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A Near Run Thing

Several thousand on line spectators and a packed VuGraph here in Pau watched the battle for ninth place in Group A unfold as **Turkey, Finland & England** engaged in a thrilling struggle. During the first half the teams repeatedly swapped places, but then Turkey drew clear, leaving the other two to fight it out. Finland held sway for a long time, but then two adverse slam swings saw them drop several victory points, leaving them tied with England, who advanced by virtue of having won their individual match.

In the Women's event **England** is setting a furious pace ahead of **Italy** and **Germany**.

Denmark is leading the way in the Seniors, chased by the low countries, **Belgium & the Netherlands**.

Jaime Ortiz-Patiño visits Pau



The President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation and Honorary Member of the European Bridge League Executive Committee **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** arrived in Pau late last night to attend part of the European Team Championships and participate in the EBL General Assembly and the EBL Executive meetings.

Jaime Ortiz-Patiño has played a major role in the formation of modern bridge. As EBL Treasurer (1974-83), he drew a plan that put EBL finances in order and the League on a financially sound ground.

As European delegate to the World Bridge Federation, he followed the world organization since its very first steps and was ready to launch his revolutionary policy when he became WBF President in 1976. During what was described as the '10 golden years' of bridge, he cleaned the game and introduced rules which secure that champions emerge at the table through legitimate methods only. Table screens, convention cards, systems and categories of tournaments, etc. were all became part of bridge's armory during his term in office. He was the one to institute that international events are 'by invitation only', which closed the door to suspicious players once and for all.

One of his very last decisions before retiring in 1986 was to institute the World Youth Team Championship, which has since become the flagship of the WBF's youth programme, and is still contested having the *Ortiz-Patiño Trophy* at stake every two years.

After concluding his bridge career, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño turned to golf where his contribution was no less important. However, his heart remained largely with bridge. Over the past 22 years, he has attended many of the EBL and WBF championships – most notably the world youth competitions of which he has missed very few!

The EBL welcomes Jaime Ortiz-Patiño to Pau most heartily. We thank the WBF President Emeritus for being with us on this occasion, and wish him to be well so that he can attend many of our future events.

EBL Ordinary General Assembly

The 2008 Ordinary Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held on Sunday morning at the Auditorium Lamartine, on the basement of Palais Beaumont, starting at 10 am.

All EBL member countries are strongly encouraged to be represented at the General Assembly, where important issues regarding the future of European bridge are raised, debated and decided.

We look forward to seeing all national delegates at the EBL General Assembly.

Panos Gerontopoulos - EBL Hon. Secretary

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 9 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SWEDEN	IRELAND
2	SPAIN	CROATIA
3	TURKEY	GERMANY
4	FRANCE	NORWAY
5	DENMARK	AUSTRIA
6	ISRAEL	ENGLAND
7	CZECH REP.	FINLAND
8	POLAND	BYE
9	ICELAND	ITALY
10	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS
11	LEBANON	HUNGARY
12	SCOTLAND	GREECE
13	PORTUGAL	WALES

ROUND 10 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	PORTUGAL	LEBANON
2	HUNGARY	RUSSIA
3	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND
4	ITALY	SCOTLAND
5	GREECE	CZECH REP.
6	FINLAND	ISRAEL
7	ENGLAND	DENMARK
8	SPAIN	BYE
9	NORWAY	TURKEY
10	WALES	IRELAND
11	CROATIA	SWEDEN
12	GERMANY	POLAND
13	AUSTRIA	FRANCE

ROUND 11 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	IRELAND	CROATIA
2	SPAIN	GERMANY
3	POLAND	NORWAY
4	TURKEY	AUSTRIA
5	FRANCE	ENGLAND
6	DENMARK	FINLAND
7	ISRAEL	GREECE
8	SWEDEN	BYE
9	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS
10	LEBANON	WALES
11	RUSSIA	PORTUGAL
12	ICELAND	HUNGARY
13	CZECH REP.	ITALY

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 3 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WALES	TURKEY
2	SPAIN	ENGLAND
3	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY
4	FRANCE	SWEDEN
5	FINLAND	ITALY
6	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS
7	AUSTRIA	IRELAND
8	GERMANY	ESTONIA
9	ISRAEL	BELGIUM
10	DENMARK	POLAND

ROUND 4 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ENGLAND	WALES
2	NORWAY	SPAIN
3	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND
4	ITALY	FRANCE
5	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND
6	IRELAND	SCOTLAND
7	ESTONIA	AUSTRIA
8	BELGIUM	GERMANY
9	POLAND	ISRAEL
10	DENMARK	TURKEY

ROUND 5 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WALES	NORWAY
2	SPAIN	SWEDEN
3	SWITZERLAND	ITALY
4	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
5	FINLAND	IRELAND
6	SCOTLAND	ESTONIA
7	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM
8	GERMANY	ISRAEL
9	ENGLAND	DENMARK
10	TURKEY	POLAND

Today's Schedule

- 10.00** EBL General Assembly
- 10.30** Open Teams FR., Round 1
Women Teams, Round 9 - Senior Teams, Round 3
- 14.15** Open Teams FR., Round 2
Women Teams, Round 10 - Senior Teams, Round 4
- 17.30** Women Teams, Round 11 - Senior Teams, Round 5

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	LITHUANIA	72 - 31	23 - 7
2	GREECE	LUXEMBOURG	22 - 25	14 - 16
3	SERBIA	NETHERLANDS	51 - 27	20 - 10
4	SPAIN	CZECH REP.	50 - 45	16 - 14
5	FINLAND	ICELAND	33 - 52	11 - 19
6	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	72 - 20	25 - 5
7	LATVIA	DENMARK	50 - 57	14 - 16
8	ITALY	CROATIA	58 - 35	20 - 10
9	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND	46 - 45	15 - 15
	MONACO	BYE		18 - 0

GROUP B

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	FRANCE	SAN MARINO	53 - 31	20 - 10
12	AUSTRIA	SLOVAKIA	46 - 25	19 - 11
13	ESTONIA	POLAND	24 - 47	10 - 20
14	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	44 - 45	15 - 15
15	IRELAND	GERMANY	42 - 68	10 - 20
16	BULGARIA	BELGIUM	62 - 18	24 - 6
17	MALTA	RUSSIA	36 - 79	6 - 24
18	SWEDEN	WALES	34 - 40	14 - 16
19	NORWAY	PORTUGAL	46 - 52	14 - 16
	BELARUS	BYE		18 - 0

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	SWEDEN	45 - 72	9 - 21
2	POLAND	IRELAND	33 - 29	16 - 14
3	TURKEY	CROATIA	19 - 54	8 - 22
4	DENMARK	GERMANY	32 - 53	11 - 19
5	ISRAEL	NORWAY	31 - 62	9 - 21
6	HUNGARY	WALES	45 - 48	14 - 16
7	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	19 - 51	8 - 22
8	FRANCE	BYE		18 - 0
9	RUSSIA	GREECE	65 - 18	24 - 6
10	LEBANON	ITALY	25 - 60	8 - 22
11	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS	24 - 61	7 - 23
12	CZECH REP.	AUSTRIA	54 - 23	21 - 9
13	ICELAND	FINLAND	39 - 78	7 - 23

ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL	71 - 68	16 - 14
2	NETHERLANDS	LEBANON	69 - 21	25 - 5
3	ITALY	RUSSIA	70 - 58	17 - 12
4	GREECE	ICELAND	46 - 42	16 - 14
5	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	63 - 49	18 - 12
6	ENGLAND	CZECH REP.	78 - 15	25 - 3
7	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	26 - 33	14 - 16
8	TURKEY	BYE		18 - 0
9	GERMANY	FRANCE	35 - 42	14 - 16
10	CROATIA	POLAND	15 - 35	11 - 19
11	IRELAND	SPAIN	32 - 53	11 - 19
12	NORWAY	DENMARK	25 - 66	7 - 23
13	WALES	SWEDEN	51 - 80	9 - 21

