poor result for his team whereas the decent enough contract, reached by his team-mates after a weak NT opening

from South, failed on the rocks of distribution. Down two, vulnerable, at both tables produced a much-needed swing of 400 or 9 IMPs to France.

Yet another two boards later, Helgemo pushed his opponents overboard almost single-handedly levelling the match:

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS vul.

♠ K J 8 4 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ K J 5 2 ♣ 6 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	♠ 9 6 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 7 3 ♣ 9 5
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W      E					
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**Bulgaria v. Norway:**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Alain Lévy, France

When Brogeland took the diamond finesse to get rid of his club loser, he was just one down: Bulgaria +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
1♥	1♠	3♦	3♠
4♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

After two rounds of spades and a diamond from North, declarer won the Ace in dummy and tried to ruff a club first before touching trumps. This way, Helgemo scored an unexpected trick with his ♥6 for a juicy extra undertrick: down three, Norway +500 and 10 IMPs back to trail by just 1 IMP.

Big swings again on the next board, with the goddesses of fortune very much favouring the brave:

Board: 13. Dealer North/All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Bulgarian NS bid their hands to the limit, due to their strong Club system. When the clubs behaved very friendly, 11 tricks rolled in easily in spite of the diamond lead. Bulgaria +660.

The German NS pair produced an even more remarkable auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouïel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



With everything behaving well and hearts 3-3, there was no effective defence. Germany +620.

Both the other NS pairs were much more quiet:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	
Dbl	2♣	All Pass	

Ten tricks but 11 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Ten tricks but 10 IMPs to Germany.

Another two boards later, a slam swing was on in both matches:

Board: 15. Dealer South/NS vul.

♠ 8 7		♠ 6 5									
♥ Q 6 4 3		♥ A J 7 2									
♦ Q J 10 7 5		♦ 6 4 3									
♣ 8 6		♣ 10 9 7 5									
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France v. Germany:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
			1♣
1♦	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♥ showed either 8-10 hcp with six spades or a variety of strong GF hands. This way, the French had given themselves the chance of declaring the slam from the right side of the table, i.e. the side from which it's pretty cold. When Quantin elected not to show his heart control, Bompis could not

move any more. France +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

4♣ showed a strong balanced spade raise and 4♦ was exactly the cuebid Kirmse wanted to hear. Played by North, the slam was just under 50% but who cares when it makes? Germany a fine +1430 and 13 IMPs more to lead by 82-29.

Bulgaria v. Norway:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
			1♣
1♠*	2♥	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Brogeland's 1♠ overall of the strong Club showed clubs or the red suits and 3♣ thus was play or correct, showing at least two fits. These noises were enough to keep the opponents out of the slightly odds-against slam. Bulgaria +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stoyanov</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Lund</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

In an unopposed auction, Helgemo once again took the bull by the horns once Lund showed a heart control. With the ♥A well placed at this table too, the Norwegian slam had rolled home for a 13-IMP pick-up to them and take over the lead: 51-45.

After all these excitements, both matches quietened down considerably on the closing boards, the final scores being:

France v. Germany: 91-30 or 25-3 V.P.  
Bulgaria v. Norway: 51-59 or 14-16 V.P.



**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 7**

**Finland v Italy**

by Jos Jacobs

After the first two days' play, Finland were lying second to Italy in Group A. Their position in the standings may have been a surprise to many an "expert" here but it also is a perfectly good reason, I feel, to have a closer look at their match v. Italy, on Tuesday morning.

The match started off very quietly but as the match progressed, many different sorts of exciting hands came along. Defensive problems, play problems, bidding problems, judgement problems, all of more than enough general interest to be included in this report, I think.

Take for example board 4:

Board: 4. Dealer West/All vul.

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	<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ K 8 6 4 2 ♦ A Q ♣ A J 9 5</p>						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Koistinen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Nyberg</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Sementa did not open the West hand. Left to their own resources, the Finns did not reach their cold heart game but preferred to languish in a diamond partial instead. Mind you, game might even be made in diamonds on a defensive error.