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	WALES	POLAND	25 - 41	11 - 19
2	SPAIN	DENMARK	17 - 79	2 - 25
3	SWITZERLAND	TURKEY	15 - 25	13 - 17
4	FRANCE	ENGLAND	39 - 50	13 - 17
5	FINLAND	NORWAY	13 - 48	7 - 23
6	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN	25 - 31	14 - 16
7	AUSTRIA	ITALY	38 - 41	14 - 16
8	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	19 - 49	8 - 22
9	ISRAEL	IRELAND	47 - 27	20 - 10
10	BELGIUM	ESTONIA	27 - 22	16 - 14

ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	WALES	60 - 31	22 - 8
2	TURKEY	SPAIN	24 - 52	8 - 22
3	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND	34 - 27	16 - 14
4	NORWAY	FRANCE	20 - 44	9 - 21
5	SWEDEN	FINLAND	29 - 35	14 - 16
6	ITALY	SCOTLAND	52 - 30	20 - 10
7	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	47 - 42	16 - 14
8	IRELAND	GERMANY	22 - 42	10 - 20
9	ESTONIA	ISRAEL	15 - 14	15 - 15
10	POLAND	BELGIUM	12 - 60	4 - 25

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 19 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	NETHERLANDS	341.00
2	ITALY	339.00
3	ICELAND	323.00
	LATVIA	323.00
5	ISRAEL	319.00
6	DENMARK	315.00
7	TURKEY	314.00
8	CZECH REP.	310.00
9	ENGLAND	301.00
	FINLAND	301.00
11	MONACO	283.00
12	GREECE	270.00
13	SWITZERLAND	262.00
14	SPAIN	254.00
15	LUXEMBOURG	253.00
16	CROATIA	252.00
17	SERBIA	245.00
18	LITHUANIA	218.00
	SCOTLAND	218.00

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 19 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	SWEDEN	376.00
2	RUSSIA	343.00
3	NORWAY	335.30
4	BULGARIA	335.00
5	GERMANY	329.00
6	FRANCE	319.00
7	POLAND	314.00
8	PORTUGAL	310.50
9	ESTONIA	290.00
10	BELARUS	276.50
11	IRELAND	274.70
12	AUSTRIA	272.00
13	BELGIUM	256.00
14	WALES	255.00
15	HUNGARY	251.00
16	SLOVAKIA	250.00
17	ROMANIA	245.00
18	SAN MARINO	239.00
19	MALTA	144.00

INTERNATIONAL MIND SPORTS GAMES - BEIJING VISAS

This year, due to the Olympic Games, the procedure to obtain the visas (even « Touristic » visas) are more complicated than for Shanghai last year.

To obtain the visa you will absolutely need an invitation letter from the Chinese organisers and some countries even require it in Chinese.

Each NBO has then to fill a form listing all the players and accompanying people and send it to Lilian Sun - sunchengmo82@yahoo.com.cn - before July 31st. She will then send you via mail the invitations to be produced to the local embassies to obtain the visas.

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 8 rounds

*subject to official confirmation***SENIOR TEAMS RANKING**

after 2 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ENGLAND	166.00
2	ITALY	151.00
3	GERMANY	146.00
4	SWEDEN	145.00
5	NETHERLANDS	140.00
6	NORWAY	137.00
7	FRANCE	136.00
8	POLAND	133.00
9	ISRAEL	127.00
10	CZECH REP.	124.50
11	HUNGARY	124.00
	SPAIN	124.00
13	CROATIA	123.00
	ICELAND	123.00
15	FINLAND	122.00
16	DENMARK	119.00
17	RUSSIA	113.00
	SCOTLAND	113.00
19	TURKEY	110.00
20	PORTUGAL	98.00
21	GREECE	91.00
22	LEBANON	90.00
23	WALES	87.00
24	IRELAND	82.50
25	AUSTRIA	76.00

1	DENMARK	47.00
2	BELGIUM	41.00
3	NETHERLANDS	38.00
4	ITALY	36.00
5	ISRAEL	35.00
6	FRANCE	34.00
7	ENGLAND	33.00
8	NORWAY	32.00
9	SWEDEN	30.00
10	ESTONIA	29.00
11	AUSTRIA	28.00
	GERMANY	28.00
13	SWITZERLAND	27.00
14	TURKEY	25.00
15	SCOTLAND	24.00
16	FINLAND	23.00
	POLAND	23.00
	SPAIN	23.00
19	IRELAND	20.00
20	WALES	19.00

Perfect Bridge Partner(s)

The Croatian Women have nominated their Danish opponents (and Captain) from Round 5 of the Women's Series for their sporting behaviour. Once we have established who was playing they will collect a PBP award.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 1 - 22 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	DENMARK
2	ITALY	POLAND
3	LATVIA	RUSSIA
4	BULGARIA	PORTUGAL
5	ESTONIA	ENGLAND
6	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
7	ICELAND	GERMANY
8	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.
9	SWEDEN	TURKEY

ROUND 5 - 23 JUNE 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	USSIA
2	POLAND	PORTUGAL
3	DENMARK	ENGLAND
4	ITALY	NORWAY
5	LATVIA	GERMANY
6	BULGARIA	CZECH REP.
7	ESTONIA	TURKEY
8	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
9	ICELAND	ISRAEL

ROUND 2 - 22 JUNE 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	GERMANY
2	NORWAY	CZECH REP.
3	ENGLAND	TURKEY
4	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN
5	RUSSIA	ISRAEL
6	POLAND	ICELAND
7	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS
8	ITALY	ESTONIA
9	LATVIA	BULGARIA

ROUND 6 - 24 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ESTONIA
2	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA
3	ICELAND	LATVIA
4	ISRAEL	ITALY
5	SWEDEN	DENMARK
6	TURKEY	POLAND
7	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA
8	GERMANY	PORTUGAL
9	NORWAY	ENGLAND

ROUND 3 - 23 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
2	ESTONIA	ICELAND
3	BULGARIA	ISRAEL
4	LATVIA	SWEDEN
5	ITALY	TURKEY
6	DENMARK	CZECH REP.
7	POLAND	GERMANY
8	RUSSIA	NORWAY
9	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL

ROUND 7 - 24 JUNE 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ENGLAND
2	PORTUGAL	NORWAY
3	RUSSIA	GERMANY
4	POLAND	CZECH REP.
5	DENMARK	TURKEY
6	ITALY	SWEDEN
7	LATVIA	ISRAEL
8	BULGARIA	ICELAND
9	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS

ROUND 4 - 23 JUNE 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NORWAY	FRANCE
2	GERMANY	ENGLAND
3	CZECH REP.	PORTUGAL
4	TURKEY	RUSSIA
5	SWEDEN	POLAND
6	ISRAEL	DENMARK
7	ICELAND	ITALY
8	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA
9	ESTONIA	BULGARIA

ROUND 8 - 25 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	TURKEY
2	CZECH REP.	SWEDEN
3	GERMANY	ISRAEL
4	NORWAY	ICELAND
5	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
6	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA
7	RUSSIA	BULGARIA
8	POLAND	LATVIA
9	DENMARK	ITALY

ROUND 9 - 25 JUNE 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ISRAEL
2	SWEDEN	ICELAND
3	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
4	CZECH REP.	ESTONIA
5	GERMANY	BULGARIA
6	NORWAY	LATVIA
7	ENGLAND	ITALY
8	PORTUGAL	DENMARK
9	RUSSIA	POLAND