But there was no such thing from Angelini. He cashed the ♠K and, upon seeing his partner's count signal, accurately switched to a club to restrict declarer to 10 tricks. Finland +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Juuri-Oja</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Kiema</i>	<i>Versace</i>
2♠	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Board: 6. Dealer East/EW

<p>♠ A 6 5 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ 9 7 5</p>	<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</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ J 10 7 ♥ A K 8 7 5 4 ♦ J ♣ J 8 6</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ A Q 10 4 3 2</p>
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	<p>♠ Q 9 8 3 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K 8 6 5 3 ♣ K</p>						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Koistinen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Nyberg</i>
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Apparently, for Angelini there was no way to show diamond shortness. Still, the EW bidding must have sounded impressive enough to keep NS out. Italy +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Juuri-Oja</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Kiema</i>	<i>Versace</i>
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Finns did have a way to show shortness and when this turned out to be in diamonds, West could confidently bid the heart game. Here too, it never occurred to NS to produce any noises. So Finland scored a fine +620 and 10 IMPs to just edge in front by 1 IMP.

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

Board: 7. Dealer South/All

♠ 9 8 2 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ K J 9 8 4 3 ♣ 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E S</div> </div>	♠ A 7 5 4 3 ♥ A K 7 ♦ 2 ♣ Q J 8 2	♠ K J 6 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 ♣ A 9 4
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♠ Q 10  
 ♥ Q J 10 6 5  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ K 10 7 6 3

Open Room

West <i>Sementa</i>	North <i>Koistinen</i>	East <i>Angelini</i>	South <i>Nyberg</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

EW judged reasonably well to pass this (they might have doubled for 500) and Sementa led his club. Angelini won the ace and first cashed his ♦A before giving his partner a club ruff. This way, one undertrick disappeared but the contract still had to go one down. Italy +100.

Closed Room

West <i>Juuri-Oja</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Kiema</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	Dble

The anticipated save proved to be of the phantom type, as NS had no game their way. Kiema played well to go just one down by exploiting a slight defensive mistake. He won the trump lead and led a heart. Lauria went up with the king, Versace contributing the queen. Now, if Lauria plays a low spade immediately, even if declarer rises with the King, the defenders keep their communication intact to cash their major suit winners and avoid being endplayed.

But Lauria first cashed the ♥A before leading a spade, so Kiema could win the King, eliminate hearts and clubs and play a spade to Versace to obtain a ruff and discard. Only one down, but still +200 to Italy and 7 IMPs to regain the lead by 6.

(Mesbur as East, on lead to 4♥, cashed ♦A and saw Fitzgibbon's ♦3, and worked out to shift to the ♣A and another club, to give his partner the ruff.)

The Italian lead had reached 14 when board 10 appeared:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All

♠ A 8 5 4 2 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ — ♣ K 8 4 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E S</div> </div>	♠ Q 9 ♥ J 10 5 4 3 ♦ J 9 6 3 ♣ Q 10	♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ A 9 6
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♠ K 3  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ A K 10 8 4 2  
 ♣ J 7 5

Open Room

West <i>Sementa</i>	North <i>Koistinen</i>	East <i>Angelini</i>	South <i>Nyberg</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	3♦	3♠	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♦
All Pass			

Sementa must have felt rather unsure about his side's potential, as he decided not to have a go at 4♠. This would have made easily, so one down in 4♦ looked a favourable result for Finland.

Closed Room

West <i>Juuri-Oja</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Kiema</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♦
All Pass		3♦	3NT




Geir Helgemo, Norway

Versace just bid 3NT as a two-way action: it might well make but it might also be a general save. The additional advantage of it was that it silenced everyone. West led a club to East's ace and carefully ducked his ♠A when East switched to the ♠7. Dummy was now 100% entryless so Versace could not avoid going down four when the ♦Q misbehaved. Finland +7 IMPs to about halve the deficit.

The Finnish even managed to regain the lead on the next board:

Board: 11. Dealer South/None

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

West <i>Sementa</i>	North <i>Koistinen</i>	East <i>Angelini</i>	South <i>Nyberg</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lead: ♠9. Angelini won the first spade (not that it mattered much) and led the ♦K, taken by North's ace. The spades were cleared and even double dummy, declarer could not come to nine tricks any more. Finland +100 when the contract went down two.

Kiema showed the way at the other table, with the help of some extra info from the auction:

Closed Room

West <i>Juuri-Oja</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Kiema</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♠	1NT	2♣
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


2♣ showed the rounded suits and 2NT was natural.