ROUND 14 - 27 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	POLAND	FRANCE
2	RUSSIA	DENMARK
3	PORTUGAL	ITALY
4	ENGLAND	LATVIA
5	NORWAY	BULGARIA
6	GERMANY	ESTONIA
7	CZECH REP.	NETHERLANDS
8	TURKEY	ICELAND
9	ISRAEL	SWEDEN

ROUND 10 - 25 JUNE 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	CZECH REP.	FRANCE
2	TURKEY	GERMANY
3	SWEDEN	NORWAY
4	ISRAEL	ENGLAND
5	ICELAND	PORTUGAL
6	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA
7	ESTONIA	POLAND
8	BULGARIA	DENMARK
9	LATVIA	ITALY

ROUND 15 - 27 JUNE 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	LATVIA
2	BULGARIA	ITALY
3	ESTONIA	DENMARK
4	NETHERLANDS	POLAND
5	ICELAND	RUSSIA
6	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL
7	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
8	TURKEY	NORWAY
9	CZECH REP.	GERMANY

ROUND 11 - 26 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	PORTUGAL	FRANCE
2	ENGLAND	RUSSIA
3	NORWAY	POLAND
4	GERMANY	DENMARK
5	CZECH REP.	ITALY
6	TURKEY	LATVIA
7	SWEDEN	BULGARIA
8	ISRAEL	ESTONIA
9	ICELAND	NETHERLANDS

ROUND 16 - 27 JUNE 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	FRANCE
2	DENMARK	LATVIA
3	POLAND	BULGARIA
4	RUSSIA	ESTONIA
5	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS
6	ENGLAND	ICELAND
7	NORWAY	ISRAEL
8	GERMANY	SWEDEN
9	TURKEY	CZECH REP.

ROUND 12 - 26 JUNE 14.15

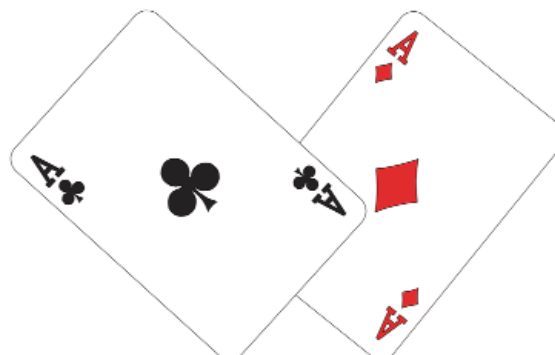
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SWEDEN	FRANCE
2	ISRAEL	TURKEY
3	ICELAND	CZECH REP.
4	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY
5	ESTONIA	NORWAY
6	BULGARIA	ENGLAND
7	LATVIA	PORTUGAL
8	ITALY	RUSSIA
9	DENMARK	POLAND

ROUND 17 - 28 JUNE 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ICELAND
2	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS
3	SWEDEN	ESTONIA
4	TURKEY	BULGARIA
5	CZECH REP.	LATVIA
6	GERMANY	ITALY
7	NORWAY	DENMARK
8	ENGLAND	POLAND
9	PORTUGAL	RUSSIA

ROUND 13 - 26 JUNE 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	BULGARIA	FRANCE
2	LATVIA	ESTONIA
3	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
4	DENMARK	ICELAND
5	POLAND	ISRAEL
6	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
7	PORTUGAL	TURKEY
8	ENGLAND	CZECH REP.
9	GERMANY	NORWAY



WOMEN TEAMS

Round 3

Denmark v Sweden

by Peter Ventura

At this early stage in the Women series it is was important for two of the medal candidates, Denmark and Sweden, to perform well and not lose ground.

With one former Norwegian (Katrine Bertheau) two Danes and one Swede in the Open Room this was a truly Scandinavian battle.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Binderkrantz</i>
1♥	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirstan</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Klemmensen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
4♥	All Pass		

In Five Diamonds declarer had three obvious losers, so went one off for -100.

Norway faced Germany on vugraph and here the Norwegian declarer got a heart lead in Five Diamonds. West won the jack and tried to take another heart trick, but declarer ruffed and played trumps to East. On the club switch the German pair erred in the defence. When declarer ran an avalanche of diamonds, West didn't help her much as she threw hearts. East held her spades, throwing away the clubs. A club jack discard would have helped East to read the position correctly.

Kirstan created a swing here when she a bit boldly opened Four Hearts, but one can't argue success as the game was made. In theory Four Hearts can be beaten if the defence plays three rounds of clubs, which forces West to ruff with the trump jack, but in practice it is very difficult to lead the king of clubs. However, Sarah Teshome of England indeed found the club king lead. Unfortunately for her, the Portuguese declarer was playing in Three Hearts...

In the Open series Ulf Nilsson of Sweden and Paul Hackett of England also found the killing lead, beating Four Hearts at their tables.

In the match between Monaco and Scotland the king of clubs was led at both tables, but here both declarers were doomed from the beginning, as the contract was Five Hearts...

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Binderkrantz</i>
1♦*	1♥	1♣*	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Declarer quickly went two off after a club lead from Bekkouche; N/S -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirstan</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Klemmensen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
2♦	Dble	1♦	1♠
3♦	Pass	Rdbl	2♠
3NT	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass
5♦	All Pass	4♥*	Pass

Five diamonds is a far better contract than the no-trump game that was reached at the other table. With the ace of hearts in North's hand declarer was able to pitch a spade from dummy. If South has the heart ace, declarer must rely on a spade finesse to make her contract. Denmark +600 and that was 13 IMPs to them.

In the vugraph match this was the auction in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
1♦	1♥	1♣	Pass
3♦	3♥	2♦	2♥
		3NT	All Pass

Brogeland led the four of hearts and Lindqvist put up the ace. Only a club switch will now defeat the game, and when Lindqvist indeed found that switch declarer went two light. Very well done by the young Norwegian.

We had come half way through the match and Denmark was leading by 22 to 16 at this point.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Binderkrantz</i>
1♣*	Dble	1♦*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	2♣
4♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♣
5♦	All Pass		Pass



Emma Sjoberg, Sweden

West opened a Precision Club and East limited her hand to a maximum of the 7 HCP's. Bidding Four Spades over North's second double would have helped West a lot, and likely have led to the contract of Six Diamonds for East/West. An overtrick was made, thus 420 to Sweden.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirstan</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Klemmensen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Dble	Pass	3♠	3♣
6♦	All Pass		Pass

Here Kirstan was left to her own devices, and she made the correct choice by directly bidding to the small slam. Well done, Denmark 920, and that was a worthy 11 IMPs for them. Here the Danes in the Closed Room were on thin ice.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Binderkrantz</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♦

Declarer took eight tricks in Two Hearts for +110. Not so exciting compared to the fireworks we saw at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirstan</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Klemmensen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
2♠*	3♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
4♠	Dble	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Two Spades showed five spades and at least a four card minor suit, 4-10 HCP's. Midskog judged well to pass partner's double over Four Clubs but why on earth did East try to escape? South smelled blood and must have come close to running out of red cards before the Danish bidding stopped.

The Swedes defended well. South led the five of hearts to North's ace and Midskog accurately switched to a diamond. Declarer played low, so South won the ten and then could give partner a diamond ruff. South had to win two trump tricks and that was three down, N/S +500, Sweden scoring 9 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Both tables easily reached Six Spades – perfectly naturally after a club pre-empt by South and a spade overcall by West. That leaves us with the question: How to avoid bidding slam?

Over South's pre-empt it is obvious that you as West bid some number of spades. East must then be extremely conservative not to make an attempt for slam.

However, no swing here and with only 1 IMP exchanged on the final board, which left us the score Denmark 37, Sweden 33, 16-14 VPs.