Here too, the ♠9 was led but this time, declarer ducked (not that it mattered much). Kiema won the next spade, crossed in clubs and led a diamond up, the King winning. With one diamond trick in the bag, he continued the suit but North won and cleared the spades. Next came a club to the ten and the ♣A, followed by a heart from dummy. When North turned up with a singleton honour, the ♥J

was ready to become the game-going trick. Well played, Finland another +400 and 11 IMPs to lead by 6 (31-25).

With the score at 32-28 two interesting boards settled the issue:

Board: 16. Dealer West/EW

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

West <i>Sementa</i>	North <i>Koistinen</i>	East <i>Angelini</i>	South <i>Nyberg</i>
1♣	3♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Angelini would have been much better off to bid 5♦. This contract can go down two on a heart lead, red v. green, but on a club lead it might even make...

In conceding -650 for their stripe-tail ape double, Italy looked set for another loss but Versace had other ideas...

Closed Room

West <i>Juuri-Oja</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Kiema</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♥
4♥	4♠	Pass	5♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redble
All Pass			

Juuri-Oja's double with the West cards looked quite justified but Versace was there just to prove the opposite. Here too, Kiema might have spoiled the Italian party by bidding 5♦...

Anyway, the round number (1000) obtained by Italy here was ample compensation for the losses at the other table: 8 IMPs to regain the lead by 36-32.

Here we should pay tribute to the French who were precise with their slam bidding as this was their auction:

Open Room


West <i>Matushko</i>	North <i>Bompis</i>	East <i>Khokhlov</i>	South <i>Quantin</i>
1♣	2♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	Pass	5♦	6♣(!)
Dble	All Pass		

France +1090 and 13 IMPs as they were allowed to play 4♥ doubled, one off, in the Closed Room.

Nicely judged and a great overture for what was to come for them on board 19 (reported elsewhere in the Bulletin)

Back to our featured match, in which, once again, the new leaders enjoyed their lead only a short time as this was what happened next:

Board: 17. Dealer North/None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Koistinen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Nyberg</i>
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	5♦	INT	2♦
All Pass		Dble	All Pass

This time, Angelini was quite right to double but after that, it was up to Sementa to find the correct defence. His lead of the ♣K was quite OK but apparently, something went wrong in the signaling. Angelini played the ♣3 and now Sementa, instead of shifting to a heart, continued the ♣Q...Curtains. Finland +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Juuri-Oja</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Kiema</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass	Pass	INT	3♦

This sound contract was worth only +130 to Italy (10 tricks) so Finland had gained 9 IMPs to again take over the lead: 41-36.

Three more rather quiet boards made the final score 46-36 to Finland, 17-13 V.P. Italy had registered their first defeat. So the "Editor's Curse" had struck again: we should not have written in the Daily Bulletin that (after two days) Italy were the only undefeated team...


Contract Result : 3♦+1

## Tough Test

by Mark Horton

In Round 3 of the Open Series this deal attracted a lot of attention:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 6 4 ♥ Q 9 8 6 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10 4		♠ Q 9 7 ♥ A 7 5 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K Q 6 2	♠ 3 ♥ K J 10 2 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 ♣ A 5 3
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The question everyone was asking was can East/West make Four Hearts?

There are two obvious situations to consider. First let us suppose that West is declarer and North leads a spade to the king and ace.

West will win and it looks natural enough to run the jack of diamonds. South wins and will probably switch to a club. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and plays diamonds, discarding a club. North ruffs and has two obvious defences.

If he plays ace of hearts and a heart declarer must win in hand with the queen and ruff spades, having just enough control to establish the jack and draw the last trump.

On the alternative line of a low heart declarer wins cheaply in hand and simply cross ruffs the black suits.

That appears reasonable enough, but a low trump lead by North is much more testing. Declarer will enjoy the rare experience of winning the first round of trumps with the four, but has a hard task from here.

If he tries running the jack of diamonds South will win and switch to a club. Now when North ruffs the third round of diamonds he can simply play ace of hearts and a heart leaving declarer a trick short.

There is a winning line, but it is not clear that it can be found. Declarer must play another trump at trick two. If North goes in with the ace and plays a third trump declarer must win in dummy and play a diamond, putting in the eight if South plays low.

If North withholds the ace of hearts declarer wins in dummy and plays a diamond, but this time if South plays low it is good enough to play the jack. When that wins declarer can either cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade, or cross to the ace of clubs, cash the ace of diamonds and play a diamond.

The question is, why should declarer adopt this line, rather than take the 'normal' diamond finesse?