It's not enough to bid well...

When England played Turkey the deal revolved around two battles; could N/S bid to the right contract, and could declarer bring home his contract once he was there?

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

The Turkish declarer managed to avoid the trap of playing 3NT – as you can see, the lead of either red-suit puts declarer in deep trouble. Instead Atabey declared 5♣ on a heart lead. How do you rate declarer's chances? Pretty good, I'd say. You win the lead, cross to a trump, and give up a spade to the ace. Back comes a heart, and you win the diamond ace, draw another trump, then have to view the spades. Playing East for jack tripleton sees you home.

At the table, Justin Hackett was sitting West, and at trick three he ducked his ♠A! Now declarer played a spade back to the jack, and after winning the ♦A and drawing trumps he had reached this position:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 10 9		
	♥ None		
	♦ 8		
	♣ J 4		
♠ A	N	♠ 6	
♥ Q 7 5	W	♥ J	
♦ 7 5	E	♦ K J 9 6	
♣ None	S	♣	
		♠ None	
		♥ 6	
		♦ 10 4	
		♣ K 10 5	

Declarer needs to guess spades on his next play, and since the ♠A was 'marked' on his right he passed the ♠Q with confidence; he will know better next time! Down two.

Sunday 22nd - 10.30		
3	Latvia - Russia	RAMA
1	France - Denmark	BBO 1
2	Italy - Poland	BBO 2
7	Iceland - Germany	BBO 3
6	Netherlands - Norway	BBO 4
25	France - Norway (W)	BBO 6
10	Denmark - Poland (S)	SWAN
Sunday 22nd - 14.15		
8	Italy - Estonia	RAMA
1	France - Germany	BBO 1
2	Norway - Czech Republic	BBO 2
5	Russia - Israel	BBO 3
14	Italy - France (S)	BBO 4
28	Austria - France (W)	BBO 6
7	Denmark - Netherlands	SWAN
Sunday 22nd - 14.15		
19	England - Denmark (S)	RAMA
14	France - Netherlands (S)	BBO 1
29	Czech Republic - Italy (W)	BBO 5
26	France - England (W)	BBO 6
12	Spain - Sweden (S)	SWAN

I claimed it on a double squeeze

by Herman De Wael

Tom Cornelis and Alon Amsel have been on Belgian junior and university teams for several years, but never together. They formed a very successful partnership two years ago, which earned them a transfer to the perennial national team champions, Orée Brussels. This year they won their first national team title, and added the Butler title for good measure.

Yesterday morning, Tom was quite ill, and Belgium was allowed to change their line-up. Our youngsters were not scheduled to play the second match, but Tom did turn up for the third one. He was still very pale, but insisted on playing. After making 3NT redoubled on board two (off six heart tricks), some colour returned to his cheeks.

The very next board allowed them to show off the intricacies of their system.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Tom	North Zhukov	East Alon	South Zhuravel
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

1♣ was strong, 1♥ showed several possibilities, including 5+ points with spades. The next two were relays, with East showing 5-7 and 5 spades. The enormous "jump" to 3♣ was an asking bid in clubs, and 4♦ was the strongest possible response, 2 key-cards in a fitted hand (from 2 cards). Since this meant the ♠J was not on board (maximum 7 points, remember?), Tom chose the safer slam in clubs.

Tom clearly showed he was back in form by proceeding to make this contract: The heart lead went to king and ace, and Tom took the spade finesse after crossing to the ♣K. Running the clubs (spades from dummy) produced this ending:

♠ A 7 ♥ Q ♦ K 10 ♣ 7	♠ J ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ —	♠ 10 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ —	♠ K 9 ♥ 3 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ —
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On the last club, the ♠10 is discarded from dummy and both defenders are squeezed. When both chose to let go of a diamond, the ♦3 made the thirteenth trick. It should have been the 7.

The new laws prevent declarers from claiming on a double squeeze, but maybe a Belgian should be allowed to do it after all.



OPEN TEAMS

Round 17

England v Denmark

by Jos Jacobs

In Friday afternoon's round, two of the contenders for the 9th berth in Group A were scheduled to meet in a head-to-head match: England v. Denmark. At the start of the round, England were lying 10th, 8VP behind Denmark who were 8th at that point. So a big victory would be very useful to either team whereas any close result would tend to favour Denmark.

The NT views adopted by each EW pair led to a swing on the very first board:

Board: 1. Dealer North/None vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ J 7 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 9 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ K Q ♣ A Q 8 5 3	♠ 8 6 5 3 2 ♥ K 9 6 4 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 9 4
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ A K J ♥ Q 8 ♦ A J 10 7 4 3 ♣ K 6											

Open Room

West <i>Hansen</i>	North <i>Hackett</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Waterlow</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

After South's diamond overcalls, North's majors never came into the picture. On a club lead, South no doubt made ten tricks, though the official scorecard wants us to believe in 11.

Maybe something happened. Anyway, England +150.

In the other room, East elected to open INT (weak), so South could double:

Closed Room

West <i>Justin</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Jason</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
	Pass	INT	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The lucky diamond break made even the overtrick very easy for declarer. Denmark +450, a gain of 8 IMPs and just about the start they wanted.

Two boards later, we saw the other side of the coin.

Board: 3. Dealer South/EW vul.

♠ J 8 4 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ 10 8 6 5 2 ♣ A 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ 10 7 ♥ A K Q 4 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ J 6 4 2	♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ K Q 10
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 8 7 5 3											

Open Room

West <i>Hansen</i>	North <i>Hackett</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Waterlow</i>
			1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

This time, the English NS pair could open 1♠, 3NT of course showing a balanced raise.

The nice black suit breaks made 10 tricks easy. England +420.



Paul Hackett, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Askgaard	Jason	Bjarnarson
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

When South passed as dealer and passed again when partner opened a weak NT, the Danes had missed a game. Denmark +90 but 8 IMPs to England.

Another two boards later, England struck even more heavily:

Board: 5. Dealer North/NS vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hansen	Hackett	Bilde	Waterlow
2♠	1♥	Dble	Redble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass		Pass	

This contract can always be made, provided declarer plays trumps from the top instead of trying to finesse twice. England +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Askgaard	Jason	Bjarnarson
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦
All Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

2♦ showed a good heart raise with three trumps.

On a spade lead, East cashed his two tops and exited with the ♣10. Declarer won the ace and next ran the ♥10. East won the queen and gave his brother a club ruff...

England another +100 and 12 more IMPs to lead 20-10.

On the next board, Denmark missed a very good chance:

Board: 6. Dealer East/EW vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hansen	Hackett	Bilde	Waterlow
2♦	3♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	5♥	All Pass	5♣

Worldwide, the kibitzers did not believe that this contract went undoubled, but apparently, this really was what had (not) happened. Three down, Denmark +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Askgaard	Jason	Bjarnarson
INT	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	4♣
		All Pass	All Pass



Tony Waterlow, England

Once Justin overcalled INT rather than 2♦, Jason was in a perfect position to see what was really going on. England +300 and 4 IMPs to them where they might easily have lost 5 IMPs.

The score now stood at 24-10 to England. Thirteen boards later, it had reached 32-24 (17-13 in V.P.), though only two boards had been flat...

This was the last board:

Board: 20. Dealer West/All vul.