Well, you might argue that the known void in trumps make sit more likely that South will hold length in diamonds.

If there is enough time I will check the results at every table to see if anyone was able to find the winning line on a trump lead – if you did make sure you pay a visit to the Bulletin room!

## Messages from the Appeals Committee

All the appeals are written up and will eventually be published (the appeals from Antalya have just appeared on the EBL web-site - follow the links "Departments" and "Appeals").

Some appeals may be published in the Daily Bulletin, subject to interest and space constraints. We present here the first appeal, because it is (mildly) influenced by the new Laws.

In the appeal we publish here one of the teams was unaware that an appeal had been lodged. Luckily they arrived sufficiently long enough before play started that the hearing could be held. In order for the Appeals Committee to be able to contact players, the organisers ask **all captains to lodge, at the hospitality desk, a telephone number where they can be reached in case of an emergency.** (Mobile phone or Hotel telephone).

## Appeal No. 1 Hungary v Belarus

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England), Guido Ferraro (Italy), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), Barry Rigal (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Herman De Wael sat in on the meeting to act as Scribe

Open Teams Qualifying Round 6

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 5 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 4 3 ♦ 10 ♣ A Q</p>		<p>♠ J 10 ♥ K 9 6 5 ♦ A Q 9 8 6 3 ♣ 5</p>	
	<p>♠ A 9 8 6 4 ♥ 7 ♦ J 2 ♣ K J 7 6 3</p>		
	<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2</p>		
West	North	East	South
<i>Timakhovich</i>	<i>Hégedűs</i>	<i>Zhukov</i>	<i>Honti</i>
1♥	2♥	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Comments: 2♥ ♠ and a minor  
4♣ see below

Contract: Four Hearts, played by West

Lead: ♠4

Play: ♦10 to the Ace, ♦Q run

Result: 12 tricks, NS -680

The Facts:

4♣ was explained by East to North as showing Heart support and Club shortness, while West explained it to South as Heart support and a club suit. South called the Director when dummy was spread and again at the end of the hand, stating that he would have bid 4NT if he had been told 4♣ showed a club singleton.

The Director:

Checked the System Card of East/West and could not find anything regarding this sequence, so he decided to rule that South had been misinformed.

The Director considered that South had not bid 4♦ or 5♦, so he ruled that South would not have bid 4NT either.

Ruling: Result Stands

Relevant Laws: Law 40B4, 12B1

**North/South appealed.**

Present: All players except West and both Captains

The Players:

North explained that bidding 4♦ or 5♦ was less indicated than 4NT would have been if the 4♣-bid had been explained correctly to South. With the explanation received, South "knows" there is a diamond fit, but if it's explained as short, it's more probable that the fit is in clubs. When asked whether he did not consider that by bidding 4♦ he could be playing 4♦, North replied that East/West would certainly bid 4♥.

East/West mentioned that South might bid 4NT after 4♦ and 4♥, but North retorted that served no purpose, since they already knew the diamond fit. Bidding 5♦ is then once again up to South, so the problem is exactly the same.

The Committee:

Confirmed that South had been misinformed, and considered North/South had been damaged as a result.

Not bidding 4♦ was considered an error, but that is irrelevant, since even after bidding 4♦, North/South can never end up in 5♣.

If 4♣ is explained correctly to South, a bid of 4NT is clear-cut, and North/South will reach 5♣. North/South should be compensated for that damage.

There was some discussion afterwards, if East/West would bid 5♥. On this subject, the following considerations were made:

- East would continue to believe he had shown his hand, and he would double to show defensive values. The doubleton spade looks particularly bad in playing 5♥.

- West might continue to believe his partner held real clubs, so he would not remove 5♣X.

- East/West, as offending side, should have no benefit of the doubt in this case.

For those reasons, the Committee felt there was no reason to include any weight for a contract of 5♥.

Five clubs is normally 2 off, losing a spade, two minor aces and a diamond ruff.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling adjusted:

Score adjusted to 5♣X by North, making 9 tricks, NS -300

Deposit: Returned

Note: Under the 2007 Laws, the Director is instructed to consider weighting the various possible outcomes of the hand, as set out in Law 12C1(c). Other zones, most notably Zone 2 (the ACBL) have exercised an option in the laws which replaces Law 12C1(c) with Law 12C1(e), which means the most favourable/unfavourable result is awarded.