♠ Q 10 9 2 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ 6 4 ♣ J 10 8 4	♠ 3 ♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ A K J 9 7 ♣ Q 7 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K J 8 7 4 ♥ K J 9 ♦ Q 10 8 2 ♣ A	♠ A 6 5 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 9 6 5 3	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Waterlow</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

Hackett did not open the North hand, vulnerable in 2nd position. Most of us would agree with him, I feel, but when partner rebid diamonds he had a problem. When South downgraded his kings and jacks, an interesting game contract had been missed. It would need a low heart lead by West to set it; only after this start can East afford to rise with the ♠A and return a heart. Not confronted with this problem, declarer settled for a quiet +130 to England.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Justin</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

When Askgaard elected to open the North hand, he had committed his side to the diamond game. As NS had both been bidding hearts, at least semi-naturally, leading this suit was out of the question for Jason and he put a low club on to the table. Declarer won, crossed in trumps and led a spade to the jack and queen. A trump came back and declarer next led a heart to the jack which held. When the ♠A came down in two ruffs, he was able to shed two losing hearts on the spades for a fully deserved +600. Denmark +10 IMPs and a winning draw (34-32) in this very im-

Many a Michal makes a muckle

The old Scottish proverb is that many a mickle makes a muckle but since declarer here in 2♥ was Michal Kopecky, maybe we should have put in a bad pun about kopecks. No matter: here is Michal in 2♥. In the other room 2♠ by his team-mates had gone down a trick (and yes, the contract might have been made) so there were only a handful of imps riding on the success or failure of his contract. But one must take one's chances where one can.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 3 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ K Q 10 5	♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 8 4 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 7 4 ♥ A Q J 7 2 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ A J 6	♠ Q J 10 6 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ 9 7 2	
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Kopecky opened a forcing 1♥ a la Fantoni-Nunes and declared 2♥. The defenders gave him a sporting chance by cashing a top spade and a top club then leading another top spade and a spade to the queen, ruffed.

The simple line of playing on diamonds early fails, if West can resist putting up the ♦Q when declarer leads low from hand. Equally, running the trumps fails if West has neither diamond honour.

Kopecky instead drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and ruffed a spade with the ♥Q. This was the ending as West had to find a discard:

♠ None ♥ 9 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ Q 10 5	♠ 9 ♥ K ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 8 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ None ♥ A Q ♦ A 3 2 ♣ A J	♠ Q ♥ None ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ 9 7	
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Pitching a trump would let declarer play ace and another club and read the diamond position to make his game. West therefore discarded a club. Declarer led a diamond to the jack and king; East would have done best to return a diamond, (giving declarer a losing option) but he actually played a club. Declarer rose with the ace, drew the last trump, and exited with a club to collect two diamond tricks at the death.

Moysian fun

by Jos Jacobs



Here is a funny hand from the Portugal-Germany match. It was the last board in round 13. To save the board, Germany had to do well in the Open Room, their Closed Room pair having gone down one in a diamond contract.

Board: 20. Dealer West/All vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ A K 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</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		<p>♠ J 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ J 9 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ K J 10 9 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ Q 7</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠(!?)	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

After the 1♦ overcall, East is in an awkward position. Of course, he can politely raise the ambiguous club opening, but if partner happens to hold 4-4 in the majors (not at all impossible), a spade contract might be playable. Such a contract, however, can only be used by introducing the suit right now. I don't think he felt too happy when the tray came back with a spade raise, but South also passed and led a diamond to dummy's king and North's ace. North, not knowing he was defending a 3-4 fit, shifted to the ♥Q, South overtaking with the king and continuing the jack. Declarer won, cashed the ♣AK before South could discard any of his clubs and exited with a diamond to North. South ruffed his partner's club return but had no good card to play next. When he chose a heart, declarer ruffed this in hand, ruffed a diamond and led dummy's last heart. North went in with the ♠K but he had no good card to play either. Declarer could play his ♠J to any return by North, enabling him to capture the ♠Q and land his contract no matter what South would do.

Sitout 6- Solution

I am told that this is trivial to a rubber bridge player. John's wife Lisa came home late as usual and showed a summary from her bridge evening. It convinced John that his suspicions about her were justified so he filed for divorce. Why?

Lisa	+4550
Dorothy	-2050
Janet	-3000
Anne	+500

John knew that Lisa was lying about her evening.

To simplify, divide the scores by ten.

Each rubber will then result in two players winning either an even number or an odd number, and the other two losing the same.

After the first rubber all four will then have an even score – or all four will have an odd score.

The next rubber will again give all four an odd number or all four an even number (plus or minus). This means that all four after the second rubber will have an even score – or four have an odd score. And so it continues.

Thus the scores shown by Lisa (+455, -205, -300, +50), two odd and two even numbers can not be true.

Lisa lied.

Sitout exercise 7

<p>♠ A ♥ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</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		<p>♠ 4 3 2 ♥ 3 2 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ 9 8 4</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 5 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ A K Q 5</p>
	N											
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<p>♠ K Q J 10 9 8 ♥ — ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ J 10 7 6</p>												

West plays Three Notrumps, doubled by North. Should he have? Is or was there a way to beat it?

North began with the heart king, continued with the spade ace, and exited with the diamond eight.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 12

**Sweden v France...
or the match of the missed games**

by Peter Ventura

The Swedes bid game, the French did not. The game was made.

The Swedes bid another game, the French did not find that one either. The game was made.

And so it continued.

This match was not la vie en rose for les Bleus.

We could stop the report from the match between Sweden and France from Round 12 here, since this was pretty much what happened in the match – but of course you will be wanting slightly more detailed information from us.

You are certainly aware of the feeling, when your opponents seem to do the right thing on every board. In the match between Sweden and France, the French must have felt exactly like that. In the beginning it was one-way traffic, since Sweden bid almost every game, France did not, and every game was made. When France bid game, Sweden successfully stopped in partscore. We had the young pair of Per-Ola Cullin/Johan Upmark facing the almost seniors of Alain Levy/Henri Mouiel in the Open Room. The young Swedish pair was far more successful in the bidding.

France scored 4 IMPs on Board 1 and that was pretty much all that France was going to manage for the entire match. As a matter of fact, they only scored 1 IMP more on the whole set of remaining 19 boards!

Sweden, on the other hand, found the fine bidding tune all along. Here follow some examples. However, on the following board game was bid at both tables.



Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

One diamond showed a limited hand and One Heart was natural with hearts or 20+ with any distribution.

In Four Hearts it seems natural to take as many spade ruffs as you are allowed and if the defence draw two rounds of trumps you can hope for the club suit to behave. Mouiel led a low trump, but declarer was never threatened as he could take two spade ruffs and with the clubs 3-3 there were no risk of a club ruff; N/S +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The French declarer chose a different line here. East led a top diamond, and then switched to a club, which was won by declarer in hand. The king of hearts held the next trick, and then declarer cashed the ace of spades, cross-ruffed a spade, a diamond and another spade. The next move was to run the diamond eight, with a spade discard. East won the ace and returned a club. Dummy's ace won the trick and when declarer now asked for a diamond, and discarded a winning club from hand, East could ruff low –

and he had to win another trick with the trump ace. Instead of playing a diamond at trick nine, a club to the queen would have worked, as it gives an entry to draw trumps from hand.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ A K Q J	♠ A K Q J
♥ K Q 8 4	♥ K Q 8 4
♦ Q 10 6 3	♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ Q	♣ Q

Open Room

West Levy	North Upmark	East Mouiel	South Cullin
1♥	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West Wrang	North Multon	East Nilsson	South Zimmermann
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠*	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

After a Precision Club opening Nilsson showed 0-8 HCP's, while Wrang's One Spade was artificial with at least five cards in a major suit.

With East as declarer South can lead a spade to defeat the game, but with West as declarer the spade suit is protected and declarer can set up the diamonds for the tenth trick; ten tricks at both tables but 6 IMPs to Sweden.