The Committee, in exercising the powers of the Director, decided to rule that there was no substantial likelihood of a contract of 5♥, which explains why they too, despite ruling under Law 12C1(c), arrived at a score adjustment with just one score.

## Championship Diary



A man purchased a case of rare, very expensive cigars and insured them against ..... fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of fabulous cigars, and having yet to make a single premium payment on the policy, the man filed a claim against the insurance company. In

his claim, the man stated that he had lost the cigars in 'a series of small fires.'

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in a normal fashion. The man sued...and won. In delivering his ruling, the judge stated that since the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable, and also guaranteed that it would insure the cigars against fire, without defining what it considered to be 'unacceptable' fire, it was obligated to compensate the insured for his loss. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the judge's ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in 'the fires.'

However, after the man cashed his cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used as evidence against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning the rare cigars and sentenced him to 24 consecutive one-year terms.

Dining at night with Patrick Jourdain your Bulletin staff were debating the merits of consuming a third bottle of wine. 'If we have another,' said the abstemious Jourdain, 'I doubt if I can make it back to the hotel.' 'If we don't,' countered Tacchi, 'I doubt if I can.'

Richard Fleet is one of several people to contact us by email – you will readily understand why we publish his comments:

This is well up to the high standard that we've come to

expect - well done to all the team. A couple of comments on Bulletin 3:

1. I would have thought that a pair of children could have bid the grand on page 12/17. What's system got to do with it? Even without the availability of a forcing 3♥ bid, what's wrong with 1♠-2♣-2♥-3♦-3♥-4NT ... or 1♠-2♣-2♥-4♦-5♦-5NT ... (depending upon whether East is allowed to bid 4♦ systemically). Without understanding all the complexities of their system, Lindqvist's 4♥ bid (no asterisk so presumably natural) seems a serious underbid.

2. I don't think that Bertheau's 1♥ opening on page 15 was worth 6 IMP. Rather, it was the actions of Lund and Helgemo in not bidding hearts that produced the swing. Even so, it seems amazingly conservative to pass 2♠ with the South cards (7 losers!).

All the best and keep up the good work.

As you might imagine football gets the odd mention during the course of the day. Our resident vexillologist Herman De Wael (the eleventh most famous Belgium) asked if we had heard of a well known Belgium football commentator who was world famous in Belgium.

The round 8 match between France and Wales was on BBO. When the controller pointed out the commentary was in French a Polish spectator said that was marginally better than having it in Welsh!

The bulletin editors were discussing the correct approach to the forthcoming press dinner. 'How about the possibility of finding four non-drinkers to share a table of six?' suggested one of them. 'I know' suggested the other; 'how about .....?'

'No dice' said the first. 'We'd need at least three bottles a person just to drown him out!' 'Not at all' said the second; 'drink the first bottle, hit him over the head with it, and things will work out just fine'.

So if you are approached by either the Editor or Tacchi, remember to pack a strong hat, and some bandages.

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 6**

**Sweden v Bulgaria**

by Peter Ventura

Sweden versus Bulgaria in Round 6 was a match with two faces. After 12 boards Sweden was in the lead by 56-0! Just when everyone thought the Bulgarians would be crushed, on the last eight boards Bulgaria scored 36 and Sweden only 6, leaving us the score 62-36 IMPs.

Sweden kicked off at a furious tempo. Nystrom/Bertheau had no problem bidding to Seven No Trumps with 15 top tricks on Board 1, while Karakolev/Danailov stopped in six. That was worth 11 IMPs for Sweden and a good start for them. Bulgaria lost more IMPs on a poorly made slam decision here:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev A-S</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Dble	6♦	All Pass

Two No Trumps showed 22-23 HCP's and Kovachev took a rather optimistic view when he made an effort for a slam spot with his poor nine-count. That move backfired as the Bulgarians ended up in a hopeless small slam, -100.

Five Diamonds is the best contract, so with a little bit of luck this board could have been a push since the bidding in the Closed Room was the following:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After a strong club opening Wrang's One Heart showed a balanced hand, and when he found out his side had two balanced hands with no more than 31-32 HCP's, slam was not an option. The Swedes judged their values in a better manner and stopped in time. However, if Danailov would have found the imaginative lead of the club ace, the contract would have been beaten. When he led a low spade, Nilsson made his game and that was 13 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev A-S</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦*	1♠	2♠*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

One Diamond was Precision style. Bertheau, with an acceptable trump holding, had an easy task to convert Nystrom's optional double to a penalty ditto. North led his singleton heart and when declarer let the nine hold Nystrom switched to a diamond. Declarer was soon down two, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
	2♠*	All Pass	



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden



Karakolev's opening showed spades and a minor, 4-9 HCP's, and he was left to play there for +110. 9 IMPs to Sweden.

At this point Bulgaria was trailing by 56 IMPs! Then the first swing for Bulgaria came along.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 6 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ A Q J 2	♠ A ♥ J 10 2 ♦ A Q 9 6 ♣ K 9 6 5 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K Q 4 2 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 ♠ J 9 7 5 3 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 8 7 4
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West <i>Kovachev A-S</i>	North <i>Nystrom</i>	East <i>Isporski</i>	South <i>Bertheau</i>
	2♣	Dble	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Two Clubs was Precision, and Kovachev bid the no-trump game without giving away any information. North now had an awkward lead. Nystrom knew West had something in clubs, so he tried the ace of diamonds. Declarer won the diamond continuation in hand with the ten, and then played a spade towards dummy. North won the ace and played more diamonds. Declarer cashed the king of spades and let the club ten run, won by North's king. North could take his diamond trick, but declarer had the rest, +600.

A heart lead would have been the best choice, but even the club king would have worked this time.

Closed Room

West <i>Wrang</i>	North <i>Karakolev</i>	East <i>Nilsson</i>	South <i>Danailov</i>
	1♦*	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room the Swedes again bid less aggressively than the Bulgarians. Since the game was made in the Open Room, the board was already lost for the Swedes.

Here North led a low club, won by dummy's ten, and a diamond was played to the ten and queen. Declarer won the heart return and played hearts back to South's queen. A diamond to the king and ace followed, and when Karakolev produced another diamond Wrang misguessed the position as he hopped up with the jack. At this point it is crucial for declarer to strip North of his remaining heart, but Wrang instead played the king of spades. North won the spade ace, cashed a winning diamond and since he still had a heart to exit with, declarer was one trick short, -100. That was the start of a Bulgarian recovery. However, after Sweden's impressive start they were out of reach; Sweden 20, Bulgaria 10.

## Dutch Recovery

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

In the round 6 match between the Netherlands and Czech Republic, the Dutch reached the wrong game contract on this deal, but Sjoert Brink recovered the points by taking advantage of his opponent's slip in defence:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Vozabal</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Slemr</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
		Pass	2♣*
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Closed Room

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Kurka</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>Mraz</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room the Czech Republic reached Three Notrumps. On a spade lead Kurka scored a simple 460. At Brink's table both 3NT and 4♥ were bypassed and Brink found himself in Five Diamonds where he faced the loss of a heart and two clubs. West found the safe lead of a trump. Brink drew trumps and then laid down the ace of hearts. Vozabal fatally followed with a small heart. Brink continued with a low heart and West found himself on play with the queen, endplayed to concede the game for a 2 IMP swing to the Czech Republic. If West has both heart honours there is no defence. But if the honours are split and West has 3 hearts declarer has to play ace, king and another heart. Had West unblocked the heart queen the defence have the upper hand. Declarer cannot set up a heart entry to dummy without allowing East into the lead for the killing club switch. The play still has interest, though. After West unblocks declarer now goes back to cashing trumps. Both defenders must keep three clubs to prevent declarer being able to make the game by exiting in clubs. (If West comes down to two clubs, declarer exits with the ten. If East has the doubleton club then declarer can exit with the king.) Netherlands won the match 17-13.

## New Laws

In the first article (see Monday June 16 bulletin) the main changes that were mentioned related to activities and right procedures by the players.

In this article we will describe other important changes in the laws.

A major change relates to insufficient bids. From now on an insufficient bid may be replaced by a call which describes hands that were also described by the insufficient bid. Also we retain the possibility to replace a natural insufficient bid by a natural bid in the same suit on the lowest legal level.

We need a couple of examples to make clear what is meant.

**1♠ - 1♥ overcall** If 1♥ was meant to show 4+ hearts and 2♥ in the system shows hearts as well the auction continues normally. Though X in most cases also shows hearts it normally doesn't promise 4 hearts by agreement and if 1♥ shows 5 or more cards in that suit even a guaranteed 4 card hearts with a double does not describe a hand included in the 1♥-bid.