The same old story here:

Open Room

West Levy	North Upmark	East Mouiel	South Cullin
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West Wrang	North Multon	East Nilsson	South Zimmermann
All Pass		2♥	2NT

In the Closed Room Zimmermann had an easy road to nine tricks when the defence started with a heart to the ace and returned a diamond; N/S +150.

Against Four Spades West led the ace of diamonds, and then switched to a club. Declarer won the ace and played a heart up. If Mouiel would have played low, it might have caused declarer some problems, but when he hopped up with the ace there was a quite comfortable way to ten tricks. However, as the cards lie there is no defence to defeat the game if declarer handles them correctly.

On our next exhibit France missed game once again, when both players in the French East/West pair were conservative in the bidding.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

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

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	



Frederic Wrang, Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Upmark	Mouiel	Cullin
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	2NT*	4♠
All Pass			

After North's spade bid South's hand improved, and perhaps Mouiel's intervention helped North/South a little too.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Multon	Nilsson	Zimmermann
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2NT*	3♥
All Pass			

When Nilsson reopened the French got a second chance to reach game.

The crucial thing for a major suit game to make is that the spade suit should behave, and when it indeed did Sweden scored another 6 IMPs.

On the next deal, again the Swedes ended up in a better contract than the French.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Upmark	Mouiel	Cullin
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥		INT	All Pass

Cullin accurately found the lead the nine of spade and due to a losing club finesse, declarer went two light; N/S -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Multon	Nilsson	Zimmermann
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♣	All Pass

Three Clubs was a much better contract. North led a spade to the queen and the heart switch went to the jack and king. Declarer cashed the ace of spades, and then ran the heart eight to North's ace. The defence had to win a diamond trick but declarer played the trumps from the top, so Sweden 130 and that was 8 IMPs.

Now the French had to do something, trying to stop the IMPs running away. Why not bid game? But this time the Swedes stopped in time.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Upmark	Mouiel	Cullin
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Levy didn't want to pass holding an unbalanced four-count hand. Without any action from North/South, Mouiel took a shot at game.

South led a spade to the nine and ace. South ducked a diamond and won the second, and then played a spade to partner's king. The spade continuation was ruffed by declarer and since dummy only had one entry, which was needed to reach the winning diamonds, he played the trump ace and another, but North had two trump tricks. That was one down and -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Multon	Nilsson	Zimmermann
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
Pass	INT	3♥	All Pass

Three Hearts was just made, thus -140 and 4 IMPs to Sweden.

Les Bleus had the opportunity to strike back here.

Unvegetable, that's what you are....

Mr Horton's contribution to the vegetable players was that Pasternak is Russian for Parsnip. Also supplied by Simon Cocheme.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Upmark	Mouiel	Cullin
Pass	1♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	Dble
All Pass			4♥

Red against green – and a passed partner – invited Mouiel to act over the strong club opening with J-10-8-6-2 in spades. Pass followed by Four Diamonds by Upmark was likely to be “two places to play” – especially when partner had passed at his second turn. Over Four Hearts Upmark had an awkward decision without a cue in the spade suit. When he passed, the Swedes were three levels too low. N/S +710.

Would that be 17 IMPs back to France?



Pierre Zimmermann, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Multon	Nilsson	Zimmermann
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♣	3♣	5♣	1♥
Pass	5♥	All Pass	Dble

We saw even better preemptive bidding in the Closed Room, where the Swedes took away RKC from their opponents. Multon was afraid the two black aces would be missing, thus he made the slightly cowardly decision to pass over Five Hearts. N/S +710, but no swing, and a missed opportunity for France.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Upmark	Mouiel	Cullin
Pass	3♠	3NT	1♦
4NT	All Pass		4♠

Bidding over Three No Trumps was a bad decision by Cullin as there were only eight tricks and Four Spades has no play. Levy became the Swedish saviour when he upped the stakes. Declarer emerged with nine tricks; N/S +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Multon	Nilsson	Zimmermann
Pass	4♠	All Pass	INT

Nilsson did not want to jeopardize anything by bidding over Four Spades, thus he quietly passed. The French game was doomed, and the question was how many tricks Mul-ton would collect. Mul-ton won the diamond lead in dummy, ruffed a diamond and then played a trump to the eight, which held the trick. Another diamond was ruffed, and then declarer crossed to dummy with the trump ace and eliminated the diamond suit by ruffing in hand. Mul-ton exited with a club and the defence had to open the heart suit for only two losers for declarer. Well done, nonetheless N/S +50 and another 4 IMPs to Sweden.

The result of the match became 50-5 in Sweden's favour, 24-6 when converted to VP's. Sweden hereby confirmed their advantage in Group B.

AU SPRINT

L'attention de tous se focalisait hier sur la conquête de la fameuse 9^{ème} place qualificative du groupe A en Open. Le sprint étant une spécialité anglaise dans les sports athlétiques, ce ne fut pas une surprise que de voir les sujets de Sa Majesté coiffer les méritants Finlandais, ce, à la faveur du résultat direct entre les deux équipes classées ex aequo avec 301 points.

PLACE AUX VIEUX

La formulation est inhabituelle et le terme un peu irrespectueux. Peut-être eût-il mieux valu parler des grisons, expression quelque peu passée de mode, mais qui aurait convenu aux seniors suisses si ceux-ci, plutôt que de représenter la province des Grisons, n'avaient été aux deux tiers bâlois et au tiers fribourgeois.

UN LANGUEDOCIEN

Il connaît les bridgeurs écossais depuis pas loin de cinquante ans, même s'il est établi désormais du côté de Montpellier. Il a été sélectionné comme captain... non playing, malgré son excellent niveau. Nous voulons parler de William Whyte.

COURSE D'OBSTACLES

Il est des paires qui, disputant le Trophée de l'Euro, se sont trouvées être en difficulté sur certaines donnes. Il faut dire que l'hippodrome du Pont Long, où se dispute ce tournoi par paires, comporte un parcours de steeple-chase.

QU'IMPORTE LE SYSTEME

Nous ne citerons pas la paire pour laquelle, dans l'épreuve féminine, sa fédération avait envoyé un système erroné. Ses adversaires qui s'y étaient préparées, ont exigé l'application de la méthode étudiée, au grand désarroi de nos amies : « Nous voudrions bien le jouer, mais nous ne connaissons pas du tout ce système : c'est une erreur de notre fédération !!! ». Tout s'est bien terminé, sauf pour la nation fautive (??) défaite 25 à 3.

TRES GENERALEMENT

Le responsable du sponsoring de la Société Générale, tout au moins pour le golf et le bridge, est parmi nous. Le golf étant, pour ceux qui l'ignorent, « Cette activité vouée à l'échec dans laquelle il s'agit d'envoyer une balle incontrôlable dans un trou inaccessible au moyen d'instruments inadaptés. » Citation de W. Churchill.

Georges Kauffmann, ancien tennisman de bon niveau (il fut classé en seconde série à Draguignan, Coëtquidan et Strasbourg) considère ce rôle comme un aboutissement



Georges Kauffmann et les « espoirs du bridge » Société Générale.

car, passionné de sport, il travaille depuis plusieurs années dans la communication.

Sans jouer encore, mais il s'est engagé à y venir, Georges, qui apprécie le pouvoir d'abstraction de nos champions et admire leurs têtes « hyper bien faites », garde un œil sur toutes les épreuves ici disputées, allant de l'Open aux cadets, patronnées par la Société Générale.

Il aime à dire que, récemment encore, placé à côté de Jean-Paul Meyer en réunion, il a commis la gaffe de lui demander s'il était bridgeur; celui-ci lui répondit alors par l'affirmative, mais avec une humilité remarquée.

DEUX ATHLETES

Deux visiteurs de marque au Palais, au gabarit de deuxième ligne de rugby, tous deux en la personne de Jean-Philippe Daublain, tout fraîchement élu président du comité du Lyonnais et Pierre Kupelian, directeur d'un Festival du Soleil à Avignon.