**1♣-1♠-1♥** The TD finds out that the 1♥ was meant as a natural response to 1♣ without noticing the overcall of 1♠. If this pair uses a negative double showing a 4-card hearts suit that double allows the auction to be continued normally. The replacement by 2♥ is allowed if 2♥ is natural. This even makes it possible to make a distinction between a 4-card suit or a longer one.

It is important to understand that not only the suits shown have to be considered but also the strength when using the first criterion. In the second example the double shows at least the strength of the insufficient 1♥ answer.

Once in a while a bid doesn't show anything, which then means that if it is insufficient it may be replaced by any legal call.

**1NT-pass-2♥-3♣**

**2♠**

The TD finds out that the 1NT-opener did not see the 3♣ bid. If this pair has an automatic 2♠ answer to the 2♥ transfer any legal call as a replacement is permitted. For example 3♣, though it does not comply with the other criterion, the call of 2♠ not being natural.

The law has become more severe towards a player who tries to solve the irregularity himself, by a replacement call. If his LHO does not accept the insufficient bid the substitution (if legal) stands and the TD has to decide whether this bars partner or not.

Another major change concerns the penalty for a revoke. It becomes one trick unless the player won the trick in which he revoked (ruffed it when able to follow suit) on

which case the penalty remains 2 tricks (of course under the assumption that the revoking side won at least 2 tricks from the revoking trick onwards). This means that the TD more often than in the past has to adjust the score if a 1 trick penalty does not offer sufficient compensation for the damage created by the revoke.

NBO's get a wider opportunity to restrict the use of partnership understandings. They may create special understandings on the basis of opponents not being familiar with those and then forbid their use. They also may restrict the use of artificial psychic calls.

There is a normal protest time regarding TD's dealing with irregularities. But in case of a scoring error a regulation may allow the TD in cooperation with the tournament organizer to correct it even later.

From now on players should shuffle their hand before putting it back in the board. In a tournament like this there is no need to do so, since each physical board is only played once, but in other cases not shuffling creates useful information about the order in which the cards were played.

We have introduced a clarification period, the time between the final pass in the auction and the first lead being faced up. That is the time for the projected declarer and dummy to inform their opponents about wrong explanations given and both are allowed to consult their system card for it.

Once in a while it happens that a board can't be played through a fault by a player. When in a teams event the innocent side at the other table has already obtained a good score the TD may take that into account when deciding the adjusted score.

Appeal procedures may be varied in any way, which means that they may even be abandoned.

*Ton Kooijman*

## Recording

We have noticed that some countries do not record their matches in accordance with the conditions of contest (B3.3.9). As you all know the home team is required to record bidding and play in the open room while the visiting team does so in the closed room. The recording is done by the captain or an appointed designee. If a team has a captain playing we allow a player of the team sitting out to do the job.

Teams not complying with this regulation will be fined 2VP's and repeated violation will result in exclusion.

## DANS LA LUZERNE

La luzerne (ou plutôt le Trèfle) a été favorable aux Français lors de la séance d'hier matin au cours de leur méritoire victoire en face des Russes.

Seuls, dans les deux poules, ils ont appelé – gagné - 6 Trèfles (contrés qui plus est) sur la donne 16 puis 7 trèfles sur la 19. Le mérite en revient à Marc Bompis et Jean Christophe Quantin.

Donne 16. Dealer Ouest. E/O Vul.

♠ DV 8 5		♠ R 7 6 3
♥ A R 10 7 2		♥ 6 5 3
♦ A R 6		♦ V 10 7 5 4 3
♣ 10		♣ —
	♠ 9	
	♥ DV 9 8 4	
	♦ 2	
	♣ R DV 9 8 4	

Donne 19. Dealer Sud. E/O Vul.

♠ 6		♠ RV 9
♥ A D 7 5 3		♥ RV
♦ 10 7 3		♦ D 8 6 5 2
♣ R DV 3		♣ 10 8 4
♠ D 8 3 2		♠ A 10 7 5 4
♥ 9 8 6 4 2		♥ 10
♦ V 9 4		♦ A R
♣ 6		♣ A 9 7 5 2

Le Trèfle a failli autant leur sourire sur la donne 13 qui a vu leurs adversaires déclarer 3 SA en Nord Sud avec une teneur à Trèfle peut-être légèrement insuffisante, à savoir D10 en main en face d'un singleton au mort. Alain Lévy, en grand spécialiste, a produit l'entame du Valet de Trèfle dans As Valet 3. Sept levées de Trèfle étaient à prendre à l'entame, mais l'excellent Hervé Mouiel - et comme on le comprend - a pensé que l'entame provenait d'un doubleton et fourni petit pour ne pas livrer 3 levées (As Dame 10) au



déclarant dans la couleur. Pour la petite histoire, leurs équipiers gagnaient 4 piques sans coup férir dans l'autre salle.

Donne 13. Dealer Nord. Tous Vul.

♠ DV 5 2		♠ R 10
♥ V 8 7 5		♥ 2
♦ AV 9 7		♦ 6 4 3
♣ 5		♣ R 9 8 7 6 4 2
♠ 7 4 3		♠ A 9 8 6
♥ R 10 9 6 4 3		♥ A D
♦ 5		♦ R D 10 8 2
♣ AV 3		♣ D 10

## MAUVAISE DECISION

La mauvaise décision est un très doux euphémisme pour qualifier une erreur grossière commise par un champion.

## COURSE D'ATTENTE

La formation maltaise, qui, soit dit en passant respecte parfaitement la parité, puisque comprenant trois joueuses pour trois joueurs, a choisi comme tactique la course d'attente prolongée. A dire vrai, peut-être ne s'agit-il pas d'une tactique. L'autre hypothèse tient à la contrariété due à la perte d'une valise qui aurait contenu leur système d'enchères.

## OU L'ON REPARLE DU TREFLE

Sur les donnes 5 et 12 du 7ème tour, on pouvait être tenté, et certains ont succombé à cette tentation, d'appeler un chelem à Trèfle qui, à chaque fois, chutait sur une répartition perfide des atouts. Ce qui a permis à Philippe Cronier de déclarer malicieusement, lors de son commentaire au rama, que l'horoscope que chacun pouvait lire dans le journal du matin interdisait de nommer les chelems à Trèfle. Ce fut en tout cas vérifié jusqu'à la donne 12.

## PORTRAIT D'UN SPORTIF

Peut-on parler de hasard à propos de la carrière bridgesque du sympathique Patrick Bocken. Il se peut. D'une famille sportive, Patrick, par ailleurs très bon spécialiste du hockey et classé C 15/2 en tennis a commencé de jouer au bridge à l'âge de 24 ans (il en a 32 aujourd'hui). Il apprit un jour qu'en son club, le Léopold, un tournoi de débutants allait être organisé. Suivi de commentaires.

Jusque là, Patrick pratiquait le whist occasionnellement avec son père. Il s'inscrivit au tournoi qui, faute de combattants, n'eut jamais lieu. En revanche, il eut droit aux explications gratuites dispensées par Alain de Duve, le fils du



Prix Nobel de biologie.

Conquis, il dévora en 18 heures de rang un ouvrage consacré à la majeure cinquième, avant d'apprendre - tout à fait par hasard également, et ce, trois jours avant l'épreuve -, l'existence d'un championnat de Belgique juniors. Patrick a alors

remporté ce tournoi en face de Guillaume Smits.

Deux fois finaliste par la suite de la Division I, ce qui justifie sa présence à Pau, cet ingénieur électromécanicien, amateur de musique classique (il classe Beethoven un peu devant Mozart) est, précisons-le à l'intention des charmantes joueuses qui vont arriver dès aujourd'hui et que ce court portrait pourrait intéresser... célibataire.

### HOMONYMIE OU PRESQUE

Nos amis anglais comptent sur Tony Waterlow pour les mener à la qualification. Il est vrai que, ce que beaucoup de Français ignorent, son patronyme, à une lettre près; constitue un nom de... victoire.

### Sit-out exercise 2 - solution

Minimum strength for 3NT?

East-West can't be kept from nine tricks with the following layout:

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North can take spade A, K and his red aces, but the rest belongs to East-West.  
7 points! Did you find a solution with less?

### Sit-out exercise 3

Five Diamonds – time for a problem where no creative skill is needed.

West opens with Three Spades and leads the king of his suit against West's Five Diamonds. South follows with the jack. West wins the trick, and plays a trump to the ace. South discards a club.

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Best play? What are the chances to make?

### Humble Pie Corner

*P-O- Sundelin*

Yesterday we ran the 'impossible 3NT' solution with a 53-card diagram, which is of course standard in Sweden. However, purists may prefer to delete the superfluous spade four from the South hand!



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