REGROUPEMENT FAMILIAL

Cousins un peu éloignés, ils ne se virent qu'une fois. Le Championnat d'Europe va permettre un rapprochement entre Rodolphe Lébely, le virtuose de BBO sympathiquement connu en Adour, et Norbert, le célèbre « plumitif » attendu demain à Pau.





LANE

Concentration, mémoire, anticipation sont nécessaires pour faire les enchères, mais la vision du jeu c'est aussi de l'expérience. Grâce à son réseau d'agences, Société Générale favorise depuis plus de 25 ans la pratique du bridge en France et contribue notamment à son développement en milieu scolaire et universitaire ■ www.socgen.com

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OPEN TEAMS GROUP A

After Round 19

49th European Bridge Team Championships

Team	NED	ITA	ISL	LAT	ISR	DEN	TUR	CZE	ENG	FIN	MON	GRE	SUI	ESP	LUX	CRO	SER	LTU	SCO	Bye	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
NETHERLANDS		8	12	19	21	15	23	17	10	24	22	8	23	25	25	16	10	20	25	18		NETHERLANDS	341	1
ITALY	22		17	17	15	4	10	19	23	13	25	16	17	19	25	20	17	20	22	18		ITALY	339	2
ICELAND	18	13		16	18	17	19	16	14	19	20	18	16	17	12	15	14	24	19	18		ICELAND	323	3
LATVIA	11	13	14		21	14	13	25	16	16	7	20	8	21	18	19	25	25	19	18		LATVIA	323	-
ISRAEL	9	15	12	9		25	20	16	10	16	22	17	21	16	11	12	22	23	25	18		ISRAEL	319	5
DENMARK	15	25	13	16	5		12	10	15	20	20	19	15	12	24	16	15	21	24	18		DENMARK	315	6
TURKEY	7	20	11	17	10	18		17	19	25	15	17	12	16	14	19	14	23	22	18		TURKEY	314	7
CZECH REP.	13	11	14	4	14	20	13		10	14	20	15	17	14	22	25	24	21	21	18		CZECH REP.	310	8
ENGLAND	20	7	16	14	20	15	11	20		17	10	19	15	14	18	20	17	20	10	18		ENGLAND	301	9
FINLAND	6	17	11	14	14	10	5	16	13		18	15	25	18	14	25	21	20	21	18		FINLAND	301	-
MONACO	8	3	10	23	8	10	15	10	20	11		23	16	18	20	16	25	13	16	18		MONACO	283	11
GREECE	22	14	12	10	13	11	13	15	11	15	7		19	6	14	16	15	24	15	18		GREECE	270	12
SWITZERLAND	7	13	14	22	9	15	18	13	15	1	14	11		7	13	22	11	17	22	18		SWITZERLAND	262	13
SPAIN	0	11	13	9	14	18	14	16	16	12	12	24	23		16	13	9	6	10	18		SPAIN	254	14
LUXEMBOURG	1	5	18	12	19	6	16	8	12	16	10	16	17	14		18	19	9	19	18		LUXEMBOURG	253	15
CROATIA	14	10	15	11	18	14	11	4	10	4	14	14	8	17	12		20	25	13	18		CROATIA	252	16
SERBIA	20	13	16	4	8	15	16	6	13	9	4	15	19	21	11	10		17	10	18		SERBIA	245	17
LITHUANIA	10	10	6	4	7	9	7	9	10	10	17	6	13	24	21	3	13		21	18		LITHUANIA	218	18
SCOTLAND	0	8	11	11	5	6	8	9	20	9	14	15	8	20	11	17	19	9		18		SCOTLAND	218	-

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OPEN TEAMS GROUP B

Team	SWE	RUS	NOR	BUL	GER	FRA	POL	POR	EST	BLR	IRL	AUT	BEL	WAL	HUN	SVK	ROM	SMR	MLT	Bye	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
SWEDEN		13	20	20	16	24	25	14	18	20	20	14	21	14	25	20	25	24	25	18		SWEDEN	376	1
RUSSIA	17		12	14	25	14	13	7	20	24	22	18	25	16	21	12	21	20	24	18		RUSSIA	343	2
NORWAY	10	18		16	25	9	19	14	25	16	16.3	16	14	20	10	20	19	25	25	18		NORWAY	335.3	3
BULGARIA	10	16	14		18	9	15	18	9	11	12	21	24	25	25	23	18	25	24	18		BULGARIA	335	4
GERMANY	14	5	3	12		25	20	19	22	16	20	24	13	16	14	18	25	20	25	18		GERMANY	329	5
FRANCE	6	16	21	21	3		9	16	16	8	24	23	22	23	16	21	18	20	18	18		FRANCE	319	6
POLAND	5	17	11	15	10	20		14	20	19	20	16	14	20	20	15	25	14	21	18		POLAND	314	7
PORTUGAL	16	23	16	12	10.5	14	16		18	21	13	16	15	15	19	15	16	20	17	18	0.5	PORTUGAL	310.5	8
ESTONIA	12	10	3	21	8	14	10	12		15	14	15	15	19	24	20	23	14	23	18		ESTONIA	290	9
BELARUS	10	6	14	19	14	22	11	9	15		15	11	16	6	18	20	15.5	12	25	18		BELARUS	276.5	10
IRELAND	10	8	12.7	18	10	6	10	17	16	15		17	17	21	12	15	16	11	25	18		IRELAND	274.7	11
AUSTRIA	16	12	14	9	6	7	14	14	15	19	13		14	19	25	19	5	13	20	18		AUSTRIA	272	12
BELGIUM	9	0	16	6	17	8	16	15	15	14	13	16		23	10	8	12	21	19	18		BELGIUM	256	13
WALES	16	14	10	3	14	7	10	15	11	24	9	11	7		20	14	9	22	21	18		WALES	255	14
HUNGARY	3	9	20	3	16	14	10	11	6	12	18	3	20	10		23	15	19	21	18		HUNGARY	251	15
SLOVAKIA	10	18	10	7	12	9	15	15	10	10	15	11	22	16	7		17	9	19	18		SLOVAKIA	250	16
ROMANIA	2	9	11	12	2	12	1	14	7	14	14	25	18	21	15	13		17	20	18		ROMANIA	245	17
SAN MARINO	6	10	5	2	10	10	16	10	16	18	19	17	9	8	11	21	13		20	18		SAN MARINO	239	18
MALTA	2	6	0	6	0	12	9	13	7	1	0	10	11	9	9	11	10	10		18		MALTA	144	19

BUTLER - after 19 Rounds

BOCCHI Norberto	DUBOIN Giorgio	1.28	240	Italy	THOMAS Andrian	GOODMAN Peter	0.02	200	Wales
ZHUKOV Alexander	TIMAKHOVICH Aleh	1.05	100	Belarus	GHIGHECI Ovidiu	BRICIU Marius	0.01	200	Romania
NILSSON Ulf	WRANG Frederic	0.95	240	Sweden	LIMOR Doron	MIINTZ Yaacov	-0.01	180	Israel
KHOLOMEEV Vadim	KHIOPPENEN J.	0.94	200	Russia	KNAP Andres	WASIK Arturo	-0.02	240	Spain
SMIRNOV Alexander	PIEKAREK Josef	0.82	260	Germany	MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN P.	-0.05	220	France
HRISTOV Hristo	STOYANOV A.	0.65	240	Bulgaria	ISPORSKI V.	KOVACHEV V.	-0.05	220	Bulgaria
AA Terje	MOLBERG Jorgen	0.65	240	Norway	HEGEDUS Gal	HONTI Laszlo	-0.05	260	Hungary
NYSTROM Fredrik	BERTHEAU Peter	0.64	240	Sweden	ARMSTRONG John	HOLLAND John	-0.06	220	England
KARAKOLEV Georgi	DANAIOV Dyan	0.63	260	Bulgaria	WERNLE Sascha	SIMON Josef	-0.07	260	Austria
BRINK Sjoert	DRIJVER Bas	0.60	240	Netherlands	RENARD Claude	BOCKEN Patrick	-0.07	240	Belgium
NEIMANIS Janis	RUBINS Karlis	0.60	240	Latvia	VOZABAL David	SLEMR Jakub	-0.07	240	Czech Rep.
WESTRA Berry	RAMONDT Vincent	0.60	240	Netherlands	FISCHER Doris	SAURER Bernd	-0.09	260	Austria
GROMOV Andrei	DUBININ Alexander	0.60	240	Russia	ZHURAVEL Valentin	ARLOVICH Andrei	-0.11	320	Belarus
CULLIN Per-Ola	UPMARK Johan	0.58	240	Sweden	MAGNUSSON S.	YALCIN Tarik	-0.13	240	Switzerland
BERTENS Huub	BAKKEREN Ton	0.53	240	Netherlands	BOZEMBERG Kostas	KAMINARIS F.	-0.15	200	Greece
BALDURSSON Jon	JONSSON Thorlakur	0.47	220	Iceland	KARAMANLIS Miltos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	-0.15	260	Greece
GROMOELLER M.	KIRMSE Andreas	0.44	280	Germany	BANCHEREAU P.	PALAZO Denis	-0.16	240	Luxembourg
BILDE Morten	HANSEN Jorgen	0.44	240	Denmark	FAZZARDI G.	ZUCCHINI P.	-0.16	240	San Marino
HELGEMO Geir	LUND Boerre	0.44	240	Norway	KARAMANLIS P.	PROTONOTARIOS	-0.17	260	Greece
ATABEY Yalcin	ASSAEL Salvador	0.43	260	Turkey	RUBENIS Ivars	JANSONS Ugis	-0.17	260	Latvia
VERSACE Alfredo	LAURIA Lorenzo	0.43	260	Italy	BAUSBACK Nikolas	LOEFGREN Martin	-0.19	240	Luxembourg
LEVY Alain	MOUIEL Herve	0.38	220	France	DUMBOVICH Miklos	GOTTHARD Laszlo	-0.20	260	Hungary
LINDQVIST Espen	BROGELAND Boye	0.35	240	Norway	CATELLANI Marco	FISSORE Henri	-0.21	240	Monaco
GINOSSAR Eldad	PACHTMAN Ron	0.35	300	Israel	VLAJNIC Branko	ZIPOVSKI Dimitraki	-0.21	260	Serbia
PAZUR Boguslaw	ZAWISLAK Slawek	0.35	240	Poland	LUKS Leo	NABER Lauri	-0.21	240	Estonia
SENGULER Zafer	SEN Tezcan	0.34	300	Turkey	PERISIC Marko	TODOROVIC N.	-0.21	219	Serbia
BOMPIS Marc	QUANTIN J.	0.34	280	France	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	-0.22	280	Lithuania
VOLHEJN Vit	KOPECKY Michal	0.33	240	Czech Rep.	REES Tim	KURBALIJA Filip	-0.24	280	Wales
HACKETT Paul D	WATERLOW Tony	0.33	240	England	GASCHEN Alain	NIKOLENKOV D.	-0.29	240	Switzerland
ASKGAARD Michael	BJARNARSON G.	0.30	240	Denmark	KORZUN Aleksandr	TIMAKHOVICH A.	-0.30	220	Belarus
BETHERS Janis	LORENCIS Martins	0.26	220	Latvia	HANLON Tom	McGANN Hugh	-0.32	260	Ireland
FILIP Anatol	VELECKY Eduard	0.24	360	Slovakia	ENGEL Berthold	RENNO Ilkka	-0.33	240	Luxembourg
SANTOS J.	CRUZEIRO Jorge	0.24	200	Portugal	FIORINI Fiorenzo	MIETI Renzo	-0.35	240	San Marino
GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	0.22	260	Poland	DE CABOOTER Kurt	DE SCHRIJVER Luc	-0.36	240	Belgium
KIEMA Osmo	JUURI-OJA Jouni	0.20	300	Finland	KOKSOY Enver	KAHRAMAN A.	-0.37	160	Turkey
VINCENNELLI Thierry	GARCIA Stephane	0.20	240	Monaco	BASABE Enrique	PABLOS P.	-0.37	240	Spain
ROLL Yossi	BAREKET Ilan	0.20	240	Israel	CORNELIS Tom	AMSEL Alon	-0.38	240	Belgium
LAANEMAE Tiit	KARPOV Maksim	0.18	260	Estonia	SASSELLI Marco	ABOU CHANAB B.	-0.39	240	Switzerland
CARROLL John	GARVEY Tommy	0.17	260	Ireland	DJURICIC Branislav	JOVANOVIC Dejan	-0.39	240	Serbia
EINARSSON B.	JONSSON Steinar	0.17	260	Iceland	MICESCU Viorel	VOINESCU Dan	-0.46	240	Romania
HACKETT Jason	HACKETT Justin	0.15	260	England	CUTHBERTSON M.	WALKER David	-0.47	239	Scotland
BARBOSA Juliano	PINTO Rui	0.13	260	Portugal	COLDEA Ionut	IONITA Marius	-0.55	280	Romania
KOISTINEN Kauko	NYBERG Clas	0.12	260	Finland	TEDD Mike	SALISBURY John	-0.56	240	Wales
LEVENKO Vassili	SESTER Sven	0.12	220	Estonia	TYLA Albertas	JANKAUSKAS A.	-0.56	200	Lithuania
ZORIC Vedran	BOREVKOVIC G.	0.11	280	Croatia	CARRASCO Gabriel	FRACTMAN G.	-0.56	220	Spain
FUCIK Jan	PURKARTHOFFER G.	0.11	200	Austria	McGEORGE James	STEEL Les	-0.57	240	Scotland
KURKA Josef	MRAZ Tomas	0.10	240	Czech Rep.	SHORT Brian	PATERSON Jack	-0.61	240	Scotland
KHOKHLOV Jouri	MATUSHKO Georgi	0.10	280	Russia	PIZZA Ettore	GADDI Camillo	-0.65	240	San Marino
KWIECIEN Michal	JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	0.08	220	Poland	SEMENTA Antonio	ANGELINI F.	0.69	200	Italy
PESSOA Sofia	CASTANHEIRA J.	0.08	260	Portugal	SZAPPANOS Geza	MAGYAR Peter	-0.78	200	Hungary
KROEJGAARD Niels	CASPERSEN Henrik	0.06	240	Denmark	LOHAY Karol	HENC Marian	-0.86	360	Slovakia
TOGNETTI Rene	DESMOULINS C.	0.05	240	Monaco	MARLIN Natalie	PENNEY G.	-0.94	180	Malta
WLADOW Entscho	ELINESCU Michael	0.03	180	Germany	POSKA Gediminas	VAINIKONIS Erikas	-0.96	240	Lithuania
FITZGIBBON N.	MESBUR Adam	0.03	200	Ireland	PARNIS-ENGLAND	DIX Mario	-0.99	280	Malta
JORGENSEN A.	ARMANSSON S.	0.03	240	Iceland	SPLJAK Branco	DIKLIC Dubravko	-1.00	220	Croatia
BRGULJAN Karlo	RASE Davor	0.02	220	Croatia	CLARE Oliver	VELLA Anna	-1.54	180	Malta